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**MINUTES OF THE 94<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2022 AT 8.00 AM**

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam  
The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,  
Dr Ellis Webster  
Acting Deputy Governor, Mr Karim Hodge  
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 Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour,  
Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting,  
Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge  
The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications,  
Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes  
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 Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley  
The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford  
The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce,  
Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources,  
Mr Kyle Hodge

EX MIN 22/207

**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 93<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 22/208

**EX MEMO 22/150 PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NO. 1 FOR 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  
 Budget Director, Mrs Shona Proctor  
 Budget Officer, Ms Jamila Gumbs

The Ministry of Finance was requested to prepare a Supplementary Budget to reflect changes needed because of various demands on Government's budget and in particular to support urgent cost of living measures. Therefore, the purpose of the Supplementary Budget is to facilitate expenditure adjustments to reflect additional expenditure needs.

**HE, the Governor**

The supplementary amount of EC\$693,169 covers Utilities arrears and current year expenditure provisioning of EC\$269,663 for HM Prison. Also, EC\$123,506 in legal aid assistance expenditure under the High Court and EC\$300,000 for external legal assistance for the Attorney General's Chambers for pending legal matters.

### **Ministry of Finance and Health**

The supplementary amount of EC\$9,795,739 in this portfolio is to cover payments related to: public assistance (elderly food vouchers EC\$250,000 and electricity grants EC\$6,000,000). Also, increases in Treasury's Claims Against Government in the amount of EC\$1,000,000, Inland Revenue online portal bank charges EC\$600,000, General Post Office online portal bank charges EC\$15,000, Customs PE correction EC\$205,708, General Post Office operating costs EC\$1,200,000 and Inland Revenue GST Implementation activities EC\$95,000. An additional EC\$430,031 is provisioned in the Ministry of Finance Restricted Expenditure account for contingencies.

### **Ministry of Social Development**

The supplementary increase of EC\$2,753,382 covers expenditure relating to: Medical Treatment Overseas in the amount of EC\$600,000, corrections to Personal Emoluments EC\$1,761,952 for the Department of Education and Enhanced Public Assistance of EC\$89,000 in the Department of Social Development.

### **Supplementary Budget - Capital Budget 2022**

The approved Capital Budget for 2022 is EC\$2,000,000. As at the end of May 2022, capital expenditure totaled EC\$332,040, approximately 16% of the total approved budget. The total supplementary request is EC\$1,757,710.

The capital budget supplementary highlights increases in the Ministry of Infrastructure totaling EC\$1,607,170 for:

- Outstanding bills from the Airport Road Project EC\$277,154
- Roof repairs at Vivian Vanterpool Primary School EC\$96,776
- Orealia Kelly Primary installation/ outfitting of kitchen EC\$16,829
- Light poles for the previously purchased solar lights for the Carter Rey Boulevard EC\$416,671
- Aerodrome operation regulatory requirement for Air Safety Support International (ASSI) EC\$336,025
- Vehicles for Customs and Inland Revenue for GST purposes EC\$201,615, Royal Anguilla Police Force EC\$201,615 and Education EC\$60,485

The increase of EC\$150,540 for the Ministry of Economic Development covers payment (half counterpart payment) towards the purchase of a boat for monitoring of the marine parks and supporting surveillance of Anguilla waters. This is in support of the approved EU EDF 11 Regional Programme Project – Resilience, Sustainable Energy and Marine Biodiversity Programme (RESEMBID).

A sum also needs to be included for kitchen building and installation at the Valley Primary School and a cost neutral supplementary appropriation will be prepared, to be funded from the Restricted Expenditure Account provision.

