

# CABINET COMMITTEES

## MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

**ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. **The Most Hon. Andrew Holness, ON, PC, MP**, Prime Minister – **Chairman**
2. **Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, CD, MP**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security
3. **Dr. the Hon. Nigel Clarke, MP**, Minister of Finance and the Public Service
4. **Sen. the Hon. Kamina Johnson Smith**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
5. **Hon. Audley Shaw, CD, MP**, Minister of Transport and Mining
6. **The Hon. Olivia Grange, OJ, CD, MP**, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport
7. **Hon. Edmund Bartlett, CD, MP**, Minister of Tourism
8. **Hon. Daryl Vaz, MP**, Minister of Science, Energy and Technology
9. **Hon. Parnel Charles, Jr., MP**, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries
10. **Sen. the Hon. Aubyn Hill**, Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce
11. **Hon. Marlene Malahoo Forte, KC, MP**, Minister of Legal and Constitutional Affairs

**IN ATTENDANCE**

1. **Dr. Derrick McKoy, CD, KC**, Attorney-General
2. Cabinet Secretary

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Financial Secretary
2. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation
3. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Mining
4. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tourism
5. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
6. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce,
7. Chief Technical Director, Cabinet Support and Policy Division, Office of the Cabinet

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Economic Growth and Job Creation Committee is established to:

- (i) consider major economic policy and strategic issues;
- (ii) review the Government's Medium-Term Economic Programme;
- (iii) oversee the implementation of the Government's Growth and Job Creation Agenda, including establishing a framework for co-operation among Ministries, departments and agencies to expedite implementation of major strategic development projects, and developing mechanisms to clear bottlenecks that may arise throughout the implementation process;
- (iv) make recommendations to the Cabinet regarding assets to be considered or being considered for privatization or for public-private partnerships; and
- (v) oversee the restructuring of the public sector in order to improve its efficiency and effectiveness, including identifying areas of priority and agreeing on the recommendations for all major changes to be implemented within the public sector.

**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. **Sen. the Hon. Aubyn Hill**, Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce – **Chairman**
2. **Hon. Desmond McKenzie, CD, MP**, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development
3. **Hon. Fayval Williams, MP**, Minister of Education and Youth
4. **Hon. Daryl Vaz, MP**, Minister of Science, Energy and Technology
5. **Hon. Pearnel Charles, Jr., MP**, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries
6. **Hon. Everaldo Warmington, CD, MP**, Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation
7. **Sen. the Hon. Matthew Samuda**, Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation
8. **Hon. Robert Nesta Morgan, MP**, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation
2. Director, Procurement Policy, Ministry of Finance and the Public Service
3. Chief Executive Officer, National Works Agency
4. Chief Technical Director, Cabinet Support and Policy Division, Office of the Cabinet

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Infrastructure Committee is established to:

- (i) recommend contracts for approval by Cabinet;
- (ii) ensure compliance of proposed infrastructure related contracts submitted for Cabinet's approval with the existing policy framework; and
- (iii) make recommendations to Cabinet for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the contracts award system.

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. **The Hon. Olivia Grange, OJ, CD, MP**, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport –  
Chairperson
2. **The Hon. Karl Samuda, OJ, CD, MP**, Minister of Labour and Social Security
3. **Dr. the Hon. Christopher Tufton, MP**, Minister of Health and Wellness
4. **Hon. Desmond McKenzie, CD, MP**, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development
5. **Hon. Fayval Williams, MP**, Minister of Education and Youth
6. **Hon. Floyd Green, MP**, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister

**IN ATTENDANCE**

1. **Hon. Alando Terrelonge, MP**, Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport
2. **Hon. Zavia Mayne, MP**, Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security
3. **Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn, MP**, Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Financial Secretary or nominee
2. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport
3. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Security
4. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health and Wellness
5. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Youth
6. Director, Social and Manpower Planning Unit, Planning Institute of Jamaica
7. Chief Technical Director, Cabinet Support and Policy Division, Office of the Cabinet

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Human Resources Committee is established to advance human and social development in Jamaica through the:

- (i) promotion and development of coordinated policies and programmes geared at improvements in health care, education and training, and in the living and working conditions of Jamaicans;
- (ii) establishment of policies and programmes to promote the development of youth and other vulnerable persons and groups in the Jamaican society, with a view to enhancing their participation in social, cultural, political and economic activities;
- (iii) promotion and development of programmes supportive of the establishment and maintenance of a healthy human environment, family life and supportive community organizations; and
- (iv) transformation of the Education Sector.

