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MINUTES OF THE 132nd MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 13th APRIL 2023 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: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Merrick Richardson
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

EX MIN 23/100

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 131st Meeting of Executive Council held on Wednesday 5th April 2023.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 23/101

EX MEMO 23/77 APPROVAL OF THE MAGISTRATE'S CODE OF PROCEDURE (ELECTRONIC LITIGATION FILING AND SERVICE PROCEDURE) RULES, 2023

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC) is pursuing the integration of the Magistracy into the higher Judiciary. As part of this initiative, the ECSC has been engaged in two projects including the implementation of the E-Litigation Portal (ELP), in all Magistrate's Courts within its Member States and Territories (MST) under the Court's jurisdiction, inclusive of Anguilla. The ECSC has developed Rules to facilitate the implementation of its ELP in the Magistracy of all its MSTs.

The ELP Rules:

- 1) detail the procedure governing electronic filings and management of criminal, civil and family matters; and
- 2) provide guidance on how payments may be made by means alternative to postage stamps.

The E-Litigation Portal will increase the efficiency of the Supreme Court's case-management processes and will revolutionise the operation of the Court. This system will also aid in the preservation of Court records. The promulgation of these Regulations are in furtherance of the administration of justice and the Magistrates Code of Procedure Act. It will have the effect of modernising and simplifying Magistrate's Court procedures therefore improving open access to the public.

Council approved the Magistrate's Code of Procedure (Electronic Litigation Filing and Service Procedure) Rules, 2023 for publication in the Gazette.

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

Action: SCC (Cr); HON, AG;

EX MIN 23/102

EX MEMO 23/78 ANGUILLA POPULATION AND HOUSING (AP&H) CENSUS 2022 UPDATE

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. PS, EDMSIE, Mrs Chanelle Petty-Barrett and Chief Statistician, Mrs Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin joined the meeting.

The Anguilla Statistics Department has been requested to provide a monthly update of the progress of the Anguilla Population and Housing Census 2022 enumeration phase.

Executive Council is asked to note the following since the last update:

- i. 652 individual questionnaires completed
- ii. 145 household questionnaires completed

Enumerators and supervisors

Since the last update, February 27, 2023, two (2) enumerators have discontinued their services. In summary, there are currently thirty-one (31) enumerators and seven (7) supervisors. Updates from the field indicate that some enumerators were unable to work due to illness and other personal commitments.

Council:

- 1) noted the progress of the AP&H Census 2022;
- 2) noted that the ASD continue to work in order to progress the Census 2022. Pursuant to concerns raised by the ASD on the difficulty in retaining and recruiting enumerators, work is ongoing to obtain external assistance. However, to support

the process, the ASD has further requested consideration be given to the secondment of civil servants, both during and outside working hours;

- 3) noted that the provision of external support is in response to the resourcing, capacity and wider delivery challenges and risks raised by the ASD;
- 4) noted that in relation to the engagement of an external management company to complete the AP&H Census 2022, draft Terms of Reference (TOR) are under consideration and can be finalised quickly, with an open procurement exercise facilitated by the PS EDMSIE in early May; and
- 5) agreed that:
 - a) to adequately address the challenges of recruiting and retaining domestic appointed enumerators the external management company should be responsible for providing the required resource; and
 - b) TOR including the procurement timeline and the timeline for the respective stages for completion of the Census 2022 are to be provided to Executive Council before the end of April.

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

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

EX MIN 23/103

EX MEMO 23/79 THEME FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANGUILLA REVOLUTION AND ANGUILLA DAY 2023

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

In Ex Min 23/99, Executive Council requested that the “*details of all the themes submitted for consideration should be provided to Council, for further consideration of an appropriate theme.*” This information was provided for Council in the paper.

Council:

- 1) noted the themes submitted as part of the competition process; and
- 2) agreed to use the following theme for Anguilla Day 2023:
“Forging towards a common destiny, Anguilla proud and strong in 2023.”

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

Action: PS, EDMSIE; HON, MIN SIE