Council:

- 1) approved an increase to the expenditure ceiling by approximately EC\$15 million;
- 2) noted that estimated revenue for the period January to May 2022 was EC\$101 million, but actual revenue for the period was EC\$141 million, generating a surplus of EC\$40 million, with an end of year total revenue forecast of EC\$294 million;
- 3) noted that appropriate approval had not been sought in respect of the RESEMBID, regarding the financial liability on the part of the Government that it required. Funding should be identified prior to making any financial commitments, such as making formal bids for external grant funding, that would require additional allocations or counterpart funding to meet commitments;
- 4) approved the Portfolio allocations as identified in Table 1 and Table 2 below;

Table 1

| GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA<br>2022 ESTIMATES OF RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND CAPITAL<br>SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS<br>SCHEDULE |  |                    |                                |   |
|--|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| PROGRAM  | MINISTRY   | ESTIMATE<br>2022   | 2022<br>SUPPLEMENTARY<br>NO. 1 | REVISED<br>ESTIMATE W/<br>SUPPLEMENTARY |
|  | <b><u>PART 1 - RECURRENT EXPENDITURE</u></b>   |                    |                                |   |
|  |  | \$                 |                                |   |
| 001R   | HE THE GOVERNOR  | 30,618,828         | 693,169                        | 31,311,997                              |
| 350R   | MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, LABOUR, IMMIGRATION,<br>INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING         | 8,512,042          | 0                              | 8,512,042                               |
| 450R   | MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND HEALTH   | 101,149,361        | 9,795,739                      | 110,945,100                             |
| 550R   | MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT   | 48,112,862         | 2,753,382                      | 50,866,244                              |
| 650R   | MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNICATIONS<br>UTILITIES, HOUSING AND NATURAL RESOURCES | 23,240,457         | 0                              | 23,240,457                              |
| 750R   | MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT   | 12,950,687         | 0                              | 12,950,687                              |
|  | <b>TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE</b>   | <b>224,584,237</b> | <b>13,242,290</b>              | <b>237,826,527</b>                      |
|  | <b><u>PART 11 - CAPITAL</u></b>  |                    |                                |   |
| 001D   | HE THE GOVERNOR  | 0                  | 0                              | 0                                       |
| 350D   | MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, LABOUR, IMMIGRATION,<br>INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING         | 0                  | 0                              | 0                                       |
| 450D   | MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND HEALTH   | 0                  | 0                              | 0                                       |
| 550D   | MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT   | 500,000            | 0                              | 500,000                                 |
| 650D   | MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNICATIONS<br>UTILITIES, HOUSING AND NATURAL RESOURCES | 160000             | 1,607,170                      | 1,767,170                               |
| 750R   | MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT   | 1,340,000.00       | 150,540.00                     | 1,490,540                               |
|  | <b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>   | <b>2,000,000</b>   | <b>1,757,710</b>               | <b>3,757,710</b>                        |
|  | <b>TOTAL RECURRENT AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>  | <b>226,584,237</b> | <b>15,000,000</b>              | <b>241,584,237</b>                      |

