

CABINET DECISIONS – 5 JUNE 2020

1. Cabinet has agreed to coastal protection, landscaping and infrastructural works being undertaken over a stretch of 2.1 kilometres from **Petit Sable to Bambous Virieux** along the Flacq and Mahebourg coastal road. The coastal road at Petit Sable to Bambous Virieux is low-lying and the stone masonry retaining-wall on the seaward side has been undermined at several places due to wave action and scouring. The proposed works would also enhance the socio-economic and recreational potential of the area, especially with the creation of the perched sandy beaches and a cycle track.

2. Cabinet has agreed to coastal protection, landscaping and infrastructural works being undertaken over a stretch of 1.6 kilometre from **Bambous Virieux to Anse Jonchée** along the Flacq and Mahebourg coastal road. The coastal road at Bambous Virieux to Anse Jonchée is low-lying and the stone masonry retaining-wall on the seaward side has been undermined at several places due to wave action and scouring. The proposed works would also enhance the socio-economic and recreational potential of the area, especially with the creation of the perched sandy beaches and a cycle track.

3. Cabinet has agreed to coastal protection, landscaping and infrastructural works being undertaken over a stretch of 450 metres at **Bois des Amourettes** along the Flacq and Mahebourg coastal road. The coastal road at Bois des Amourettes is low-lying and the stone masonry retaining-wall on the seaward side has been undermined at several places due to wave action and scouring. The proposed works would also enhance the socio-economic and recreational potential of the area.

4. Cabinet has taken note that the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities would promulgate the Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security (Registration of Service Providers) Regulations 2020 under the Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security Act. The Regulations provide, inter alia, for the registration of eligible service providers by the Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security Authority and the application procedures as well as the terms and conditions which the Authority may specify for the issue of a certificate of registration. The Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security (Registration of Service Providers) Regulations 2020 would come into operation as from 15 June 2020.

5. Cabinet has taken note that the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities would promulgate the Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security (Safe Transport of Radioactive Material) Regulations 2020 in order to comply with the Regulations on Safe Transport of Radioactive Material 2012 of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) which has been revised in 2018. The new IAEA Regulations include, inter alia, a new category of solid object that is not radioactive itself but which has radioactive material distributed on its surface, and new requirements to assess the effects of storage time on a package that is stored before transport. The Radiation Safety and Nuclear Security (Safe Transport of Radioactive Material) Regulations 2020 would replace the Radiation Protection (Safe Transport of Radioactive Material) Regulations 2016 and would come into operation as from 15 June 2020.

6. Cabinet has taken note that the Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping would promulgate the Fisheries and Marine Resources (Fishing and Octopus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 to introduce a second two-month ban for the fishing of octopus in Mauritius for the period 15 January to 15 March every year. This measure would enhance the octopus stocks as juvenile octopus would grow in size and would bring a better yield to the fishers catch in terms of weight of octopus. It would also ensure better conservation and management of octopus stocks. The Regulations would come into operation on 01 July 2020. The closed season for octopus catch in Mauritius would therefore be of a four-month duration from 15 January to 15 March and from 15 August to 15 October every year.

7. Cabinet has taken note that the Mauritius Turf Club (MTC), a horse racing organiser, would conduct race meetings behind closed doors under strict protocols as from Saturday 20 June 2020 for the sake of the Horse Racing industry. The MTC has prepared two COVID-19 protocols regarding 'Race Day' and 'Track Work and Training', in consultation with the Gambling Regulatory Authority (GRA) and other relevant stakeholders. These two protocols set out strict procedures for attendees to comply with sanitary measures put in place as well as limit the number of attendees on Race Days. Access to the Champ de Mars on Race Days would be restricted to those in possession of special access permits that would be delivered by the Police in consultation with the GRA and the MTC. A Regulation to declare the Champ de Mars, as well as its surroundings a Restricted Area on Race Days would be promulgated, accordingly.

8. Cabinet has taken note of the situation pertaining to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the measures taken to contain the pandemic and avoid any resurgence, namely –

- (a) there were currently five active imported cases in Mauritius;
- (b) as at 5 June 2020 (morning), 30,347 PCR tests had been carried out; and
- (c) as at 5 June 2020 (morning), 96,586 Rapid Antigen tests for COVID-19 had been carried out.

9. Cabinet has taken note that Government would make a token contribution as a gesture of goodwill, to support the UK's initiative to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance which is also working on a COVID-19 vaccine.

10. Cabinet has taken note that the Mauritius Institute of Development and Training (MITD) would resume its training activities as from 3 August 2020. During the confinement period, seven MITD Training Centres have been involved in dispensing training using various online platforms/medium. The main objective of the online training was to keep the trainees engaged in their training activities and minimise drop outs. A new calendar has been worked out to ensure that the training programmes are completed and assessment/examinations are carried out.

11. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms would exceptionally review the criteria for the 2019 Edition of the Public Service Excellence Award (PSEA) with a view to recognising the outstanding contribution of public sector organisations which have been actively involved in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The present PSEA exercise would be cancelled and instead Special Awards would be given to public sector organisations which have been actively involved in the fight against the pandemic.
