

CABINET DECISIONS – 1 JULY 2016

1. Cabinet has agreed to the enlistment of some 200 graduates and postgraduates, in scarcity areas, for placement in the Civil Service under the Service to Mauritius Programme. The focus of the Programme is to –

- (a) bridge the gap wherever there is a shortage of skills in high demand areas;
- (b) provide support in the implementation of projects of high priority; and
- (c) meet the commitments of Government, under the Education Regulations, for the placement of “laureates”, who have opted to study locally for their undergraduate degree.

2. Cabinet has agreed to the establishment of an Ethanol Framework, which would, *inter alia*, include the mandatory blending of mogas and ethanol as from 1 July 2017. The blending of mogas and ethanol is in line with the recommendations of COP 21.

3. Cabinet has taken note that, following the development of the Single Window System at the Export Section of his Ministry, the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection would make the Consumer Protection (Export Control) (Amendment) Regulations to remove four items, namely spices, serum and biologicals, of human origin, needed for research vaccines, and samples of blood, from the List of Controlled Goods requiring export permit from his Ministry. This measure is in line with the objective of Government to streamline procedures, and remove duplication of control, where possible, in order to improve trade competitiveness. The Regulations would be effective as from 15 July 2016.

4. Cabinet has agreed to the old colonial building (opposite the Ex-French Consulate) at St Georges Street, Port Louis owned by Villa Le Crystal Bleu Co. Ltd, being listed as a National Heritage under section 12 of the National Heritage Act. The building, constructed in the 19th Century, is of typical architecture and high heritage significance.

5. Cabinet has taken note that the Annual Civil Service Kermesse, organized by the Public Officers’ Welfare Council, would be held on 6 November 2016 at the Gymkhana Grounds, Vacoas. The Civil Service Kermesse is one of the most popular activities where public officers, their families and members of the public have the opportunity to meet and interact in a friendly atmosphere.

6. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Minister of Youth and Sports to Botswana where he had participated in the Meeting of SADC Ministers responsible for Youth. The following issues were discussed –

- (a) the implementation of the SADC Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan 2015-2020 in relation to Youth Development and Empowerment;
- (b) the SADC Industrialization Strategy and Roadmap 2015-2063 and Youth Development and Empowerment;
- (c) the domestication and implementation of the approved Declaration on Youth Development and Empowerment in SADC; and
- (d) the Report and recommendations of the SADC Youth Forum.

7. Cabinet has taken note that the Board of the State Land Development Co. Ltd had been reconstituted with Mr Gérard Sanspeur, Senior Advisor at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, as Chairperson.
