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**MINUTES OF THE 88<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022 AT 9.00 AM**

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam  
The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley  
The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,  
Dr Ellis Webster  
The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs,  
Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services,  
Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers  
The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications,  
Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes  
The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce,  
Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources,  
Mr Kyle Hodge  
Acting Attorney General, Ms Erica Edwards  
Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,  
Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie  
Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social  
Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson  
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
- ABSENT: The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour,  
Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting,  
Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge

EX MIN 22/149

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 87<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 and the Minutes of the decision taken by Round Robin on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 22/150

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers  
 CMO, Dr Aisha Andrewin  
 Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

**Epidemiology*****Global overview***

On May 1, 2022, WHO reported that the number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths has continued to decline since the end of March 2022. A new report has not yet been issued for this week. During its press briefing of May 10, WHO noted the following:

- the rising cases in more than 50 countries, which is largely driven by the Omicron subvariants. Highlighted the volatility of the virus - specifically the BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants, which are driving the upsurge in South Africa, while BA.2 is dominant worldwide;
- presently, hospitalizations and deaths are not rising as quickly as in previous waves;
- that the relatively high population immunity from vaccination and previous waves is keeping COVID-19 hospitalization and deaths rates at a comparably low level compared to previous

waves, but this is not guaranteed for places where vaccination coverage is low;

- reiterated that vaccination can help mitigate the effects of long COVID and is yet another sound reason for people to get vaccinated and for Member States “*to not give up*”;
- continued to advocate that all countries should work towards 70% vaccination, starting with vaccinating and boosting the most vulnerable; and
- expressed concern that low and middle income countries remain unable to access antivirals and that testing is rapidly decreasing in many places.

### ***Caribbean Region***

Since the previous CARPHA report of May 3, 2022, an additional 38,520 (1.1% increase) cases were confirmed, bringing the region’s total confirmed cases to 3,513,532 in 35 countries/territories (including the 26 CARPHA Member States). There were 33,455 deaths recorded in the Caribbean Region as of May 9, 2022.

### ***Anguilla***

As of May 10, Anguilla has confirmed 3,044 cases of COVID-19 of which 2,961 persons have recovered and 9 have died. There are currently 74 active cases and no persons presently admitted to the Isolation Unit.

The prison is currently experiencing an outbreak, with 24 out of 36 (67%) inmates and 5 out of 41 (12%) prison officers (16% of the total staff of 50), currently positive for COVID-19. Protocols are reportedly being reinforced, visits, work and external activities for inmates have been suspended for the time being. Follow up continues.

### **Vaccination Deployment Update**

As of May 6, 2022, a total of 10,692 first doses and 9,986 second doses have been administered. In an estimated population of 15,500 total persons, this would represent 69% of the total population having received the first dose and 64% of the total population having received two doses. In addition, 79% of the total eligible population (13, 560) have received one dose and 73% have received two doses.

The breakdown by age of persons having received a first dose, is as follows:

- 294 persons age 5 - 11
- 541 persons age 12 - 17
- 2970 persons age 18 - 34
- 2902 persons age 35 - 49
- 2577 persons age 50 - 64
- 1405 persons age 65+

The occupational breakdown of first doses, is as follows:

- 355 Healthcare workers
- 548 Civil and Border Protection
- 1840 Hospitality
- 1094 Retired
- 7099 Other

### ***Distribution (Pfizer)***

As of May 6, 4,581 total doses of Pfizer have been administered including 1,117 first doses, 727 second doses and 2,737 booster doses. This includes 541 first doses for 12 - 17 year olds; approximately 43% of the estimated 12 – 17 year old population and 316 (24%) second doses. This includes 294 (20%) first doses and 214 (15%) second doses for children aged 5 - 11 years old.

### **Vaccination Stocks**

A shipment of 400 pediatric Pfizer doses with an expiry date of July 7, 2022 and 1,170 adult Pfizer doses with an expiry date of October 31, 2022 arrived on May 11, 2022 from the UK. Accordingly, administration of the pediatric doses will resume next week through health centres.