Table 2

| GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA                |   |                    |                       |                      |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 2022 YEAR END EXPENDITURE PROJECTIONS |   |                    |                       |                      |                                 |  |
|                                       | DEPARTMENT  | BUDGET             | Actual as at May 2022 | Supplementary Amount | TOTAL ESTIMATE w/ SUPPLEMENTARY | Notes  |
|                                       | <b>HE THE GOVERNOR</b>                            | <b>30,618,828</b>  | <b>11,019,054</b>     | <b>693,169</b>       | <b>31,311,997</b>               |  |
| 01 001                                | H E THE GOVERNOR                                  | 713,849            | 327,891               |                      | 713,849                         |  |
| 10 100                                | PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION                             | 5,551,020          | 1,301,112             |                      | 5,551,020                       |  |
| 10 101                                | HM PRISON   | 4,492,843          | 1,860,565             | 269,663              | 4,762,506                       | Utilities arrears - \$269,663  |
| 10 102                                | HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY                                 | 1,134,023          | 491,403               |                      | 1,134,023                       |  |
| 10 103                                | DISASTER MANAGEMENT                               | 680,284            | 243,599               |                      | 680,284                         |  |
| 10 104                                | FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT                       | 749,051            | 94                    |                      | 749,051                         |  |
| 20 200                                | POLICE  | 11,305,615         | 4,438,975             |                      | 11,305,615                      |  |
| 25 250                                | HIGH COURT  | 2,178,279          | 830,697               | 123,506              | 2,301,785                       | Legal aid assistance expenditure   |
| 25 251                                | MAGISTRATE'S COURT                                | 650,516            | 278,776               |                      | 650,516                         |  |
| 30 300                                | ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS                       | 3,163,348          | 1,245,942             | 300,000              | 3,463,348                       | External legal assistance  |
|                                       | <b>MHA</b>  | <b>8,512,042</b>   | <b>3,130,997</b>      | <b>-</b>             | <b>8,512,042</b>                |  |
| 35 350                                | MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, NATURAL RESOURCES       | 1,311,407          | 321,369               |                      | 1,311,407                       |  |
| 35 351                                | IMMIGRATION                                       | 3,076,001          | 1,288,071             |                      | 3,076,001                       |  |
| 35 352                                | INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING                      | 808,325            | 317,272               |                      | 808,325                         |  |
| 35 355                                | LABOUR  | 716,949            | 266,208               |                      | 716,949                         |  |
| 35 356                                | LANDS AND SURVEYS                                 | 1,513,252          | 532,269               |                      | 1,513,252                       |  |
| 35 357                                | PHYSICAL PLANNING                                 | 1,086,108          | 405,809               |                      | 1,086,108                       |  |
|                                       | <b>MOF</b>  | <b>101,149,361</b> | <b>34,398,601</b>     | <b>9,795,739</b>     | <b>110,945,100</b>              |  |
| 45 450                                | MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND HEALTH                    | 22,083,743         | 5,882,088             | 6,680,031            | 28,763,774                      | Public Assistance (Elderly food vouchers)\$250,000 & Electricity Grants \$6,000,000); Restricted expenditure - \$430,031 |
| 45 451                                | TREASURY  | 36,764,365         | 11,072,804            | 1,615,000            | 38,379,365                      | Claims Against Govt - \$1,000,000; IRD online portal bank charges - \$600,000; GPO portal - \$15,000                     |
| 45 452                                | CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT                                | 5,273,373          | 1,814,406             | 205,708              | 5,479,081                       | PE correction \$205,708  |
| 45 453                                | COMMERCIAL REGISTRY                               | 1,308,633          | 494,600               |                      | 1,308,633                       |  |
| 45 454                                | POST OFFICE                                       | 2,404,936          | 1,341,202             | 1,200,000            | 3,604,936                       | Operating Cost - \$1,200,000   |
| 45 455                                | INTERNAL AUDIT                                    | 544,568            | 225,387               |                      | 544,568                         |  |
| 45 457                                | INLAND REVENUE                                    | 2,760,516          | 869,875               | 95,000               | 2,855,516                       | GST Implementation activities - \$95,000;  |
| 45 461                                | MINISTRY OF HEALTH                                | 23,945,871         | 10,233,382            |                      | 23,945,871                      |  |
| 45 462                                | DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROTECTION                   | 6,063,356          | 2,464,858             |                      | 6,063,356                       |  |
|                                       | <b>MSD</b>  | <b>48,112,862</b>  | <b>19,492,898</b>     | <b>2,753,382</b>     | <b>50,866,244</b>               |  |
| 55 550                                | MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT                    | 7,445,911          | 2,573,898             | 600,000              | 8,045,911                       | Medical Treatment Overseas - \$600,000   |
| 55 551                                | EDUCATION   | 26,480,755         | 12,166,754            | 2,064,382            | 28,545,137                      | PE corrections \$1,761,952   |
| 55 554                                | DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT                  | 6,723,618          | 2,344,991             | 89,000               | 6,812,618                       | Enhanced Public Assistance - \$89,000  |
| 55 556                                | LIBRARY SERVICES                                  | 895,453            | 338,255               |                      | 895,453                         |  |
| 55 561                                | DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION                           | 2,169,452          | 824,606               |                      | 2,169,452                       |  |
| 55 562                                | DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS                              | 1,301,261          | 365,249               |                      | 1,301,261                       |  |
| 55 563                                | DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND CULTURE                   | 3,096,412          | 879,147               |                      | 3,096,412                       |  |
|                                       | <b>MICUH</b>                                      | <b>23,240,457</b>  | <b>8,212,008</b>      | <b>-</b>             | <b>23,240,457</b>               |  |
| 65 650                                | MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE                        | 14,382,877         | 4,669,010             |                      | 14,382,877                      |  |
| 65 652                                | DEPARTMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURE                      | 4,982,700          | 1,996,052             |                      | 4,982,700                       |  |
| 65 656                                | ANGUILLA FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES                 | 3,874,880          | 1,546,946             |                      | 3,874,880                       |  |
|                                       | <b>MEDICT</b>                                     | <b>12,950,687</b>  | <b>4,284,063</b>      | <b>-</b>             | <b>12,950,687</b>               |  |
| 75 750                                | MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT                  | 1,926,723          | 776,921               |                      | 1,926,723                       |  |
| 75 751                                | DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & E-GOVERNMENT SERVICES | 6,364,432          | 2,196,674             |                      | 6,364,432                       |  |
| 75 752                                | STATISTICS  | 965,249            | 238,916               |                      | 965,249                         |  |
| 75 753                                | DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES                   | 3,694,283          | 1,071,553             |                      | 3,694,283                       |  |
|                                       | <b>TOTAL</b>                                      | <b>224,584,237</b> | <b>80,537,622</b>     | <b>13,242,290</b>    | <b>237,826,527</b>              |  |

