

CABINET DECISIONS – 07 FEBRUARY 2020

1. Cabinet has agreed to provide a grant of Rs100,000 in the form of a one-off VAT exemption at the time of customs clearance to licensees of a Public Service Vehicle Licence (PSVL) (taxi) for the acquisition/replacement of a taxi car under a Taxi Grant Scheme. The VAT exemption would be up to a maximum amount of Rs100,000, depending on the amount of VAT payable based on the import value of the car.

2. Cabinet has agreed to the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority entering into a commercial partnership agreement with Liverpool Football Club over three years, in the context of its marketing strategy to broaden the spectrum of potential inbound tourists to Mauritius.

3. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Housing and Land Use Planning would prepare a Master Plan for the town centre of Curepipe and would commission an Action Area Plan for State lands and lands under the purview of the Municipal Council of Curepipe lying in the town centre. The Master Plan would be a dynamic long term planning document that would provide an area wide approach to integrated development planning and design and would guide decision-making for the long term physical development for the area.

4. Cabinet has taken note of the Cambridge Higher School Certificate Examinations Results for the year 2019. Out of 8,975 school candidates in the Republic of Mauritius, 6,727 were successful representing a pass rate of 74.95%, as compared to 74.90% in 2018. The HSC pass rate for 2019 for Rodrigues is 67.92%, as compared to 63.73% in 2018.

5. Cabinet has taken note that the 34th Edition of the National Sports Award would be organised by the Mauritius Sports Council, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation on 15 February 2020 at the *Château de Labourdonnais*, Mapou. The National Sports Award rewards individuals, teams and coaches who have achieved outstanding performance at national, continental, intercontinental, and world levels during the preceding year. A new Award for the “Sports Personality of the Year” would be introduced this year.

6. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the recent mission of the Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change to Reunion Island. The Minister was invited by the *Conseillère Régionale en charge de la gestion des déchets et de l'Economie circulaire* of Reunion Island to see Solid Waste Management Model in the island. The Minister visited, among others, seven waste treatment facilities and a Civic Amenity Centre (*Déchetterie*) at St André which accepts selected waste such as bulky waste, used oil, wood waste, construction and demolition waste, green waste, e-wastes, metals, PET bottles, glass, textiles and batteries. He also invited recyclers to come to Mauritius and engage in discussions on partnerships with their Mauritian counterparts with a view to exploring opportunities for investing in enterprises which would use resources available in Mauritius.

7. Cabinet has taken note of the reappointment of Mr Abdool Rahman Burahee as Chairperson of the Standards Council of the Mauritius Standards Bureau.

8. Cabinet has taken note of the reconstitution of the Board of the Fashion and Design Institute with Mr Gheanduth Seechurn as Chairperson.