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TRADE COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. **Sen. the Hon. Kamina Johnson Smith**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade – **Chairperson**
2. **Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, CD, MP**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security
3. **Hon. Edmund Bartlett, CD, MP**, Minister of Tourism
4. **Hon. Daryl Vaz, MP**, Minister of Science, Energy and Technology
5. **Hon. Parnel Charles, Jr., MP**, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries
6. **Sen. the Hon. Aubyn Hill**, Minister of Industry, Investment and Commerce
7. **Hon. Marlene Malahoo Forte, KC, MP**, Minister of Legal and Constitutional Affairs
8. **Sen. the Hon. Matthew Samuda**, Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation

**IN ATTENDANCE**

1. **Dr. Derrick McKoy, CD, KC**, Attorney-General
2. **Sen. the Hon. Leslie Campbell**, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Financial Secretary or nominee
2. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
3. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tourism
4. Permanent Secretary, Agriculture and Fisheries
5. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce
6. Deputy Solicitor-General, Attorney-General's Chambers
7. Chief Technical Director, Cabinet Support and Policy Division, Office of the Cabinet

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The functions of the International Relations and Trade Committee are to:

- (i) review Cabinet Submissions which have implications for foreign policy and make recommendations for Cabinet approval;
- (ii) receive and review reports from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade on Jamaica's adherence to obligations as a signatory to international treaties, agreements and protocols;
- (iii) review recommendations from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade with regard to any change(s) in obligations, including continuation of existing membership, as well as consideration of new membership; and
- (iv) review recommendations from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade regarding negotiations being conducted in the international fora, in order to ensure that negotiating positions benefit from the input of resource personnel interested in and knowledgeable about the subject area.

**LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. **Hon. Delroy Chuck, KC, MP**, Minister of Justice – **Chairman**
2. **Sen. the Hon. Kamina Johnson Smith**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
3. **Hon. Fayval Williams, MP**, Minister of Education and Youth
4. **Hon. Parnel Charles, Jr., MP**, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries
5. **Hon. Marlene Malahoo Forte, KC, MP**, Minister of Legal and Constitutional Affairs
6. **Hon. Floyd Green, MP**, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister
7. **Hon. Robert Nesta Morgan, MP**, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister

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2. **Sen. the Hon. Leslie Campbell**, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
3. **Hon. Alando Terrelonge, MP**, Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport
4. **Hon. Zavia Mayne, MP**, Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Chief Parliamentary Counsel or nominee
2. Solicitor-General or nominee
3. Deputy Solicitor-General or nominee
4. Director of Legal Reform or nominee
5. Chief Technical Director, Cabinet Support and Policy Division, Office of the Cabinet

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Legislation Committee is established to:

- (i) decide on the Legislation Programme for the Legislative Year (which is concurrent with the Financial Year). In collaboration with the relevant Ministries, the Committee is to decide on the priority issues through a process of negotiation. Where there are competing priorities on the Legislation Programme consideration is to be given to the level of preparedness of the Bill and the desired timing for submission and approval;
- (ii) in special cases, as decided by Cabinet, consider recommendations for the settling of drafting instructions;
- (iii) examine draft Bills and other proposed legislation and recommend changes whether (1) related to the actual subject matter; or (2) those which, though not authorized by Cabinet, are regarded as important to be suggested for its consideration. Where deemed necessary, Submissions requiring further clarification and additional information, should be referred to the sponsoring Ministry; and
- (iv) recommend to Cabinet, for its approval and subsequent tabling in the Houses of Parliament, Bills and other proposed legislation.

