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MINUTES OF THE 115th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2022 AT 9.00 AM

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Health, Dr Ellis Webster
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- 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
- The Honourable Minister for Sustainability, Innovation and Environment, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
- Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE: Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
- ABSENT: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Merrick Richardson

EX MIN 22/376

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 114th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 24th November, 2022.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 22/377

EX MEMO 2022/272 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE PASSENGER FARES REGULATIONS (VEHICLES AND ROADS TRAFFIC ACT (R.S.A.C.V10))

Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for MICUHT briefed Council. The Passenger Fares have remained the same for over a decade despite the changes in the economy. The members of the Anguilla Taxi Association continue to absorb the increased fuel and maintenance costs for service operators. The Government has been approached by the Anguilla Taxi Association and engaged in discussions to consider amendments to the Passenger Fares Regulations.

Council:

- 1) noted the Passenger Fares Regulations, Schedule, Part 1 – Taxi Zones & Passenger Fares, Part 2 - Table of Fares, Rates and Charges and the proposed Passenger Fares Regulations in the new Table of Fares, Rates and Charges;
- 2) noted the Ministry of Tourism will need to decide on the best method and timing for dissemination of the information;
- 3) noted that the new fares will be displayed publicly and in all taxis; and
- 4) approved for commencement on January 1, 2023, the proposed Passenger Fares Regulations contained in the new Table of Fares, Rates and Charges for Part 2 of the Schedule, as per Appendix B below:

Appendix B:

TAXI RATE SCHEDULE										
AMENDED (2022)										
	ZONE1	ZONE2	ZONE3	ZONE4	ZONE5	ZONE6	ZONE7	ZONE8	ZONE9	ZONE10
ZONE1	US\$14	US\$18	US\$22	US\$26	US\$30	US\$32	US\$34	US\$36	US\$40	US\$45
ZONE2	us \$18	US\$14	US\$18	US\$22	US\$26	US\$30	US\$32	US\$34	US\$36	US\$38
ZONE3	US\$22	US\$18	US\$14	US\$18	US\$22	US\$26	US\$30	US\$32	US\$34	US\$36
ZONE4	US\$26	US\$22	US\$18	US\$14	US\$18	US\$22	US\$26	US\$35	US\$40	US\$45
ZONE5	US\$30	US\$26	US\$22	US\$18	US\$14	US\$18	US\$22	US\$26	US\$30	US\$32
ZONE6	us \$35	US\$30	US\$26	US\$22	US\$18	US\$14	US\$18	US\$26	US\$26	US\$30
ZONE7	US\$34	US\$32	US\$30	US\$26	US\$22	US\$18	US\$14	US\$18	US\$22	US\$26
ZONE8	us \$36	US\$34	US\$32	US\$30	US\$26	US\$22	US\$18	US\$14	US\$18	US\$22
ZONE9	US\$38	US\$36	US\$34	US\$32	US\$30	US\$26	US\$22	US\$18	US\$14	US\$18
ZONE10	US\$45	US\$40	US\$36	US\$34	US\$32	US\$30	US\$26	US\$22	US\$18	US\$14

NOTES:

ALL RATES ARE FOR ONE OR TWO PERSONS

A CHARGE OF US \$5.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON

TWO (2) PIECES OF LUGGAGE ALLOWED. EACH ADDITIONAL PIECE US \$2.00

AFTER HOUR CHARGES 6:00 P.M. TO MID NIGHT: TOTAL FARE PLUS US \$4.00

MIDNIGHT TO 6:00 A.M: TOTAL FARE PLUS US \$15.00

TOURS: UP TO TWO HOURS US \$80.00 FOR ONE OR TWO PERSONS. ADDITIONAL PERSONS, US \$10.00 EACH

HOURLY RATE (BUSINESS) US \$40.00 PER HOUR

COAST TO COAST IN SAME ZONES 7, 8 AND 9, ONLY INCURS ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF US \$6.00

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 22/378

EX MEMO 2022/273 APPLICATION FOR THE PERMIT OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE

Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) endorsed the recommendation of the Hon Minister for Home Affairs, for submission of the application for consideration by 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 an applicant;
- 2) further agreed that the applicant must submit a valid Certificate of Good Standing from the Inland Revenue Department, before the application is submitted to H.E. the Governor for consideration; and
- 3) noted that granting Permanent Residence did not exempt persons from the provisions of 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.