5) authorized the Attorney General's Chambers to work with the Ministry of Finance to draft a Bill for Supplementary Appropriation for submission to the House of Assembly at its next sitting; and

6) noted that the Budget will be submitted for UKG approval.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; PERM, SECS; BD; ACC, GEN;  
HON, DG; HON, PREM; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 22/209

**EX MEMO 22/151 APPROVAL OF COST OF LIVING SUPPORT MEASURES**

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

The PAS, Finance briefed Council. Anguilla's economy is heavily dependent on food and fuel imports, therefore, Anguilla is highly exposed to global activity. The global position as it relates to food and oil prices has been noted previously.

All of ANGLEC's electricity generation is based on fuel sources, thus rising oil prices have led to rising electricity production costs. Households have been temporarily sheltered from this effect, but prices will inevitably rise through the fuel surcharge. In addition, consumers have experienced significant increases in transport costs linked to rising gasoline prices, which as at April 4, 2022 have increased by almost 8% and 23% above the Q4 2021 and Q4 2020 quarterly prices, respectively.

The application of GST from July 1, to stock on hand of retailers and wholesalers, for which IGT has been paid and is not reclaimable, will produce temporary inflationary pressures.

**Electricity Payments Programme (EPP)**

As a measure to help households deal with the rising cost of living prices, particularly relating to fuel, it is proposed that a grant be provided to all households in the form of a credit to domestic electricity accounts.

Through this programme, the Government will provide an EC\$1000 credit to domestic consumer's accounts in two tranches over the remainder of the year through the monopoly energy supplier (ANGLEC).

It is estimated that 6,000 domestic meters will be in scope of the EPP at an estimated cost of EC\$6 million.

### **Elderly Food Vouchers**

Increased food prices will have significant impacts on the cost of living, particularly for those on limited incomes like the elderly and persons on public assistance.

To protect the most vulnerable it is suggested that one-off grants be provided to all persons over 69 years of age, in the form of an EC\$500 food voucher. Based on census data, there are approximately 700 persons in Anguilla over 69 years.

### **Public Assistance Programme**

In light of increased prices it is proposed to provide a temporary '*cost of living adjustment*' for persons on public assistance support programmes. Currently, the programmes cover 115 persons and families with a monthly total sum of EC\$65,300.00. For the most part individuals receive EC\$400 per month and families receive EC\$1000 per month. It is proposed to increase the rate of benefit payable by 25%, for a three month period in the first instance, which is costed at EC\$48,975. A further EC\$40,000 provisioning (in restricted expenditure) to support a potential 10% increase in the number of persons seeking public assistance for the remainder of the year is required.

