

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

8th April, 2026

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His Excellency the Governor Daniel Pruce chaired the meeting held on 8th April, 2026.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, who was absent on private business.

Cabinet:

1. Approved further amendments to the Ministerial Staff Policy to address identified gaps, ambiguities, and practical challenges.
2. Approved the application by Starland Properties Ltd. for a Hotel Aid licence under the Hotel Aid Ordinance (Cap 290) and the Hotel Aid (Amendment) Act, 2005, and further agreed to duty-free concessions of goods required for the construction, equipping and operation of a boutique hotel, limited to those categories of goods determined to be eligible under the Hotel Aid framework.
3. Noted:
 - a. the international launch of the Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund at the Global Sustainable Islands Summit 2026, Gran Canaria, Spain, 20–22 April 2026;
 - b. the participation of the Deputy Premier and Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change as keynote speaker, together with the Permanent Secretary and other ministry senior officials; and
 - c. the advancement of the Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund towards full operationalisation, including appointment of a Chief Executive Officer, establishment of the Secretariat, and preparation for the first call for proposals in 2026.

4. Welcomed Premier for a Week Mr. Roman Nibbs Alberto, Minister for Communications and Works for a Week Ms. Zhane Walters, and Chief Protocol Officer Mr. Kareem-Nelson Hull on a courtesy call. Both students also had the opportunity to experience Cabinet seating protocol, sitting alongside the substantive Honourable Premier and the Minister for Communications and Works, respectively.

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