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

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

EX MIN 22/379

EX MEMO 2022/274 OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED LISTING OF QUEEN CONCH AS THREATENED UNDER THE UNITED STATES ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (ESA)

Financial Specialist remained. PS, EDMSIE, Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett, Fisheries Manager, Mr Ramone Johnson & Marine Biologist, Ms Jasmine Ruan joined the meeting.

The Minister for SIE & PS, EDMSIE briefed Council. By a circular dated October 4, 2022 and issued on October 5, 2022, the Caribbean Regional Fisheries Mechanism (CRFM) notified the Government of Anguilla and other regional Governments of the proposed rule to list queen conch as a threatened species under the United States Endangered Species Act (ESA). The proposed rule was announced by the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the US Department of Commerce.

The CRFM convened a meeting to share information on the proposed rule and to obtain feedback from technical leads representing Governments in the region. A key take-away from the meeting is that:

“Member States agreed that the regional position should be to do everything in our powers to seek to continue the trade in queen conch meat and products in a sustainable manner.

Member States expressed grave concern about the possible implications of an ESA listing on the queen conch fishery, export earnings and livelihoods in the region, noting that the US market is the main market for queen conch, and further noting that if the US closed its market on the grounds that the species is threatened or endangered, then other trading partners are also likely to close their markets in solidarity.”

The Fisheries and Marine Resources Unit in the Department of Natural Resources strongly supports the position taken at the meeting. While Anguilla has a small conch industry and the majority of catch is sold locally, in the long term this ruling will severely impede our ability to expand the industry. Additionally, the ruling appears unnecessarily intrusive given the efforts being made regionally to sustainably manage the resource.

On 7th November 2022, the CRFM submitted a written response to the NOAA regarding the proposed rule. A hearing was convened on 21st November 2022 to give CRFM and regional Governments the opportunity to make oral representations. At the hearing, officials from the NOAA indicated that the proposed rule is based on data that indicated that the conch resource is being over-fished particularly as a result of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. It was also explained that unlike endangered species, when a species is listed as threatened, the prohibitions identified in section 9 of the ESA do not automatically apply to that species.

The position of CRFM and several regional Governments is that consistent efforts and progress are being made to curb IUU fishing and there is no need to list the conch as threatened when other measures can be taken for its protection. Note that an extended deadline of December 15, 2022 has been given for Governments to submit written positions in relation to the proposed rule.

Council:

- 1) noted the summary of the CRFM meeting held on October 20, 2022, the Memorandum from the Department of Natural Resources dated November 1, 2022 and the response from CRFM to the proposed rule dated November 7, 2022;
- 2) noted that Member States were most concerned about the affect of any listing on domestic exportation and livelihoods. Noting that recommendations made outside the region often lacked consideration for the domestic markets perspective. Noted that overfishing in the Bahamas was a key concern to be addressed, but that position should not be applied so as to restrict Anguilla. For threatened species it was unclear how section 9 of the ESA would be applied;
- 3) noted that Anguilla is concerned about the wellbeing of the queen conch and is committed to sustainability. It is believed that with the support of the Blue Belt Programme, Anguilla will be well positioned to implement robust regulatory, surveillance and monitoring mechanisms which will minimise illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing. These mechanisms coupled with the other interventions being implemented regionally, should be sufficient to protect the queen conch without the need for it being listed as threatened;
- 4) noted from the paper that opposing the rule will ensure that Anguilla has the ability to expand its conch fishery in the future with the possibility of export to the USA. The opposition also demonstrates that Anguilla stands in solidarity with other Caribbean countries where livelihoods may be impacted by the rule;

- 5) approved the recommendation and policy position to oppose the proposed listing of the queen conch as a threatened species under the United States Endangered Species Act (ESA);
- 6) agreed further advice required to confirm interplay of this position with international obligations, taking into consideration the position adopted in action point 5, following which and subject to that clarification the position in action point 5 shall be communicated in the required manner by December 15, 2022.

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

Action: PS, EDMSIE; HON, MIN MSIE

EX MIN 22/380

EX MEMO 2022/275 REPORT ON THE ANGUILLA BEACH MONITORING PROGRAMME 2014 - 2022

Financial Specialist remained.

The PS, EDMSIE and team briefed Council. Anguilla is currently experiencing slow rates of accretion and a consistent rate of coastal erosion resulting in a reduction in beach width at most of the sites assessed in this report, as well as complete loss of sediment in the areas of Crocus Bay and Upper Shoal Bay East. Beaches and sand dunes represent two of the six coastal ecosystems in Anguilla that are critical in supporting economies and livelihoods. As such, a thorough understanding of the catalysts of erosion and a commitment to remediating this erosion through the implementation of mitigation interventions are required.