### **Therapeutics**

Along with the vaccines 25 courses of the neutralising monoclonal antibody, sotrovimab were received. It is currently recommended for

people aged 12 and over with COVID-19, who are not in hospital, and are thought to be at high risk of progression to severe COVID-19. However, effectiveness against the different variants is a major concern, based on emerging data on the effectiveness of different antibodies against different SARS-CoV-2 variants. Since March 22, in the US sotrovimab is no longer authorized to treat COVID-19 in areas with high BA.2 frequency.

Council:

- 1) thanked the health team for their continued hard work;
- 2) noted that the Ministry of Health will continue to:
  - a) monitor and advise on the current prison outbreak as well as the wider local, regional and international epidemiological evolution of the pandemic;
  - b) maintain and reinforce compliance with Day 4 testing;
  - c) liaise with Health Authority of Anguilla counterparts regarding the treatment protocol (adoption/adaptation) for sotrovimab; and
  - d) continue to reinforce vaccination and the hygienic measures;
- 3) noted that the Ministry of Health has ordered antiviral drugs;
- 4) noted that the Ministry of Health shall continue to work with the Department of Customs on the appropriate protocols for the collection of revenue at the ports;
- 5) noted further to confirm that payment for exit tests conducted by the Ministry of Health are received by the Ministry of Health and not the HAA; and
- 6) noted that the Ministry of Home Affairs is working on a paper for Council's consideration, which shall address the proposed way to take forward the digital nomad application system and the Advanced Passenger Information System. Consideration must be given as to whether the proper regulatory framework

is in place, and whether the existing systems and processes could potentially be adapted to achieve the objectives.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC, GEN;  
HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 22/151

**EX MEMO 2022/104 FINANCIAL STOCKTAKE – AS AT MARCH 31, 2022**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The following persons joined the meeting:

PS Finance, Mrs Kathleen Rogers  
PAS Finance, Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge

Council:

- 1) noted the report on the financial position as at March 31, 2022 from the PAS Finance;
- 2) the overall fiscal position:
  - Overall financial position including debt amortization shows a surplus of EC\$28.28 million at the end of March;
  - Recurrent revenue was EC\$86.16 million this is EC\$21.23 million more than the original forecast, which is a positive variance of 32.69%. Overall impact on recurrent revenue for the major revenue heads are:
    - Property Tax – positive EC\$1.09 million
    - Universal Social Levy - positive EC\$0.80 million
    - Taxes on Goods and Services - positive EC\$2.99

million

- Excise Taxes - negative EC\$0.26 million
  - Taxes on Specific Services - positive EC\$11.33 million
  - Taxes on International Trade - positive EC\$1.44 million
  - Sale of Goods and Services - positive EC\$3.21 million
- Recurrent expenditure was EC\$48.77 million which is EC\$0.71 million over estimate;
  - Annual capital expenditure is budgeted at EC\$2 million and at the end of March 2022 actual capital expenditure totalled EC\$0.24 million and capital revenue is EC\$0;
  - Noted the arrears position. Noted the revenue loss of EC\$7.8 million for quarter 1, arising from standing, specific and conditional customs duty, excise tax and interim goods tax exemptions, as these losses are expected the revenue forecast is not affected;
  - Noted that long term expenditure arrears stand at EC\$34.3 million;
  - Noted the revenue performance 2022 estimate, against actual and the 2021 actual;
  - Noted that property tax bills for 2022 have not been issued as yet;
  - Noted that the negative variance for excise tax will continue to grow as a result of the recent exemptions approved for gasoline and ANGLEC;
  - Noted that there is an overspend of EC\$300K for utilities and this is being investigated;
  - Noted that for current transfers there is an overspend of EC\$0.70 million, as a result of increased expenditure for medical treatment overseas, this account is 86.4% expensed and funds need to be reallocated to meet future needs;
  - Central Government Debt inclusive of short term credit facilities moved from EC\$427.92 million at the end of 2021 to EC\$419.04 million at the end of March 2022. The reduction

in debt is attributable to debt amortization payments of EC\$8.87 million and exchange rate fluctuations of EC\$0.01 million; and

- The Sinking Fund balance at the end of March 2022 is EC\$2K.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC, GEN; HON, DG;  
MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 22/152

