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MINUTES OF THE 153RD MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY 2013

- PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Alistair Harrison
- The Honourable Hubert Hughes, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,
Economic Development, Investment, Commerce and Tourism and Minister
of Labour and Immigration
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid
- The Honourable Edison Baird, Minister of Social Development, Health, Sports
and Education
- The Honourable Evan Gumbs, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,
Utilities and Housing
- The Honourable Acting Attorney General, Mr Ivor Greene
- Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council
- IN ATTENDANCE: Dr Wycliffe Fahie, PAS, FIN
- ABSENT: The Honourable Jerome Roberts, Minister of Lands, Physical Planning, Human
Rights, Environment, Gender Affairs and Agriculture and Fisheries
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr James Wood

EX MIN 13/383 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 152nd Meeting held on Thursday 23rd May 2013.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 13/384 **EX MIN 13/366 EX MEM 13/163 PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE**
GOA'S TRAINING POLICY SALARIES PAYABLE TO PUBLIC
OFFICERS ON STUDY LEAVE

With reference to EX MIN 13/366 of 23rd May 2013, Council agreed that the payment of EC\$400 per month to scholarship recipients who are not public officers should continue and should also be paid to those public officers who are

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scholarship recipients and who have served in the Anguilla Public Service for less than three years and who would not receive their salaries.

Action: HON DG; PS, PA; TRNG OFF; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; OTHER PERM SECS; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 13/385

EX MIN 13/369 EX MEM 13/177 APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECTRUM FEE REGULATIONS, 2011, TO ACCOMMODATE DIGICEL'S REQUEST FOR SPECTRUM IN THE 1990 MHZ BAND

Further to EX MIN 13/369 of 23rd May 2013, HE the Governor signed the Telecommunications Spectrum Fee (Amendment) Regulations, 2013 in Council on 29th May 2013.

Action: PS, MICUH; DIR, PU; AG

EX MIN 13/388

EX MEM 13/185 PRIORITY TRAINING NEEDS FOR 2013

Council agreed that the matter should be deferred to the next Meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 6th June 2013.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 13/389

EX MEM 13/186 FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACTS

Dr Wycliffe Fahie, PAS, FIN joined the Meeting.

Council noted the continuous contract extensions that had taken place and inquired from the PAS, FIN as to when the Procurement Board was likely to make a decision with regard to the selection of the contractor for the collections contracts. Council pointed out that they were not trying to influence the decision of the Procurement Board but were interested in the timing of it. The PAS, FIN indicated that the Board was cognizant of the importance of this matter and the Board would be meeting in the near future.

Council approved the extension of the solid waste collection contracts to 30th June 2013.

Action: PS, HSD; PAS, FIN; PS, FIN; ACC GEN

EX MIN 13/390

EX MEM 13/187 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE ANGUILLA TOURIST BOARD

Council:-

- (i) noted the letter of resignation dated 7th May 2013 from Mr Leslie Richardson, Chairperson of the Anguilla Tourist Board to the Hon Chief Minister and copied to the Hon Haydn Hughes, Parliamentary Secretary and Mr Merwyn Foster Rogers, PS, EDICT;
- (ii) agreed to the appointment of Mr Oliver MacDonna as the Chairman of the Anguilla Tourist Board in accordance with the Anguilla Tourist Board Act.

Council authorised the issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: HON CM; PS, EDICT; PARL SEC; PS, FIN

EX MIN 13/391

EX MEM 13/188 DEFERMENT OF PAYMENT FOR WORK PERMIT FEES FOR DR PATVIN ADAMS

PAS, FIN remained for discussion.

Council:-

- (i) noted a request from Dr Patvin Adams who is in the process of procuring the services of four pharmacists from overseas for the work permit fees for each pharmacist to be deferred at the time when it becomes due, for a period of six months. The procurement will be phased over a six-month period;
- (ii) noted that the law did not facilitate such a request and agreed that the GoA should consider whether they wish to change the law to facilitate this request.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; MINS OF GOV'T; AG

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 13/392

MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESSES ON ANGUILLA

PAS, FIN remained for discussion.

The following concerns were presented to Executive Council on the above:-

- 1) Generally speaking, the policy on the granting of business licenses had not been reviewed for many years and a comprehensive review will be a time consuming initiative involving ministries other than the Ministry of Finance;
- 2) More specifically, there needs to be a review of the licensing policy on multi-faceted businesses to ensure fairness in the industry;

- 3) There is the need for monitoring during business operations to ensure that the businesses during operation is consistent with the business described on the application form;
- 4) There is a need to ensure that items that are sold by businesses are not expired or presents a hazard to the health and well-being of the population;
- 5) The possible role of the involvement of the Anguilla Chamber of Commerce relating to business licenses and approvals must be collaborated between the Ministry of Finance and the Anguilla Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACOCI);
- 6) Steps must be taken to ensure that Anguillian investors, actual and potential, are not “crowded out” of the business sector.

Council agreed that:-

- (i) a general review should be undertaken and, that given the urgency of the issues, that the review be undertaken quickly;
- (ii) Executive Council under the current law cannot impose a moratorium on the establishment of businesses on Anguilla;
- (iii) Ministers should look at the legislation and, if as a result of the review it becomes necessary to amend the Act, that the AG’s Chambers be instructed to amend the Act and a draft Bill be presented to the House of Assembly to effect the moratorium.

Action: MINS OF GOV’T; PAS, FIN; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; AG