Coastal erosion and accretion are processes that occur naturally overtime but are usually exacerbated by extreme weather events and coastal development. The long-standing practice of sand mining in Anguilla, particularly at Sile Bay and Savannah Bay, has eroded those areas and either weakened or destroyed sand dune ecosystems. This has undermined the capacity of these coastal ecosystems to intercept, deflect and recover from storm surges and wind energy during storms and ground seas. Another driver of erosion in Anguilla is the deterioration of coral reef ecosystems.

Although the processes of coastal erosion and accretion in Anguilla are the results of a complex relationship between natural and

anthropogenic factors, we need to try to understand the dynamics of these relationships so that we are able to identify and implement measures that are appropriate, effective, comprehensive and sustainable.

The Anguilla Beach Monitoring Programme has been ongoing since 1992. The latest information gathered from the programme is presented in the report, presented for the consideration of Executive Council.

Council:

1) commended the Ministry on the presentation made and noted the highlights of the presentation as follows:

- Since 2014, 5/14 beaches have shown accretion.
 - Captains Bay - 7.7m growth
 - Meads Bay – 11.02m growth with the highest rate of accretion
 - Barnes Bay – minimal growth and average beach width
- Since 2014, 9/14 beaches have shown erosion.
 - Crocus Bay – 17.72m loss (1.97 m per year)
 - Shoal Bay East – 4.09m increase (upper portion 22.6m loss and lower portion 7.23m growth)
 - Cove Bay – 10.45m loss and third highest rate of erosion
 - Sile Bay – 11.35m loss. There has been a history of sand mining from the 90s
- Sand mining occurs at Windward Point and the eastern end of Savannah Bay.
- Degradation of coral reefs and sargassum management and treatment has an impact on erosion.

2) noted that action is needed because Anguilla's economy is reliant on the beaches and partnerships with international partners in order to achieve objectives should be considered. Monitoring should continue, presently, the unmonitored beaches appear to be the worst affected. As a result of the

perceived lack of action in terms of taking enforcement action against persons for sand mining, persons who have reported in past are less inclined to report the activity now;

- 3) noted that there are no immediate financial implications associated with the request to approve the recommendations in principle. However, the implementation will have implications which will have to be costed and presented for consideration at the appropriate time;
- 4) noted that the legislative framework and enforcement mechanisms need to be strengthened to curb human behaviour that contributes to environmental degradation. Amendment of the Beach Protection Act and enactment of the Environmental Management Bill should be considered;
- 5) noted that the report can be used as a rationale basis for legislative changes to be introduced in future and to pursue the potential secondment of a coastal engineer through the Blue Belt Program;
- 6) agreed that as it relates to sand mining, the Ministry of SIE shall take forward a review, with relevant leads of the enforcement process and the action that is possible, including the RAPF, Department of Lands & Surveys and the Attorney General's Chambers. The service of cease and desist notices should be considered;
- 7) noted the benefits of acting on the recommendations in the report and the adverse consequences of inaction; and
- 8) approved the recommendations outlined in the Report on the Anguilla Beach Monitoring Programme 2014 - 2022 in principle. In relation to the recommendation that disaster risk resilience interventions should be implemented at priority sites, the Department of Disaster Management should be engaged, to allow the allocation of resources.

Action: PS, EDMSIE; DIR, DDM; HON, MIN MSIE

EX MIN 22/381

EX MEMO 2022/276 APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO BUILD – REGISTRATION SECTION ROAD, BLOCK 08412 B, PARCEL 162 CONTAINING 0.15 OF AN ACRE

Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) noted the background of the applicant as outlined in the paper;
- 2) approved the request for an extension of time to build a Guest House on the captioned parcel, said extension totaling forty-two (42) months from September 9, 2019 to March 12, 2023. Noted that enforcement action will be taken after this period elapses;
- 3) agreed that after said extension of time for forty-two (42) months, a penalty of EC\$3,500.00 for each calendar month or part thereof that the project remains uncompleted, provided there is no significant justification for the delay shall apply and therefore accrue as against the Licence of the Company. The sum shall be deducted from the refundable deposit in the first instance and thereafter the penalty shall be paid by the Applicant Company as described in the Supplementary Agreement, thereafter the property shall be liable to be forfeited to the Crown; and
- 4) agreed that an Execution of Supplementary Conditions to Licence Agreement shall be executed by a representative of North View Properties Ltd. and promptly returned to the Ministry of Lands, within twenty-one (21) working days.

