



QUESTION NOTICE PAPER
OF THE
HONOURABLE JAMAICA HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (TBD), 2017

NOTICE GIVEN ON THURSDAY, 9TH MARCH, 2017

2.

* Mr. Hayles to ask the Prime Minister on the 30th day of March, 2017:

1. (i) Is the Prime Minister aware that the Contractor General, in a number of matters,
has sought the assistance of a foreign government to investigate Jamaicans or American citizens of Jamaican birth?
- (ii) Will the Prime Minister state whether the Contractor General may, as part of his duties under the *Contractor General Act*, make a request of a foreign government to investigate and interview Jamaican or American citizens of Jamaican birth without making such request of the Government of Jamaica?
- (iii) Will the Prime Minister state whether any request was made of and approved by the Government of Jamaica for the Contractor General to seek the assistance of the United States Government or Homeland Security in the Contractor General's investigation into the application by Cenitech Engineering Solutions Limited for approval as a registered grade one contractor?
- (iv) Is the Prime Minister aware that, in carrying out his investigation into the application by Cenitech Engineering Solutions Limited, a United States citizen of Jamaican birth was visited in New York and threatened with being charged for fraud and with deportation unless she gave a statement to Homeland Security and policemen from Jamaica?
- (v) Will the Prime Minister state whether any request was made of and approved by the Government of Jamaica for the Contractor General to seek the assistance of the United States Government or Homeland Security in the Contractor General's investigation into the application by Cenitech Engineering Solutions Limited for approval as a registered grade one contractor?

- (vi) Will the Prime Minister state whether, arising from the Contractor General's investigation into the said application by Cenitech Engineering Solutions Limited, he or any arm of the Government of Jamaica is aware of a complaint, entitled "*Disclosure pursuant to the Protected Disclosure Act*", against the Contractor General of Jamaica made to the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Honourable Mr. Justice A. Smith, Chairman of the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption Document, the Acting Public Defender, Mr. Matunda Mujulu, and Mr. Terrence Williams, Independent Commission of Investigations?
- (vii) Is the Prime Minister also aware that no action has been taken by any of these bodies to investigate the serious allegation contained in the said Disclosure?
- (viii) If the answer to Part 1(vii) is in the negative, will the Prime Minister state whether the fact that the legal advisor to the Governor General happens to be the father of the Contractor General has anything to do with the lack of action taken by either of the bodies to whom the Disclosure pursuant to the *Protected Disclosure Act* was addressed?

2.

- (i) Is the Prime Minister aware that, in carrying out investigations involving the Hanover Parish Council the Contractor General engaged the assistance of Homeland Security in interrogating and harassing, on two occasions, the mother of the Member of Parliament for Western Hanover, who is an American citizen of Jamaican birth on an allegation of her being involved in a fraud?
- (ii) Will the Prime Minister state whether he or any arm of the Government of Jamaica is aware that on both occasions Homeland Security advised the mother of the Member of the House of Representatives for the Constituency of Western Hanover that they found no evidence of fraud and advised that she contact the Jamaican authorities who made the allegation?

3.

- (i) Will the Prime Minister state whether the law allows the Contractor General to intercept telephone conversations, email and Facebook accounts of citizens of Jamaica without first obtaining approval from the Supreme Court of Jamaica to do so?
- (ii) Is the Prime Minister aware that the Contractor General has had private meetings and telephone conferences with elected politicians at their homes?
- (iii) Will the Prime Minister order an investigation to be carried out to determine the identity of these politicians, what was discussed at these meetings, and whether any directives were given to the Contractor General by any of these politicians?

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 2017

3.

* Mr. Robinson to ask the Prime Minister on the 12th day of April, 2017:

1. Would the Prime Minister please state:
 - (i) What were the terms and conditions attached to the award of the spectrum licence to Symbiote in September 2016?
 - (ii) Whether or not these conditions have been met?
2. Would the Prime Minister please state what were the reasons for the Spectrum Management Authority and the Office of Utilities Regulation having issued Notices of Investigation to Symbiote in December 2016 informing them that investigations were to be conducted into their operations, with the possible effect that their licence could be revoked?
3. Would the Prime Minister please state whether or not the United States Government provided new information to the Government of Jamaica which suggested that a director/shareholder of, or person associated with, Symbiote was not a fit and proper person?
4. If the answer to Part 3 is in the affirmative, would the Prime Minister please state what was the nature of the information provided, and when this information was provided to the Government?
5. Would the Prime Minister please state whether or not, prior to the licence being issued, the Minister of National Security arranged for senior officers of the security forces to tour the facilities of Symbiote?
6. If the answer to Part 5 is in the affirmative, would the Prime Minister please state what was the outcome of that tour?
7. Would the Prime Minister please provide an update on the police investigation into allegations that Symbiote was operating illegally outside of its assigned spectrum?
8. Would the Prime Minister please state whether or not the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions issued a ruling on any aspect of this matter?
9. If the answer to Part 8 is in the affirmative, would the Prime Minister please state what are the details of that ruling?
10. Would the Prime Minister please state what steps have been taken to address the conflict of interest issue raised in the report of the Office of the Contractor General on the award of a licence to Symbiote, in relation to the chairman of the board of the Spectrum Management Authority, who is employed as an adviser to the Minister of Science, Energy and Technology; and a board member of the Spectrum Management Authority, who is employed as a technical assistant to the Minister of Science, Energy and Technology?

