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**MINUTES OF THE 159<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

- PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE
- The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance,  
Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs and Education
- The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,  
Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment
- The Honourable Attorney General (Ag), Mr Ivor Greene
- Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council
- IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Cardigan Connor, Hon Parliamentary Secretary  
Mr Stephen Turnbull, Financial Specialist  
Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTIT  
Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge, Compliance Officer  
Mrs Shantelle Richardson, Director, Economic Planning  
Mr Karim Hodge, PS, MICUHAFE  
Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS  
Mrs Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin, Chief Statistician  
Mr Careme Carty, Acting Statistician
- ABSENT: The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands  
and Physical Planning

EX MIN 18/498 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 158<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 20 September 2018.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 18/499 **EX MIN 18/487 UPDATE ON 2020 GENERAL ELECTIONS**

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

With reference to EX MIN 18/487 of 20 September, Council noted that the Hon Minister, MHA had requested additional time to go through the legislation. She indicated that the draft bill would be ready to be presented to Executive Council at its next meeting on Thursday 4 October for consideration.

Action: SOE; PS, MHA; HON AG (acting); MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/500

**EX MEM 18/247 PERMANENT RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT POLICY AND PERMANENT RESIDENCE PERMIT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2018**

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

Mr Larry Franklin, PS, EDICTIT  
Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge, Compliance Officer  
Mrs Shantelle Richardson, Director, Economic Planning

Council agreed that:

- (i) Section 3 (b) of the Permanent Residence Permit (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 should be amended to read:

“the legal owner of a home that he purchased or constructed before 30 September 2018 and that home is valued at a minimum of US\$750,000 at the time of application, to be verified by Department of Lands & Surveys”

- (ii) Section 3 (4) should be removed from the Permanent Residence Permit (Amendment) Regulations, 2018 and included in the Policy on Permits of Permanent Residence with appropriate wording; and
- (iii) once amendments have been made to the Permanent Residence Permit (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, a revised paper be sent by round robin for further consideration.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; HON AG (acting); PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; DEP; COM OFF; BD; CIR; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/501

**EX MEM 18/248 ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD INDUSTRY CLASSIFICATIONS ACROSS GOVERNMENT**

Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and PS, EDICTIT remained. The following persons joined:

Mrs Lori-Rae Alleyne-Franklin, Chief Statistician  
Mr Careme Carty, Acting Statistician

Council:

- (i) noted a comprehensive power point presentation by the Chief Statistician;

- (ii) endorsed the recommendation that the International Standard Industry Classifications (ISIC) should be adopted across Government-wide system including Boards; and
- (iii) agreed that officials should return to Executive Council with a proposal on how this would be implemented.

Council thanked the officials for the presentation.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; BD; CHIEF STAT; OTHER PERM SECS; ACC GEN

EX MIN 18/502

**EX MEM 18/250 THE INTERNATIONAL TAX COMPLIANCE (CRS) COMMON REPORTING STANDARD**

Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist, PS, EDICTIT and COM OFF remained.

Council:

- (i) approved the amendment to the International Tax Compliance (CRS) Regulations as required to include extending the 2017 and 2018 reporting deadline under the International Tax Compliance (CRS) Regulations until 30 September 2018 for returns for the calendar years 2016 and 2017; and
- (ii) noted that confirmation be sought that the issues with the CRS system in fulfilling the electronic changes would be addressed going forward.

Action: PS, EDICTIT; HON AG; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COM OFF; CIR; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 18/503

**EX MEM 18/251 OVERDRAFT FACILITY 2018-2019**

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council agreed that:

- (i) an overdraft facility of twenty million Eastern Caribbean Dollars (EC\$20,000,000.00) be maintained at the National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Ltd at an interest rate of 5.75 per cent, effective 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2019;
- (ii) a continuing guarantee and promissory note be provided by the Government of Anguilla (GoA) to National Commercial Bank of Anguilla Ltd; and
- (iii) the attached draft overdraft resolution be submitted to the House of Assembly at its next sitting to give effect to the renewal of the overdraft facility.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; DM; CL, HOA; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/504

**EX MEM 18/252 STAMP DUTY AND ALIENS LAND HOLDING LICENCE RATES REDUCTION EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2017**

Parliamentary Secretary, Financial Specialist and PS, EDICTIT remained.  
Mr Leslie Hodge, DLS joined.