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

EX MIN 22/382

EX MEMO 2022/277 APPLICATION FOR A REQUEST TO TRANSFER 100% OF THE SHARES IN AN ALIEN COMPANY AND FOR A CONCESSION ON THE PAYMENT OF STAMP DUTY ON THE TRANSFER OF SHARES – REGISTRATION SECTION ROAD, BLOCK 08412 B, PARCEL 162 CONTAINING 0.15 OF AN ACRE

Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) noted the background of the applicant as outlined in the paper;
- 2) approved the request to transfer 100% of its shares, subject to the following;
- 3) agreed that the applicant shall be granted a waiver from the Aliens Land Holding Licence Regulation Act fee, on the grounds that the shareholders are the same parties;
- 4) agreed that the Government of Anguilla forgo taxes in the amount of EC\$69,859.60 on the transfer of shares under the Aliens Land Holding Licence;
- 5) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i)	the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,397,191.95	EC\$69,859.60
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(ii)	the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5.00% of EC\$1,397,191.95	<u>Waiver</u>
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TOTAL	<u>EC\$69,859.60</u>
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- 6) that the Ministry of Finance records the taxes waived in the amount of EC\$69,859.60 by way of Regulation;
- 7) Regulations to be issued by the Attorney General's Chambers;

- 8) the property must be used for Tourism purposes; and
- 9) the Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla in force from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Control of Employment Act Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

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

EX MIN 22/383

EX MEMO 2022/278 ANGUILLA POPULATION AND HOUSING (AP&H) CENSUS 2022 UPDATE

Financial Specialist remained. Chief Statistician, Mrs Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin joined the meeting.

The PS, EDMSIE and Chief Statistician briefed Council. In October 2022 an update was provided to Executive Council on the status of the AP&H Census 2022. Several challenges particularly in relation to the attrition of field officers and the use of the technology have negatively impacted the pace of implementation.

In Ex Min 22/322, Executive Council agreed that “a clear project plan needs to be in place for sign off by Council, with clear milestones for completing the Census. The PS, EDMSIE, is to take forward this action including how best to obtain the required data, taking into consideration the possible use of an online census questionnaire which persons complete individually or the use of district surgeries to expedite the process. Benchmarks shall be set so that the ASD has deadlines to achieve certain targets.”

The Anguilla Statistics Department presented a project plan for the completion of the Census to the Permanent Secretary in 2021. After review and discussion, the plan was approved by the Permanent Secretary in December 2021.

Given the directive of Executive Council outlined above, further discussions were held with the Chief Statistician and staff at the

Anguilla Statistics Department to explore various possibilities for completing the enumeration phase of the Census in a more timely manner. Based on those discussions, a proposed Addendum to the project plan, reflecting the current situation has been prepared for review and approval by Council.

Council:

- 1) noted the alternatives considered in the paper and the related concerns;
- 2) noted that the Addendum to the project plan seeks to review what tasks need to be done and how persons can be incentivised to help achieve the outcomes in a timely manner. Noted the constraints indicated in the Addendum, namely, attrition, technology glitches, funding and the withdrawal of support as per the Addendum presented. Noted the details of recruitment and training and the field officer numbers on pages 2 and 3;
- 3) noted the project plan 2021 and the Addendum to the project plan. No determination could be made in relation to the Addendum to the project plan, including the incentives proposed at 1.7 on page 8, until information is provided to Council by the ASD on the percentage completion rate of the Visitation Record Listing and Census Questionnaires (Household Questionnaires & Individual Questionnaires). Agreed that the ASD shall revert to Council with the percentage completion rate (what percentage of outstanding tasks has been completed);
- 4) noted that the ASD was originally aiming for 100% Census completion by the population, as it is desirable to give all persons wishing to participate in the Census the opportunity to do so. Council noted that this was an unrealistic target. The ASD indicated that the target has now been reduced to at least 95%;
- 5) noted that presently the ASD is on track to achieve the April 2023 deadline to share preliminary findings, as per page 4 of the Addendum. The ASD has aimed to be realistic in its estimations. Enumerators have been informed of the number of households that they need to visit by a certain date in order to meet the targets, but the targets are not being met. Persons

are working during the daytime hours of 8am to 4pm and the Census work is done in the evenings. Noted that ways to incentivise the enumerators have been considered. Noted that presently there is generally a low mood among enumerators and supervisors. When they work in the field and they are met with resistance from the public the enthusiasm for the process drops. Noted that teachers and 6th form students have been approached to act as enumerators, but there has been a poor level of interest. The data analysis for this Census should be quicker than it was for the 2011 Census as there is less reliance on paper based methods. The comprehensive data analysis of the 2011 Census took approximately 2 years and some data is still pending;