Council:

- 1) noted that the total cost of the proposed cost of living support is estimated as follows:
  - a) Electricity Payment Programme (EPP) – EC\$6.0 million;
  - b) Senior Citizen's Food Vouchers Programme (SCFVP) - EC\$0.245 million; and
  - c) Enhanced Public Assistance – \$0.089 million

**Total Cost of Living Support – EC\$6.33 million**

Contingency expenditure will be held in restricted expenditure should further funds be required;

- 2) noted that the measures were designed to assist and provide payments to persons who need support with the transition to GST and to alleviate costs, given the inflationary rise in electricity and the global increases in the price of goods. It is also anticipated that the relief will place consumers in a better position to weather the economic shocks and support business;
- 3) agreed an Electricity Payments Programme (EPP) as a measure to help households deal with rising prices, particularly relating to fuel. The EPP will provide a grant of EC\$1000 to domestic accounts on the following terms:
  - Payment shall be made in two tranches of EC\$500
  - Payment shall be limited to domestic accounts with consumption over 40 units
  - Payment shall be automatic for domestic accounts with consumption under 1400 units
  - Domestic accounts with consumption over 1400 units will be subject to further verification to confirm the residential/non-commercial status
  - Construction lines are not in scope
  - First payments shall be made on or before July 4, 2022, so credits will be reflected in the July 2022 electricity bills and households can quickly realise the cost of living support
- 4) approved a one-off food voucher payment in the sum EC\$500 to be provided to persons in Anguilla aged over 69 years and this initiative shall be taken forward by the Ministry of Finance; and
- 5) approved a temporary increase in public assistance benefits, in the sum of 25% of the amount of benefit presently payable, for a period of three months effective July 1, 2022.

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

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

EX MIN 22/210

**EX MEMO 22/157 REMOVAL OF GST ON SPECIFIED FUEL PRODUCTS (GASOLINE, DIESEL, LPG)**

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

The PAS, Finance briefed Council. This aim is to protect consumers from significant cost of living increases that would be caused by the application of a single rate of GST, generally to goods and services in the economy. Currently, the importation of the following fuel products attracts the following rates:

**Gasoline**

Interim Goods Tax (IGT) 5%

Excise Tax (EXC) 0.04 per L

Customs Service Fee (CSF) 1 %

Import Custom Duty (ICD) 0.40 per L

**Diesel**

Interim Goods Tax (IGT) 1%

Excise Tax (EXC) 0.04 per L

Customs Service Fee (CSF) 1 %

Import Custom Duty (ICD) 0.04 per L

**LPG**

Interim Goods Tax (IGT) 9%

Excise Tax (EXC) 6%

Customs Service Fee (CSF) 1 %

Import Custom Duty (ICD) – Zero

Gasoline, diesel and LPG prices significantly affect the cost of living in Anguilla, a country with low usage of renewable/alternative energy

sources. The Ministry of Finance, Inland Revenue Department and Customs Department, conducted a review of the potential price changes due to the application of GST from July 1<sup>st</sup>. There was concern about the price increases for these main fuel products which are essential items, affecting areas such as the cost of transportation, electricity and cooking. Consideration was given to how the tax structure could be altered to prevent significant increases in the prices of these products. The result of this review lead to the conclusion that the removal of GST on diesel, gasoline and LPG would be a workable form of relief.

Council:

- 1) noted the financial implications and that the proposal to remove GST from all 3 fuel types would result in estimated annual revenue loss of EC\$4,564,063.36. The estimated loss for July to December 2022 is EC\$2,282,031.69. Removing GST on gasoline and diesel, but not on LPG would result in estimated annual revenue loss of EC\$4,070,411.52. If in subsequent fiscal years it is necessary to consider increasing revenue collections from the importation of fuel products an alternative to reapplying GST would be to alter the Excise Tax rate;
- 2) noted that dual GST rates are not recommended;
- 3) agreed to exempt GST on diesel, gas and LPG until June 30, 2023 and the position shall be revisited in 12 months. The Government shall engage with the public on the measure; and
- 4) approved the urgent amendment to the GST Amendment Bill to include diesel, gasoline and LPG as exempt supplies to June 30, 2023.