**EX MEMO 2022/105 APPLICATION FOR DUTY AND TAX EXEMPTION BY DELISA MUSSINGTON (DE WIZARD SAIL BOAT)**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) agreed that duty and tax exemptions should be granted to Ms Delisa Mussington (De Wizard sail boat) on the importation of a sail and other items for use on the class A sail boat. The Chairman of the Anguilla Boat Racing Association supports the request;
- 2) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply;
- 3) noted that the estimated duty and tax loss to the Government is EC\$1,949.47; and
- 4) instructed the Ministry of Finance to prepare the required Resolution of the House of Assembly, pursuant to section 77(1) of the Customs Act, R.S.A. c. C 169 and section 6A of the Interim Goods Tax Act, 2019.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; HON, PREM

EX MIN 22/153

**EX MEMO 2022/106 APPLICATION FOR DUTY AND TAX EXEMPTION FOR CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) agreed that duty and tax exemptions should be granted to the Anguilla Christian Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses on the importation of items for use by the church including a computer, monitor and sink faucets;
- 2) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply;
- 3) noted that the estimated duty and tax loss to the Government is EC\$1,066.58; and
- 4) instructed the Ministry of Finance to prepare the required Resolution of the House of Assembly, pursuant to section 77(1) of the Customs Act, R.S.A. c. C 169 and section 6A of the Interim Goods Tax Act, 2019.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; HON, PREM

EX MIN 22/154

**EX MEMO 2022/107 APPLICATION FOR DUTY AND TAX EXEMPTION FOR KINGDOM VISION APOSTOLIC CHURCH**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) agreed that duty and tax exemptions should be granted to the Kingdom Vision Apostolic Church on the importation of electronic devices, including a mixer and cables for church use;

- 2) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply;
- 3) noted that the estimated duty and tax loss to the Government is EC\$2,310.34; and
- 4) instructed the Ministry of Finance to prepare the required Resolution of the House of Assembly, pursuant to section 77(1) of the Customs Act, R.S.A. c. C 169 and section 6A of the Interim Goods Tax Act, 2019.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; HON, PREM

EX MIN 22/155

**EX MEMO 2022/108 APPLICATION FOR DUTY AND TAX EXEMPTION FOR UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) agreed that duty and tax exemptions should be granted to the United Pentecostal Church on the importation of electronic devices, including a TV for church use;
- 2) agreed that the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Cost Recovery Act should apply;
- 3) noted that the estimated duty and tax loss to the Government is EC\$390.69; and
- 4) instructed the Ministry of Finance to prepare the required Resolution of the House of Assembly, pursuant to section 77(1) of the Customs Act, R.S.A. c. C 169 and section 6A of the Interim Goods Tax Act, 2019.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; HON, PREM

EX MIN 22/156

**EX MEMO 2022/109 ANGUILLA POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2022 (AP&H CENSUS 2022) – CENSUS ORDER AND REGULATIONS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for EDCITENR briefed Council. Following the request to Executive Council for approval of the Census Order and Regulations 2022, Executive Council raised a number of matters to be addressed as outlined in Ex Min 22/109. From the paper, the responses as follows were noted:

- The names of census respondents are collected for the sole purpose of following up as opposed to referencing and analyzing data. Prior to analysis and tabulation, the names are removed from the database.
- In the conduct of the AP&H Census 2022, the Anguilla Statistics Department (ASD) is guided by the Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses – Rev 3 (2017) as opposed to UN data requirements. There is a rationale for each question, which seeks to obtain information for a country for planning purposes.
- In the context of the census and demographic calculations, fertility refers to the actual birth performance. The questions on fertility in the AP&H Census questionnaire are in keeping with international standards.

Council:

- 1) noted the 2011 Census questionnaire, the Census Order 2022 and the Census Regulations 2022;
- 2) noted that the AP&H Census 2022 electronic questionnaires will be substantially similar to the AP&H Census 2011 questionnaire, with some changes namely:
  - a) H18 – updated
  - b) H25 – updated to include an option for solar electricity

