

PRESS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE SERVICES COMMISSIONS

DELEGATION OF HUMAN RESOURCE FUNCTIONS

In keeping with the Government of Jamaica's public sector reform agenda, His Excellency the Governor-General, on the advice of the Public Service Commission, has agreed to the grant of delegation of authority for the appointment, separation, discipline and training for staff to:

- Permanent Secretaries
 - Ministry of Health
 - Ministry of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining
 - Ministry of Industry, Investment and Commerce, including the Office of the Government Trustee
 - Ministry of Justice, including
 - Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions
 - Office of the Parliamentary Counsel
 - Legal Reform Unit
 - Attorney General's Chambers
- Clerk to the Houses of Parliament

This on-going delegation is expected to facilitate increased accountability of senior executives for human resource management and, ultimately improved public service delivery. To this end, Accountability Agreements were signed between the Chairman of the Public Service Commission, the Hon. Shirley Tyndall, OJ, CD, and the Permanent Secretaries as well as the Clerk to the Houses of Parliament, outlining the governance arrangements for the delegation of Human Resource functions. This delegation takes effect September 1, 2015.

This will bring the number of Permanent Secretaries, Heads of Departments and Chief Executive Officers of Executive Agencies who have received this delegated authority to 31.

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