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

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

EX MIN 22/211

**EX MEMO 22/134 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST) AMENDMENT BILL 2022**

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

Council considered this matter in detail in Ex Min 22/189.

Council:

- 1) noted the table with the recommended proposed amendments including the rationale. Noted that gas, diesel and LPG fuels will be added as exempt supplies with a sunset clause of June 30, 2023;
- 2) noted that the GST Amendment Bill provides clarity to certain sections of the GST Act and strengthens the authority of the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) to effectively administer the Act. It also includes revisions to the list of exempt supplies as a result of consultations with various sectors;
- 3) noted that the Inland Revenue Department shall review the position as it relates to levying GST on money services transaction fees, when fees are proportionate to the value of the transaction;
- 4) approved the draft GST Amendment Bill, reflecting the substantive points raised in Ex Min 22/189; and
- 5) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the GST Amendment Bill for consideration at the next session of the House of Assembly.

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

Action: PS, FIN; CIR; HON, AG; HON, PREM

EX MIN 22/213

**EX MEMO 22/153 APPLICATIONS FOR THE PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE**

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

Council:

- 1) endorsed the recommendation of the Minister for Home Affairs, made to H.E. the Governor, as it relates to the grant of the Permit of Permanent Residence in accordance with Section 24 of the Immigration and Passport Act, for four persons;
- 2) further noted that if the applications are approved each applicant must submit a valid Certificate of Good Standing from the Inland Revenue Department, before the Permit of Permanent Residence is issued; and
- 3) noted that granting Permanent Residence did not exempt persons from the provisions of the Control of Employment Act (Work Permit Regulations) and the Labour (Relations) Act, nor did it entitle them to Belonger status until they have been residing in Anguilla for 15 years, or become naturalized British Overseas Territories Citizens in Anguilla. These individuals would become eligible to apply for naturalization after one year of permanent residency.

Action: HE, GOV; PS, HA; LAB, COM; CIO; HON, AG;  
HON, MIN HA

EX MIN 22/214

**EX MEMO 22/154 APPROVAL OF STREET LIGHTS AND AMENITY LIGHTING POLICY 2022**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for MICUHT briefed Council. The primary purpose of the Street Lights and Amenity Lighting Policy is to strengthen the management, regulation and administrative process in administering

the installation, relocation, de-installation and maintenance of street lights and amenity lighting. This policy will provide guidance and instruction as to what standard of street lighting and amenity lighting will be provided in Anguilla, while promoting the use of green energy to achieve sustainable lighting.

Street Lights and Amenity Lighting is a public utility that must be given high priority by the Ministry of ICUH&T in order to be properly managed. Historically, the Government has had no capital allocation for the management of streetlights and amenity lighting. The Ministry has established a budget line particularly for streetlights and amenity lighting and as such, it is imperative for a policy that will support the necessary amendment to existing legislation to be in place. In addition, the streetlights are installed on ANGLEC's electrical poles and there is no formal agreement between the Government of Anguilla and ANGLEC to clearly define roles for the process of installing, maintaining and monitoring of streetlights.

Over the years there has been an increasing demand by the general public, for the installation of streetlights in the different communities. This policy will provide clear guidance for assessing street lighting needs and ensuring that the installation and management of the street lighting in Anguilla is done in a strategic and systematic manner that guarantees the Government of Anguilla value for money. It will contain a number of provisions to enable the Ministry of ICUH&T to establish standards and bolster monitoring and administrative management functions.

Council:

- 1) noted the benefits of the policy and that there is provision within the budget for the installation expenditure; and
- 2) approved the Street Lights and Amenity Lighting Policy, 2022, which shall be effective as of August 8, 2022

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 22/215

**EX MEMO 22/155 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST CENTRAL, BLOCK 89218 B, PARCEL 285 BEING 0.23 ACRES**

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, property situate in Registration Section East Central, Block 89218 B, described as Parcel 285 being 0.23 of an acre of land, located at Island Harbour, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

|      |  |                          |
|------|--|--------------------------|
| (i)  | under Section 14(3) of the Aliens Land Holding Licence Act | EC\$200.00               |
| (ii) | Stamp Duty on Transfer                                     | <u>EC\$ 20.00</u>        |
|      | <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b><u>EC\$220.00</u></b> |