- c) H32 – updated according to the International Telecoms Manual (ITU) and new durables
  - d) H35 – updated skip pattern
  - e) H37 – updated to 2011
  - f) P54 – updated (split into two questions religion & denomination)
  - g) P94 – updated (split into marital and union to capture data more effectively)
  - h) P99 – updated to reflect circumstances where there is an only child
  - i) P106 – updated to include statutory body
  - j) Section 8 – updated with the approach used by the Washington Group on Disability
  - k) Section 16 – updated to ensure that the skip pattern flows
  - l) CARICOM recommended questions about access to education and working from home during the pandemic shall be included;
- 3) noted that the names of persons should be retained for archival purposes. Noted that Section 14 should be amended to apply to all persons over 16 and Section 15 of the questionnaire should be amended to refer to reproduction generally and to apply to all persons, not just females aged 13 - 50; and
- 4) agreed that a printed hard copy of the 2022 Questionnaire shall be provided for consideration by Council and that the Census Order and Regulations 2022 shall be considered once same is provided.

Action: PS, EDCITENR; HON, MIN EDCITENR

EX MIN 22/157

**EX MEMO 2022/110 EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2020 - 2025**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for Social Development briefed Council. The purpose of an Education Development Plan (EDP) is to provide overall strategic direction for the development of education in Anguilla and to serve as a roadmap for implementation. The EDP

2020 to 2025 is the fifth such strategic document for the Anguilla education sector and expresses the philosophy, vision and priorities for education for that period.

The emphasis in the EDP 2020 to 2025 is on the consolidation of the gains made in raising standards, improving education provision by enhancing human resource capacity and increasing opportunities available to all students to reach their fullest potential in caring, comfortable and well-resourced school environments.

The EDP 2020 to 2025 reflects an inclusive decision-making process based on the analysis of trends and performance data and the expressed views and interests of education stakeholders. It details a process by which the education system identifies new goals and the relevant targets, determines the strategies by which they will be achieved and establishes a plan of action for implementation.

The overarching priorities identified in the plan are:

- Addressing the changing needs of students and student engagement
- Embracing and Optimising Technology and Technological Advances
- Holistic Human Resource Development
- Enhancing the Teaching and Learning Environment
- ESL – Addressing a Changing Landscape

Council:

- 1) noted the key highlights and that the plan looks forward to 2025, however, there is no impact on the 2022 budget and no additional budget approvals are required. The plan will remain under review on an ongoing basis;
- 2) noted the intention to engage with other external examiners that may be better positioned to meet the specific needs of Anguilla; and
- 3) approved the Education Development Plan 2020 - 2025.

Action: PS, SD; HON, MIN SD

EX MIN 22/159

**EX MEMO 2022/112 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17910 B, PARCEL 277 STRATA LOT SL A/3A BEING 2,322 SQ. FT.**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis a luxury condominium unit of approximately 2,322 sq. ft. forming part of Parkstone Incorporated, a condominium development at Tranquility Beach Anguilla. The property situated in Registration Section West End, Block 17910 B, described as Parcel 277 SL A/3A, subject to the following:

(a) Stamp Duties payable are as follows:

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|------|---|-----------------------|
| (i)  | under the Stamp Act – 5%<br>of EC\$6,840,124.90                             | EC\$342,006.25        |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding<br>Regulation Act – 2%<br>of EC\$6,840,124.90 | <u>EC\$136,802.50</u> |

**TOTAL**

**EC\$478,808.75**

- (b) that Stamp Duty under the Aliens Land Holding Licence Regulation Act be reduced from 12.5% to 2% on the transfer of property detailed in the Table below, on the basis that it is in the public interest pursuant to the Financial Administration and Audit Act;
- (c) that on the grant of the Aliens Land Holding Licence described in the Table below, the Government of Anguilla values the concession at EC\$718,213.11:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel	ALHLR Act @ 12.5%	ALHLR Act @ 2%	Value of Concession
West End	17910 B	277 SL A/3A	EC\$855,015.61	EC\$136,802.50	<b>EC\$718,213.11</b>

- (d) the Licensee shall rent the unit that forms part of Signature Suites Condominium Association Inc.;

- (e) the Licensee shall fully comply with the Memorandum of Understanding dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 signed between the Government of Anguilla and PARKSTONE INCORPORATED and in particular Part III, Government Transfer Taxes and Annual Levies; and
- (f) the Licencee shall place its unit in the rental programme/pool of the hotel for the first two (2) years on receiving ownership of the property.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

