

CABINET DECISIONS – 03 JULY 2020

1. Cabinet has agreed to the introduction of the Finance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2020 into the National Assembly. The object of the Bill is to provide for the implementation of measures announced in the Budget Speech 2020-2021 and for matters connected, consequential or incidental thereto.

2. Cabinet has taken note that the Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation would promulgate the Data Protection (Fees) Regulations 2020. The new Regulations provide for a revised structure for the levying of fees for the registration/ renewal of registration certificates of controllers and processors on a three-year validity period. With a view to facilitating business and alleviating the burden on small and medium enterprises, the amount of fees payable has been reduced compared to the amounts that companies had to pay annually under the former Regulations.

3. Cabinet has agreed to the Ministry of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology signing an Agreement with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Port Louis to provide for the renewal of the grant formula for financial years 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 for the financing of 46 private-aided primary schools of the Roman Catholic Education Authority (RCEA). The Agreement spells out the various components for which grants are paid by the Ministry for the financing of the RCEA schools.

4. Cabinet has taken note of the list of Public Holidays for the Year 2021 which is as follows –

New Year	Friday 01 January
New Year	Saturday 02 January
Thaipooosam Cavadee	Thursday 28 January
Abolition of Slavery	Monday 01 February
Chinese Spring Festival	Friday 12 February
Maha Shivaratree	Thursday 11 March
Independence and Republic Day	Friday 12 March
Ugaadi	Tuesday 13 April
Labour Day	Saturday 01 May
Eid-UI-Fitr**	Friday 14 May
Ganesh Chaturthi	Saturday 11 September
All Saints Day	Monday 01 November
Arrival of Indentured Labourers	Tuesday 02 November
Divali	Thursday 04 November
Christmas	Saturday 25 December

** The exact date of this festival is subject to confirmation as its celebration depends on the visibility of the moon.

5. Cabinet has taken note that the Mauritius Turf Club (MTC) would reopen race meetings to the public as from 11 July 2020, under strict sanitary measures. There would be no restriction of access to Champ de Mars on horse race days and betting activities would return to normal. However, the wearing of face masks would still be applicable and the MTC would ensure strict compliance thereto in collaboration with the Police.

6. Cabinet has agreed to amendments being made to the Consumer Protection (Scrap Metal) Regulations 2019 so as to ban the export of scrap copper.

7. Cabinet has taken note that following abusive practices by unscrupulous traders during the curfew period, some commodities were put under price control. In the light of feedback received after the lifting of the curfew, Cabinet has taken note that the number of cases of abusive prices has decreased and the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection would remove butter, spreads and margarine, breakfast cereals, processed cheese, pasta, pulses, and baby and adult diapers from price control.

8. Cabinet has taken note of the introduction of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) through the Management Information System operated by the Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms to support the Public Sector Business Transformation Strategy. The KPIs for Financial Year 2020/2021 for Ministries and Departments are as follows –

- (a) E- procurement - a KPI for 100% adoption of the e-procurement platform of the Public Procurement Office by Ministries/ Departments;
- (b) Corruption Risk Assessment - a KPI for two Corruption Risk Assessments to be conducted per year by Ministries/Departments; and
- (c) Training Budget - a KPI for the utilisation of 90% of the Training Budget allocated to Ministries/Departments.

The implementation of the above-mentioned KPIs by Ministries/Departments would be closely monitored by the Public Sector Business Transformation Bureau of the Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms.

9. Cabinet has taken note of the names to be used in the south-west Indian Ocean for storms and cyclones during the 2020-2021 cyclone season.

10. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the Board of Directors of the National Empowerment Foundation with Dr Mohamud Raffick Sorefan as the Chairperson.

11. Cabinet has taken note that the Committee of Ambassadors of the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) has appointed Mr Ashvin Jain Gokhool to the Board of Directors of the Endowment and Trust Fund (ETF) of the OACPS. The ETF would enable the OACPS to access diverse sources for funding and reduce its financial dependence on the European Union.