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

EX MIN 22/216

**EX MEMO 22/156 APPLICATION TO HOST BINGO AND EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC LOTTERIES TAX**

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

The Hon Premier briefed Council. The Ex-Police Officers Social Club is an organisation formed to support the needs of retired police officers in Anguilla. The organisation has reported that they are in need of US\$4,000 in order to assist retired police officers. In efforts to support same the organisation intends to hold a Bingo Night on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The proceeds from this event are intended to

help retired police officers and other persons in the community in need of assistance. The applicant has reported that they intend to sell 400 tickets at US\$10.00 each.

Council:

- 1) noted that in respect of every lottery ticket sold there is a duty charged at the rate of 10% of the price of the ticket. Bingo tickets are defined as lottery tickets;
- 2) noted that the grant of the requested tax exemption may result in tax loss of up to USD\$400/EC\$1072; and
- 3) approved the application by the Ex-Police Officers Social Club to host a bingo event in aid of assisting retired police officers and other persons in the community and the remission of the Public Lotteries Tax associated with the bingo to a maximum of EC\$1000 in accordance with section 16 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act.

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

EX MIN 22/217

### **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.

### **Epidemiology**

#### ***Global overview***

Globally, the number of new weekly cases has continued to follow the declining trend observed, since the peak in January 2022. During the week June 13 - 19, 2022, over 3.3 million cases were reported, this is a 4% decrease compared to the previous week. The number of new weekly deaths declined by 16%, as compared to the previous week, with over 7,500 deaths reported.

As of June 19, over 536 million confirmed cases and over 6.3 million deaths have been reported globally.

The Omicron VOC remains the dominant variant circulating globally, accounting for nearly all sequences reported between May 17 and June 17.

### ***Caribbean Region***

Since the previous CARPHA report of June 13, 2022, an additional 80,591 (2.1% increase) cases were confirmed, bringing the region's total confirmed cases to 3,836,332 in 35 countries/territories (including the 26 CARPHA Member States). There were 34,215 deaths recorded in the Caribbean Region as of June 21, 2022.

### ***Anguilla***

As of June 19, Anguilla has confirmed 3,411 cases of COVID-19 of which 3,376 persons have recovered and 9 have died. There are currently 26 active cases. Currently, there are four adult females admitted to the Isolation Unit – all four are fully vaccinated and have co-morbidities.

The positivity rate for the most current completed epidemiological week June 5 to 11 was 7.1%, with a continued down tick in cases similar to the previous two weeks.

### **Vaccination Deployment Update**

As of June 17, 2022, a total of 10,805 first doses, 10,160 second doses and 2,874 first booster doses have been administered. In an estimated population of 15,500 total persons, this would represent 70% of the total population having received the first dose, 66% of the total population having received two doses and 19% having received a first booster dose. In addition, 80% of the total eligible population (13,560) have received one dose, 75% have received two doses and 25% have received a first booster. The breakdown by age of persons having received a first dose, is as follows:

- 351 persons age 5 - 11
- 570 persons age 12 - 17
- 2990 persons age 18 - 34

- 2911 persons age 35 - 49
- 2581 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
- 1848 Hospitality
- 1094 Retired
- 7131 Other

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

As of June 17, 4,992 total doses of Pfizer have been administered including 1,229 first doses, 889 second doses, 2,874 first booster doses and 159 second booster doses. This includes 570 first doses for 12 - 17 year olds; approximately 48% of the estimated 12 – 17 year old population and 375 (31%) second doses. This includes 341 (23%) first doses and 280 (18%) second doses for children aged 5 - 11 years old.

Council:

- 1) thanked the health team for their continued hard work;
- 2) noted that there are no recommendations for further changes to the COVID-19 protocols at this time; and
- 3) noted that the Ministry will consider and review the position with respect to pre-arrival testing requirements and also the current position as it relates to only accepting vaccinated visitors.

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

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