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 30TH MAY, 2017

10.

*** Mr. Arscott to ask the Minister of Local Government and Community Development on the 20th day of June, 2017:**

- 1.** Would the Minister please indicate whether or not there are plans to relocate the offices of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Development, or sections of the Ministry from its existing location?
- 2.** If the answer to Part 1 is in the affirmative, would the Minister please indicate whether or not a due diligence report was done to determine the suitability of the proposed location, and the viability of the relocation itself?
- 3.** Would the Minister please advise what will be the status of the premises that the Government owns, and which the Ministry now occupies, once the relocation takes place?
- 4.** Would the Minister please state what is the size of the facility that the Ministry now occupies, and what is the size of the proposed new location?
- 5.** Would the Minister please state what costs will be incurred in effecting the relocation?
- 6.** Would the Minister please state how the contractor was selected?
- 7.** Would the Minister please tell this Honourable House who is the owner of this new location, and whether or not he or she leads any Government agency or public body?
- 8.** Would the Minister please state who is the contractor that has been awarded this refurbishing project?

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 13TH JUNE, 2017

11.

*** Reverend Thwaites to ask the Minister of Transport and Mining on the 4th day of July, 2017:**

- 1.** Will the Minister state what is going to be done to re-train drivers whose poor attitudes and/or lack of skills contribute to road accidents?

12.

*** Reverend Thwaites to ask the Minister of Transport and Mining on the 4th day of July, 2017:**

- 1.** To what extent have lands mined for bauxite been restored to levels capable of sustaining efficient agricultural production?
- 2.** Have all legal and contractual obligations for the restoration of mined-out lands been observed?

- 3.** If the answer to Part 2 is in the negative, what are the Government's plans to have such lands rehabilitated?

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 11TH JULY, 2017

14.

*** Reverend Thwaites to ask the Minister of Finance and the Public on the 2nd day of August, 2017:**

- 1.** What is the present state of the public sector reform?
- 2.** Is there a document detailing the objectives, costs and timeframe for achieving comprehensive public sector reform?
- 3.** If there is, when can it be tabled for debate in this House and scrutiny by the Jamaican people?
- 4.** What are the requirements for increased productivity, which will guide the Government in ensuing wage negotiations with the public sector?

15.

*** Reverend Thwaites to ask the Minister of Justice on the 2nd day of August, 2017:**

- 1.** What is the average length of time to procure notes of evidence in trials at the Supreme Court and the Parish Court levels?
- 2.** Is the Minister aware of appellants having to wait up to ten years for notes to become available so that appeals may be heard?
- 3.** What are the immediate measures that can be taken so that notes of evidence required for an appeal or other legitimate purposes can be available within three months of conclusion of the trial?

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 18TH JULY, 2017

16.

*** Dr. Phillips to ask the Prime Minister on the 8th day of August, 2017:**

- 1.** Is the Prime Minister aware of a Memorandum of Understanding for the creation of a development proposal for Kingston and adjoining areas that was signed between China Construction America Limited and the Government of Jamaica on March 9, 2017?
- 2.** Will the Prime Minister advise as to the scope of the project and the specific role of China Construction America Limited under this agreement?
- 3.** Will the Prime Minister explain specifically the role of China Construction America Limited in the design and completion of a new parliament building?

4. What is the cost of the services to be provided by China Construction America Limited, and how it will be paid for?
5. Will the proposals contained in this and any other similar Memoranda be subject to the scrutiny and approval of PIMSEC and/or PIMC prior to review by the Cabinet?

NOTICE GIVEN ON TUESDAY, 25TH JULY, 2017

17.

*** Dr. Green to ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Growth and Job Creation on the 15th day of August, 2017:**

1. Is the Prime Minister aware of the horrible state of disrepair of the Junction Road in St. Mary?
2. If the answer to Part 1 is in the affirmative, would the Prime Minister please state what measures are in place to repair same, and in what timeframe?
3. Is the Prime Minister aware that a section of the said road in the area of Agualta Vale has sunken from last year's heavy rains and has deteriorated further with the last set of heavy rains, rendering it almost impassable to vehicular traffic?
4. If the answer to Part 3 is in the affirmative, would the Prime Minister please state what plans are in place to remedy the situation?
5. Can the Prime Minister recall that on July 7, 2016, it was announced in this Honourable House that \$597,765,122.55 was to be spent to rehabilitate a section of the Junction Road between Broadgate and Agualta Vale?
6. Can the Prime Minister further recall that in the presentation for the 2017-2018 Budget this sum was reduced by over 60% to \$167 million?
7. If the answer to Part 6 is in the affirmative, would the Prime Minister please state when this \$167 million will be spent to do the proposed reduced amount of repairs?
8. Is the Prime Minister aware that there are some bridges across the island that are in very deplorable and dangerous conditions, and one such bridge is located in a community called Baxter's Mountain, which was ordered closed and decommissioned by the National Works Agency going a year now, and a new bridge was promised?
9. If the answer to Part 8 is in the affirmative, could the Prime Minister please state when we can expect the new bridge, as that community is "one-way-in, one-way-out", and there is no other route?