Council:

- (i) referred to a previous Executive Council decision (EX MIN 16/737 of 1 December 2016) in which approval was granted for a reduction in stamp duties for belongers (pursuant to the Stamp Act) and aliens (pursuant to the Aliens Land Holding Regulations Act), and also for an extension of permission for qualifying non-belongers to stay and remain on Anguilla. Noted that these incentives were to take effect from 1 January 2017;
- (ii) approved the Stamp (Temporary Amendment) Act and Aliens Land Holding Regulations (Temporary Amendment) Act drafts to be effective 1 January 2017 and to be completed by 31 December 2019;
- (iii) deferred the approval of the Immigration and Passport (Amendment) Act; and
- (iv) agreed that the drafts of the Stamp (Amendment) Act and Aliens Land Holding Regulations (Amendment) Act be published in the gazette and tabled for reading at the next sitting of the House of Assembly once amendments have been made.

Action: PS, HLPP; HON AG; DLS; PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; CL, HOA;  
CIR; COM OFF; ACC GEN

EX MIN 18/505

**EX MEM 18/253 THE PROHIBITION OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS, STYROFOAM (POLYSTYRENE) CONTAINERS AND SINGLE USE PLASTIC UTENSILS ON ANGUILLA**

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- (i) agreed that a working group should be convened to investigate ways in which retailers can encourage consumers to use 'green'/reusable shopping bags and 'green'/biodegradable single use items. Agreed that the working group be comprised of the following Government Agencies and Statutory Bodies:
  - a) Ministry of Environment/Department of Environment – Chair
  - b) Ministry of Tourism
  - c) Ministry of Infrastructure
  - d) Ministry of Health
  - e) Anguilla Tourist Board
  - f) Anguilla National Trust
  - g) Anguilla Hotel and Tourism Association
- (ii) agreed that a sample survey be conducted in the public and private sector to gauge views relative to the use of phasing out and banning single use plastic

bags and single use plastic utensils (Five (5) Focus Group Meetings) and develop a national plan of action for public awareness on litter reduction;

- (iii) agreed that appropriate legislation be drafted for the prohibition of plastic bags and single use plastic utensils on Anguilla, to be done by the Ministry of Environment; and
- (iv) agreed a date for total phase out of the importation and use of single use plastic shopping bags, Styrofoam (polystyrene) containers and single use plastic utensils by March 2019.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; HON AG; DIR, ENV; PS, HLPP; PS, EDICTIT; PS, FIN;  
HON MIN MICUHAFE

EX MIN 18/506

**INF 18/06 INFORMATION NOTE:- NATIONAL FUNERAL FOR THE LATE MS ROMANIA (MONTY) HODGE IN RECOGNITION OF HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO ANGUILLA DURING THE REVOLUTION**

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted the passing of Ms Romania (Monty) Hodge of Deep Waters on Thursday 20 September 2018.

Romania (Monty) Hodge, like many of the Anguillian women of that time, was very active and vocal in the many protests that followed the British invasion of the island on 19<sup>th</sup> March 1969. She was in every demonstration following in the footsteps of the late Doreen Duncan who has been honoured for her contribution. It was women like her who contributed to the success of the Revolution.

Monty is among 27 Anguillian women featured in renowned historian Colville Petty's publication 'Anguilla's battle for Freedom 1967 – 1969' under the caption Women in the Revolution. Mr. Petty notes that the history of Anguilla will give them credit for, among other things, keeping the revolutionary spirit alive. Their participation also included keeping freedom fighters in hiding supplied of food and drink, guarding the beaches alongside their menfolk and demonstrating against the invading British Forces.

The late Romania (Monty) Hodge was awarded with the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's Certificate in 2017 for her outstanding contribution to the Anguilla Revolution.

In keeping with EX MIN 14/612 (vii) and EX MIN 15/535, the Ministry of Home Affairs has therefore begun the process of making arrangements which will include:

- (i) the holding of a National Funeral for the late Romania (Monty) Hodge in collaboration with the family;
- (ii) the publication of an official Statement of Condolence from the Government and people of Anguilla on the passing of this outstanding revolutionary;

- (iii) flags to be flown at Half Mast on the day preceding the funeral and on the day of the funeral immediately following the funeral ceremony;
- (iv) a Police Guard of Honour to be drawn up at the Church and a contingent of uniformed officers to bear the body in and out of the church and at the graveside. Casket to be covered with the national flag; and
- (v) a contribution of EC\$5,000 towards the cost of the funeral expenses and EC\$3,000 towards the other expenses.

Action: PS, MHA; PAS, MHA

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