**PUBLIC ORDER COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. **Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, CD, MP**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security –  
Chairman
2. **Hon. Audley Shaw, CD, MP**, Minister of Transport and Mining
3. **The Hon. Olivia Grange, OJ, CD, MP**, Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport
4. **Hon. Edmund Bartlett, CD, MP**, Minister of Tourism
5. **Hon. Desmond McKenzie, CD, MP**, Minister of Local Government and Rural Development
6. **Hon. Delroy Chuck, KC, MP**, Minister of Justice
7. **Hon. Marlene Malahoo Forte, KC, MP**, Minister of Legal and Constitutional Affairs
8. **Sen. the Hon. Matthew Samuda**, Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and  
Job Creation
9. **Hon. Floyd Green, MP**, Minister without Portfolio in the Office of the Prime Minister

**IN ATTENDANCE**

1. **Dr. Derrick McKoy, CD, KC**, Attorney-General
2. **Sen. the Hon. Leslie Campbell**, Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
3. **Hon. Zavia Mayne, MP**, Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Financial Secretary or nominee
2. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security
3. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice
4. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development
5. Chief of Staff, Jamaica Defence Force or representative
6. Commissioner of Police or representative
7. Chief Technical Director, Cabinet Support and Policy Division, Cabinet Office

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Public Order Committee is established to:

- (i) provide direction, coordination, integration and monitoring of policies in the areas of security, law enforcement and public order, in keeping with the National Security Policy;
- (ii) influence the reinforcement of positive values and attitudes and civility in personal interactions as a basis for non-violent conflict resolution; and
- (iii) promote strategies, including a combination of public education and rigorous enforcement to restore order in public spaces.



**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL**

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. **The Most Hon. Andrew Holness ON, PC, MP**, Prime Minister and Minister of Defence – **Chairman**
2. **Hon. Dr. Horace Chang, CD**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Security
3. **Dr. the Hon. Nigel Clarke, MP**, Minister of Finance and the Public Service
4. **Sen. the Hon. Kamina Johnson Smith**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade
5. **Hon. Delroy Chuck, KC, MP**, Minister of Justice
6. **Hon. Marlene Malahoo Forte, KC, MP**, Minister of Legal and Constitutional Affairs
7. **Dr. Derrick McKoy, CD, KC**, Attorney-General
8. **Rear Admiral Antonette Wemyss-Gorman, CD**, Chief of Defence Staff
9. **Major General Antony Anderson**, Commissioner of Police
10. **Colonel Desmond Edwards**, Director General, Major Organised Crime and Anti-Corruption Agency

**IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Cabinet Secretary
2. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Security
3. Coordinator, Plan Secure Jamaica
4. Deputy Chief of Defence Staff
5. Deputy Commissioner of Police
6. Principal Director, Office of the National Security Adviser

**TERMS OF REFERENCE (SUMMARY)**

The National Security Council (NSC) for Jamaica was first established in 1976 as a Sub-Committee of Cabinet to oversee all aspects of Jamaica's security. It is the Prime Minister's principal forum for considering national security foreign matters with senior national security advisors and Cabinet officials; and serves as the Prime Minister's principal arm for coordinating policies among various government agencies. The NSC is responsible for the implementation of the National Security Policy.

The NSC shall be responsible, inter-alia, for:

- (i) Approval of Civil/Military Operations;
- (ii) Responding to crisis situations;
- (iii) Appointing and directing an Inter-Ministerial Committee on Crime and Security to oversee more operational security matters. This Committee will report through the Minister of National Security who is delegated by the Prime Minister to Chair the Committee;
- (iv) Engaging in meaningful discussions about current and perceived future threats to national security and provide ways to mitigate against these threats;
- (v) Co-ordinating tasks related to the establishment and functioning of national security forces, the law enforcement agencies as well as other transitional security arrangements;
- (vi) Providing expertise in the planning, coordination, implementation, and monitoring of national security issues with a view to ensuring a transparent, legal, and professional security sector under the Rule of Law; and
- (vii) Undertaking any other activities related to the improvement of security.