EX MIN 22/160

**EX MEMO 2022/113 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17910 B, PARCEL 277 STRATA LOT SL B/2A BEING 1349 SQ. FT. AND B/2B BEING 901 SQ. FT.**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis two (2) luxury condominium units measuring 1349 sq. ft. and 901 sq. ft. respectively located at Meads Bay situate in Registration Section West End, Block 17910 B, Parcel 277 Strata Lot SL B/2A and B/2B forming part of Parkstone Incorporated, subject to the following:

(a) Stamp Duties payable are as follows:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$3,483,571.16	EC\$174,178.56
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 2% of EC\$3,483,571.16	<u>EC\$ 69,671.42</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>EC\$243,849.98</u></b>

(b) that Stamp Duty under the Aliens Land Holding Licence

Regulation Act be reduced from 12.5% to 2% on the transfer of property detailed in the Table below, on the basis that it is in the public interest pursuant to the Financial Administration and Audit Act;

- (c) that on the grant of the Aliens Land Holding Licence described in the Table below, the Government of Anguilla values the concession at **EC\$365,774.97**:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel	ALHLR Act @ 12.5%	ALHLR Act @ 2%	Value of Concession
West End	17910 B	277 SL B-2A & B-2B	EC\$435,446.40	<u>EC\$69,671.42</u>	<b>EC\$365,774.97</b>

- (d) the Licensee shall rent the unit that forms part of Signature Suites Condominium Association Inc.;
- (e) the Licensee shall fully comply with the Memorandum of Understanding dated 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015 signed between the Government of Anguilla and PARKSTONE INCORPORATED and in particular Part III, Government Transfer Taxes and Annual Levies; and
- (f) the Licensee shall place its unit in the rental programme/pool of the hotel for the first two (2) years on receiving ownership of the property.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

EX MIN 22/161

**EX MEMO 2022/114 NOMINATIONS FOR THE ANGUILLA BADGE OF HONOUR AND QUEEN'S CERTIFICATE 2022**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for EDCITENR briefed Council. The National Honours and Awards Committee met on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to consider nominations for the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate for 2022. This is usually awarded to persons who have

made great contributions to Anguilla either through participation in the Revolution or through Social Development. Executive Council noted the committee's considerations for the assessment of nominees.

Council:

- 1) approved the recommendations of the National Honours and Awards Committee and the recommendations of the Ministry for the award of the Anguilla Badge of Honour for the following persons:
  - Ms Irma Geneva Carty
  - Ms Joan Harriet Carty
  - Ms Shara Proctor
  - Mr Zharnel Hughes
  
- 2) approved the recommendations for the award of the Queen's Certificate to be submitted to H.E. the Governor for the following persons:
  - Ms Irma Geneva Carty
  - Ms Joan Harriet Carty
  - Ms Shara Proctor
  - Mr Zharnel Hughes
  
- 3) assessed the submissions in support of the remaining nominees and it was determined that they did not meet the considerations as set out by the committee in Ex Memo 2022/114 at section 3, in relation to the category of social development, the committee considers:
  - a) longevity of the contribution – i.e. whether there has been a consistent contribution for more than 10 years;
  - b) nature of the contribution – if the awardee was engaged in public service or business, whether he/she went above and beyond the call of duty or excelled in the area and additionally, whether he/she made meaningful contributions in other areas outside of their work;

- c) the extent of the contribution – i.e. to what extent has the nominee positively impacted the lives of others; and
  - d) whether the contribution can be considered remarkable in that it rises above what is expected of ordinary citizens; and
- 4) agreed that the Ministry shall work to ensure that the criteria for nominees for 2023 are reviewed and established and that the committee are fully apprised of the expectations.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, EDCITENR; HON, MIN EDCITENR

EX MIN 22/163

**EX MEMO 2022/116 APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS FOR TEMPORARY EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS DUTY AND INTERIM GOODS TAX FOR IMPORTATION OF POINT OF SALES SYSTEMS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) noted Ex Min 22/113; and
- 2) approved the following, subject to amendment, to remove the erroneous reference to food items:
  - a) Interim Goods Tax (Exemption on Point of Sales Systems) Regulations, 2022; and
  - b) Customs (Exemption on Point of Sales Systems from Customs Duties) Regulations, 2022

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; CIR; HON, PREM

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