

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS 4th, 6th and 11th June 2025

Cabinet Meeting – 4th June, 2025

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 4th June, 2025.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Reviewed and approved the Magistrate's Code of Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which seeks to make provisions for the Cabinet to make rules governing the just, timely and effective management and dissolution of criminal cases in the Magistrate's Court; and agreed that the Bill be introduced for its first reading at the next convenient sitting of the House of Assembly.
2. Noted and endorsed:
 - a. the recently updated National Disaster Management Plan (2020) in accordance with Section 11 of the Disaster Management Act, 2003 and sub-plans:
 - i. National Emergency Operations Centre Standard Operating Procedures (2020);
 - ii. The Virgin Islands, Damage Assessment Emergency Operation Procedures (2020);
 - iii. National Emergency Communications Plan (2020);
 - iv. National Emergency Information Management Plan (2020); and,
 - v. National Continuity of Government Plan (2021).
3. Approved an application for permission to use the seabed for installations and updates, and a two hundred ton haul out facility at Nanny Cay for Nanny Cay Resort & Marina Limited.

4. Reviewed and approved the Tobacco Products Control (Amendment) Regulations, 2025, which seek to address various deficiencies and bring the legislation in line with international standards; more specifically to meet the basic provisions set forth in the World Health Organization Framework Convention for Tobacco Control; and decided that the Regulations be published in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette and thereafter, laid on the table of the House of Assembly at the next convenient sitting.

Cabinet Meeting – 6th June, 2025

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 6th June, 2025.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Approved the prioritisation of water infrastructure improvements as a matter of urgent public interest, given the ongoing challenges to water access across the Territory; decided
 - a. that the Ministry of Communications and Works utilise restricted tender and single-source procurement processes, in accordance with the Public Procurement Act, 2021, to expedite the modernisation and repair of the water distribution system for a period not exceeding three (3) years;
 - b. that the Ministry of Communications and Works install a temporary Reverse Osmosis plant in Sea Cow's Bay, Tortola to supplement the existing water supply, while the broader infrastructure challenges are being addressed; noted
 - i. that the Ministry of Communications and Works would ensure transparency and accountability in all procurement processes and provide public disclosure of procurement decisions and justifications;

- ii. that within the 2025 budget, there is an allocation of two million dollars, (\$2,000,000.00); and an additional seven hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$720,000.00) allocated; preceding specific funds are drawn from the eight-million-dollar (\$8M) budget specifically allocated for water improvement projects under the Government's one hundred-million-dollar (\$1,000,000.00) loan facility and other sources of funding; and
- c. that the Ministry of Communications and Works submit quarterly reports to the Cabinet on progress, expenditures, and outcomes related to water infrastructure improvements.

Cabinet Meeting – 11th June, 2025

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 11th June, 2025.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Premier and Minister of Finance, Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change and Attorney General, who were overseas on official duty. Solicitor General Mrs. Jo-Ann Williams-Roberts attended as the acting Attorney General.

Cabinet:

1. Reviewed the 2024 Annual Report of the Office of the Deputy Governor; and agreed that it be laid on the table at the next convenient sitting of the House of Assembly.
2. Decided:
 - a. that in accordance with Section 13(1) (7) of the Immigration and Passport Act, Ms. Dwynel Davis be appointed as a member of the Board of Immigration from 25th June 2025 to 24th June 2027 for a period of two (2) years;
 - b. that in accordance with Section 13(1)(7) of the Immigration and Passport Act, the following individuals be re-appointed as members of the Board of Immigration from 25th June 2025 to 24th June 2027 for a period of two (2) years:
 - i. Mrs. Michelle Frett-Mathavious; and
 - ii. Ms. Kamika Forbes;

- ii. that the Ministry of Financial Services, Economic Development and Digital Transformation instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the Instruments of Appointment for publication in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette; and noted
 - c. that the members of the Board would be paid a monthly stipend of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00) for their attendance and participation in Board meetings and related matters.
- 3. Approved a relief of the accumulated penalty/interest on property taxes; and an application for a new crown lease to be issued to Nanny Cay Resort and Marina Limited.
- 4. Noted the 2022-2023 H. Lavity Stoutt Community College's Annual Report and the audited financial statement (year ending 31st July 2023); and agreed that the report and audited financial statements be tabled at the next convenient sitting of the House of Assembly.

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