

CABINET DECISIONS – 3 AUGUST 2018

1. Cabinet has taken note that the Prime Minister would chair a Ministerial Committee to look into the recommendations of the Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking relating to the strengthening of the institutional framework and the review of relevant legislation, after necessary consultations with relevant stakeholders.

2. Cabinet has taken note that the Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance would promulgate the Insurance (Industry Compensation Fund) (Amendment) Regulations. The period during which a victim has to wait for before applying for a compensation would be brought down to 3 months from the date of the accident or such lesser period as the Managing Committee of the Insurance Industry Compensation Fund may determine. The maximum compensation payable in each category of cases would also be reviewed.

3. Cabinet has taken note that a Regional Workshop on Marine Spatial Planning would be organised in Mauritius in October 2018, in collaboration with the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO. The Workshop which would bring together participants from Mauritius, Comoros and Madagascar, would focus, inter alia, on –

- (a) the concepts of ecosystem-based management with application to data, information and national needs on decision support tools essential for Marine Spatial Planning;
- (b) the modalities for implementing these concepts at national level;
- (c) exchange of international experiences, as well as best practices on Marine Spatial Planning in Africa; and
- (d) approaches and potential ways of collaboration, cooperation and coordination with stakeholders in the context of Marine Spatial Planning.

4. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life would organise a Conference on Hepatitis C in October 2018. The Conference would involve the participation of experts from the United Kingdom, Australia, Egypt and South Africa to guide the health care professionals on treatment and elimination of hepatitis C in Mauritius. The main objectives of the Conference would be to –

- (a) educate the local doctors in the new treatments of hepatitis C;
- (b) source affordable tests for hepatitis C;
- (c) develop a large scale treatment strategy for those who have been diagnosed; and
- (d) develop a strategy for eliminating hepatitis C in Mauritius by 2025.

5. Cabinet has taken note that all Ministries and Departments have finalised their respective Customer Charter. The main objective of the Customer Charter is to encourage Ministries and Departments to set the required standards for the effective and efficient delivery of service to the public. It also calls upon customers to comply with specific requirements such as the production of the necessary documents and information in order to facilitate the tasks of Ministries and Departments for the timely delivery of services.

6. Cabinet has taken note that, in the context of the World Breastfeeding Week, commemorated in the first week of August, the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life would –

- (a) organise a workshop on the theme “Engaging Non-Governmental Organisations in Breastfeeding Campaigns” on 7 August 2018 to spread the promotion campaign of breastfeeding among NGOs and their field workers; and
- (b) carry out sensitisation campaigns on breastfeeding for the health personnel and public at large.

The theme chosen this year by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action is “**Breastfeeding-Foundation of life**”.

7. Cabinet has taken note of the “Health Statistics Report 2017” for the Island of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues. The Report provides information, inter alia, on population and vital statistics, infrastructure and personnel, services, morbidity and mortality.

8. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade to South Africa where he attended the 30th meeting of the SADC Committee of Trade Ministers. One of the key outcomes was the decision taken to reassess/review the SADC sugar regime, in particular Annex VII of the SADC Trade Protocol on sugar. The other decisions taken were, inter alia, –

- (a) the schedule of commitments on four services sectors, namely Tourism, Financial Services, Telecom and Transport was endorsed;
- (b) Tanzania agreed to provide a margin of preference to sugar imported from SADC Member States;
- (c) on the proposal of Mauritius, the Committee agreed that the Secretariat should work on proposals aimed at reviving the Dispute Settlement System within SADC; and
- (d) the Committee endorsed a decision that mandates the Southern African Customs Union to consider the proposals made by Mauritius and the Seychelles on the improvements of Rules of Origin for additional textiles products.

9. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the Board of the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) with Mr Hemraj Woodun as Chairperson.

10. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the Professional Quantity Surveyors' Council.
