

CABINET DECISIONS – 17 JUNE 2016

1. Cabinet has agreed to the introduction of a shift system in Hospitals with effect from 1 August 2016 in accordance with the recommendations of the PRB. The main objective of the system is to improve health services provided round the clock by Medical and Health Officers by reducing their workload, enhancing the safety of patients, and minimizing waiting time.

2. Cabinet has taken note of the status in the implementation of the Government Medical Insurance Scheme in the civil service as recommended in PRB Report 2016. The objectives of the Scheme are to –

- (a) provide for a healthy workforce in the public service; and
- (b) enable public officers to have access to a wider array of high tech medical facilities and benefit from the latest technologies which may not usually be available in public health Institutions.

3. Cabinet has taken note that, following the decision of Government to provide 6 cubic metre of water, free of charge as from 1 January 2016, to households whose water consumption does not exceed 6 cubic metre, and to exempt them from the payment of waste water charges where households are connected thereto, some 52,109 households are currently not paying water charges, and some 10,147 are exempted from the payment of waste water charges.

4. Cabinet has taken note that the Central Electricity Board would implement a FibreNet Project, that comprises the use of its fibre optical network cables to provide broadband connectivity to telecom operators in view of the increase in demand for large data bandwidth. In this connection, the Central Electricity Board would build a High Data Network using its fibre cable infrastructure available over its high tension towers and the sub-stations. The project would be implemented over a period of 18 to 24 months.

5. Cabinet has taken note of the setting up of a Government Security Incident Response Team (G-SIRT) within the Ministry of Technology, Communication and Innovation to respond effectively to ICT Security incidents in the civil service. The Team that would comprise trained and certified cyber security professionals, would provide reactive and proactive services in order to combat cyber threats. The benefits of incident management by the Team include –

- (a) timely resolution of incidents, reducing business impact, and increasing effectiveness;
- (b) proactive identification of beneficial system enhancements;
- (c) generation of informative statistics and reports for effective decision making; and
- (d) information sharing on security threats to protect Government infrastructures.

IT Security audits would also be enhanced to identify gaps in Government infrastructures to further reduce the risks of cyber threats.

6. Cabinet has taken note that a Twinning Agreement would be signed between Le Morne Cultural Landscape and Robben Island Museum of South Africa, both of which are inscribed as World Heritage Sites. Robben Island is the place where Nelson Mandela was held as a political prisoner. The Agreement defines the general framework for cooperation, and the base of economic, social, cultural, heritage management partnerships between the two institutions.

7. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives would, shortly, sign a Memorandum of Understanding in the field of cooperatives with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare of the Republic of India. The Memorandum of Understanding provides, *inter alia*, for the exchange of legislation and information on best practices in the Cooperative Sector, cooperative education, and the deputation of experts under ITEC programme.

8. Cabinet has taken note of the activities that would be organised to mark the World Hydrography Day 2016, commemorated on 21 June. The theme for this year is **Hydrography – the key to well-managed seas and waterways**. In this connection, the Ministry of Housing and Lands would, among others, hold an Open Day on 22 June 2016 at Caudan Waterfront to demonstrate the hydrographic assets, nautical products and recent works undertaken by the Hydrographic Unit of the Ministry. An awareness campaign for students would also be organised. To date, 27 hydrographic surveys have been conducted by the Indian authorities in our waters. Charts for Agalega Island, Port Louis and approaches to Port Louis, approaches to Cargados Carajos shoals, Port Mathurin Harbour and approaches to Port Mathurin Harbour, Grand Baie and Grande Rivière Noire Baie, have also been produced.

9. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent missions of the Minister of Health and Quality of Health to Geneva and the UK. In Geneva, the Minister participated in the 69th Session of the World Health Assembly. The theme of the Assembly was “*Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.*” Discussions focused, *inter alia*, on –

- (a) the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with emphasis on health-related Sustainable Development Goals;
- (b) the response to health emergencies, anti-microbial resistance, poliomyelitis, health of migrants and effects of air pollution on health;
- (c) women’s, children’s, adolescents’ and elderly’s health; and
- (d) non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis.

In the UK, the Minister of Health and Quality of Life had, among others, discussions on organ transplant with Dr Tom Cairns, Head of the Live Donor Transplantation and Dialysis Unit, London.

10. Cabinet has taken note of the activities that would be organised in the context of the Africa Public Service Day 2016, commemorated on 23 June. The theme chosen by the United Nations is ***Leaving No One Behind: Innovative Institutional Approaches and Public Service Delivery***. The Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms would, among others, inaugurate a fully equipped IT corner at Flacq Fire Station to enable online applications for Fire Certificates and Fire Clearances, and organise an Essay Writing Competition among public officers on the theme of the Day.

11. Cabinet has taken note that Mr Navin Beekarry has been appointed Director General of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). Mr Beekarry served as Commissioner of ICAC between 2002 and 2005. He is Barrister-at-Law from Lincoln’s Inn and also the holder of an LLM in International Economic Law from the London School of Economics. He is a Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist and a Certified Fraud Examiner. He is currently involved in research and capacity building on issues related to global finance and their challenges for developing countries.
