

**Statement to the Legislative Assembly
by the Honourable Deputy Governor
on the Justice of the Peace Regulations
16th April, 2015**

Madame Speaker,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update to this Honourable House on the coming into effect of the Justice of the Peace Regulations.

Members will be aware that the Summary Jurisdiction Law was amended last year to allow for regulations to be made by Cabinet. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to advise that Cabinet has now approved regulations to govern the appointment and conduct of Justices of the Peace. These regulations will come into effect on the **1st May 2015**.

Madam Speaker, with your permission I would like to table a copy of the approved regulations, for the benefit of Members.

Madam Speaker, just to briefly highlight some of the key components of the regulations:

- A more formalized appointment process has been established;
- A requirement for ongoing training has been introduced;
- There will now be a complaints process in cases where the public is not satisfied with the services provided by a Justice of the Peace;
- A Code of Conduct has been established, and;
- A requirement for proper record keeping has been mandated.

Madam Speaker, in preparation for the coming into effect of these regulations our law enforcement agencies have issued standardized documentation to ensure consistency of approach when applying for search warrants.

Madam Speaker, these regulations will enhance and formalize the good work that is being done by our Justices of the Peace who serve our community with integrity and distinction.

In closing, I would like to thank the Chief Justice, the Justice of the Peace Association, Judicial Administration and all Justices of the Peace whose hard work contributed to the development of these regulations.

I would also like to thank the Seafarers Association for providing a venue for the training free of charge.

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