- 6) noted that the 2011 Census analytical data had not been presented to Council and work remains outstanding. When the 2022 Census results are presented the intention is to provide the 2011 results at the same time. Noted that the 2011 Census data could be presented ahead of the 2022 Census data, however, it may divert human resources away from working on the 2022 Census; and
- 7) agreed the following, for action by the ASD:
 - i. for use by Executive Council and House of Assembly members the ASD shall provide a simple statement containing information intended to encourage the public to become engaged in the Census process;
 - ii. that the 2011 Census data and analytical report that has been completed to date should be presented to Executive Council on December 15;
 - iii. that data reports on the progress of the Census should be shared with Executive Council regularly. This includes the percentage completion rate for both the Visitation Record Listing and the Census Questionnaires; and
 - iv. that public tracking of the Census 2022 progress, including the percentage completion rate for both Visitation Record Listing and Census Questionnaires should commence.

Action: PS EDMSIE; CHF, ST; HON, MIN MSIE

EX MIN 22/384

EX MEMO 2022/279 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO SCHEDULES OF SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET NO. 2 OF 2022

Financial Specialist remained

The PAS Finance briefed Council. The Ministry of Finance prepared a Supplementary Budget in order to facilitate payments relating to the cost of living support measures and to cover various demands on Government's budget.

This Supplementary Budget was approved by Executive Council on November 17, 2022 in Ex Min 366. This approval noted that total recurrent expenditure with the supplementary allocation was EC\$247,320,824 (as shown in column D). This figure was correct.

However, the total amount of the supplementary allocation as shown in column C was not reflective of the true amount of the supplementary allocation as this included the reallocated amounts (EC\$1.4 million for deferred salaries). Final adjustments to remove reallocated amounts from the Ministry supplying such funds were made in Column D, thereby ensuring Column D was correct (EC\$1.4 million was removed from MOF/Treasury in Column D).

The Supplementary Budget was presented to the House of Assembly on November 29 for approval. The Supplementary Budget was passed at this sitting with an amendment made at Committee Stage in an attempt to correct the presentation of the estimates.

The amendment made increased the overall total expenditure charged on the consolidated fund. Section 55 of the Anguilla Constitution Order requires Bills introduced before the HOA that increase the charge on revenues to be submitted on the recommendation of the Governor. Therefore, the adjustments made on the floor at Committee Stage of the House on November 29, 2022 need to be formally submitted to Executive Council through the Chair, the Governor.

The substantive items of the supplementary budget remain unadjusted. The Supplementary Schedule has been substantially amended to separate the in year reallocations and the amounts to be supplied as supplementary allocations under Supplementary No. 2. A column is included for amounts to be reallocated between Ministries by the HOA. To note that deferred salaries for all Ministries except MOF and Governor's office are now funded through supplementary allocations (EC\$1.4 million) rather than savings from Treasury/MOF.

Amended Supplementary Budget No. 2 of 2022

Supplementary No. 2 of 2022 is a total recurrent expenditure increase of EC\$10.9 million and an increase of EC\$5.91 million in capital expenditure, for a total expenditure of EC\$16.9 million. This increase is required to facilitate payments demands on the Government's budget including the cost of living support in the final quarter of 2022.

Council:

- 1) approved the Portfolio allocations as identified in Table 1:

