

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

11th December, 2024

Cabinet Meeting – 11th December, 2024

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 11th December, 2024 at the Premier's Conference Room.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Noted the content of the Governor's Office Commission of Inquiry Outstanding Recommendations for the week of 9th December, 2024.
2. Decided that the 2025 White, Toyota Prado, the new emergency response vehicle, for the BVI Red Cross, be exempt from import duty, in accordance with Schedule 5, paragraph 2(a) of the Customs Management and Duties Act, 2010.
3. Considered and approved:
 - a. the Cruising and Home Port Permit (Amendment) Bill, 2024 to amend the Cruising and Home Port Permit Act, 2021, No. 29 of 2021;
 - b. the Customs Management and Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2024 to amend the Customs Management and Duties Act, 2010, No. 6 of 2010;
 - c. the Cruising and Home Port Permit (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order, 2024;
 - d. the Statutory Rates, Fees and Charges (Amendment of Schedule) Order, 2024 subject to an affirmative resolution;
 - e. that the following Bills be introduced for their first reading at the next convenient sitting of the House of Assembly:
 - i. Commercial Recreational Vessels Licensing (Amendment) Bill, 2024
 - ii. Customs Management and Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2024
 - iii. Cruising and Home Port Permit (Amendment) Bill, 2024

- f. that the Cruising and Home Port Permit (Amendment of Schedule 2) Order, 2024 and Statutory Rates, Fees and Charges (Amendment of Schedule) Order, 2024 be published in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette and thereafter the Orders and affirmative Resolution be laid on the table in the House of Assembly.
- 4. Considered and approved:
 - a. that pursuant to section 4 of the Financial Services Appeal Board Act, the following persons be appointed as members of the Financial Services Appeal Board:
 - i. Ms. Arabella di Iorio, Chairman - three (3) years (1st December, 2024 – 31st October, 2027)
 - ii. Mrs. Hazel-Ann Hannaway Boreland - four (4) years (1st December, 2024 – 31st October, 2028)
 - iii. Ms. Brittney Smith - one (1) year (1st December, 2024 – 31st October, 2025)
 - b. that pursuant to section 10 of the Financial Services Appeal Board Act, a remuneration be paid to the members of the Financial Services Appeal Board:
 - i. Chairman - \$ 600 per month
 - ii. Members - \$ 500 per month
- 5. Decided to appoint the following persons to the Social Security Board Appeals Tribunal for a period of two (2) years with effect from 1st October, 2024, in accordance with section 5(2)(a) of the Social Security (Decisions and Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations, 1997:
 - a. that Mr. Michael Maduro be appointed as a member and Chairman; Ms. Lorna Christopher be re-appointed as a member representing employers and Ms. Solika Carey be appointed as a member of the Board representing employees; and noted
 - b. that in accordance with Section 34 of the Social Security Ordinance (CAP 266), that the Chairman would be paid one thousand dollars (\$1000) and Members eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) a month, respectively, from the Social Security Fund.
- 6. Noted that pursuant to section 13 of the Financial Services (Exceptional Circumstances) Act, 2020, the following persons were appointed to serve as members of the Financial Services Complaints Tribunal for a period of:

- a. three (3) years with effect from 1st December to 30th November, 2027:
 - i. Mr. Peter Tarn - Chairperson
 - ii. Mrs. Thelma Penn - Member
 - iii. Mr. Sjoerd Koster - Member
- b. two (2) years with effect from 1st December to 30th November, 2026:
 - i. Ms. Eleanor Smith - Member
 - ii. Mr. Cedric Dawson – Member

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