Table 1

GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA 2022 ESTIMATES OF RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND CAPITAL SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS SCHEDULE						
PROGRAM	MINISTRY	ESTIMATE 2022	ESTIMATE W/ SUPPLEMENTARY No 1 & REALLOCATIONS B	Reallocations for approval 2022	SUPPLEMENTAR Y No. 2 C	REVISED ESTIMATE W/ SUPPLEMENTAR Y No.2 D
		A	B			
PART 1 - RECURRENT EXPENDITURE						
		\$				
001R	HE THE GOVERNOR	30,618,828	31,355,008		233,145	31,588,153
350R	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, LABOUR, IMMIGRATION, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING	8,512,042	8,512,042		216,970	8,729,012
450R	MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND HEALTH	101,149,361	110,409,038	(1,000,000)	8,264,449	117,673,487
550R	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	48,112,862	51,097,010		1,903,561	53,000,571
650R	MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES, HOUSING AND NATURAL RESOURCES	23,240,457	23,566,088	1,000,000	152,304	24,718,392
750R	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	12,950,687	12,887,332		159,760	13,047,092
	TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	224,584,237	237,826,518	0	10,930,189	248,756,706
PART 11 - CAPITAL						
001D	HE THE GOVERNOR	0	0		0	0
350D	MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, LABOUR, IMMIGRATION, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING	0	0		0	0
450D	MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND HEALTH	0	0		0	0
550D	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT	500,000	500,000		2,728,298	3,228,298
650D	MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE, COMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES, HOUSING	160,000	1,767,170		3,073,795	4,840,965
750R	MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	1,340,000	1,490,540		195,530	1,686,070
	TOTAL CAPITAL	2,000,000	3,757,710		5,997,623	9,755,333
	TOTAL RECURRENT AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	226,584,237	241,584,228		16,927,812	258,512,040

- 2) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to consider the parliamentary treatment required to ensure the appropriate approval of Supplementary Appropriation No. 2.; and
- 3) authorised the submission of the Supplementary Appropriation to the House of Assembly at its next sitting.

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

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

EX MIN 22/385

COVID-19 UPDATE

Financial Specialist remained.

Globally, the number of new weekly cases decreased by 5% during the week of November 14 – 20, 2022 as compared to the previous week, with over 2.4 million new cases reported. The number of new weekly deaths decreased by 13% as compared to the previous week, with over 7,800 fatalities reported. As of November 20, 2022, over 634 million confirmed cases and over 6.6 million deaths have been reported globally.

Caribbean Region

As of November 28, the region's total confirmed cases is 4,327,456 in 35 countries/territories (including the 26 CARPHA Member States) and 36,174 deaths. The new total represents a 0.3% increase in the number of confirmed cases and 0.04% increase in deaths since the previous report on November 22.

Anguilla

As of November 30, 2022, Anguilla has confirmed 3,922 cases of COVID-19 of which there have been 3,910 recoveries and 12 deaths. There are currently no active cases and no one is currently admitted to the Isolation Unit.

In addition to COVID-19, the Ministry has also confirmed the circulation of RSV locally and increasing cases of acute respiratory infections over the last weeks.

COVID-19 Exit Strategy

The Ministry supports the continued best public health practices ensuring the ready identification through testing and isolation/quarantine for COVID-19 cases. This includes the retention of 8 persons from December to February 2023 to manage the anticipated surges (see list of roles in Annex 1). The existing 2022 COVID-19 budget forecasted coverage for up to 15 staff until December 2022. The current recommendation includes a continuation for budget allocation relevant to COVID-19 staffing for

January and February 2023 only. This would also be included in the Ministry of Health's 2023 detailed budget request. This is aligned to the winter peak cases anticipated for December 2022 to January 2023. Subsequently, the majority of COVID-19 surveillance services would fully transition to the Health Authority of Anguilla. Though, similar to other communicable diseases, the Ministry would still be tasked with providing testing supplies/payment for testing in the interests of public health.

Annex 1

Title	No.	Summary of Duties
Public Health Officer III	2	Specimen collection, collection and verification of data, stock forecasting and management, co-ordination of quarantine and isolation management
Public Health Officer II	3	Specimen collection, testing, and transportation
Assistant Public Health Officer I	2	Data entry, maintain COVID-19 databases, negative result notification and issuing of print test results, respond to e-mails and calls
Public Health Surveillance Officer Level III	1	Investigation of clusters and outbreaks including coordinating contact tracing in conjunction with Public Health Officer III. Monitoring of isolation and quarantine compliance

Council noted the Ministry's recommendation regarding staffing and the retention of 8 persons and approved same. Whilst the number of persons to be retained could potentially have been reduced it is recognised that there is a business need.

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

Action: PS, HLTH; HON, PREM

EX MIN 22/386

ORAL UPDATE

Financial Specialist remained

There will be no Executive Council meetings held on December 22 and 29. Any urgent matters that are presented will be considered as required at a Special Meeting.

Action: PERM, SECS; CLK, EXCO
