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Cabinet Brief

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The Cabinet met on 10th November 2026.

- To favour growth in the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Cabinet gave its approval to introduce a Micro Enterprise and Entrepreneurship legislation to establish a flat annual charge to all micro enterprises to exempt MSMEs that apply under the MSME Fiscal Incentives Program from General Sales Tax on imports of equipment, packaging and labels, and industrial and agriculture inputs.

- Cabinet gave its approval for the Ministry of Civil Aviation to enter into Air Service agreements between Belize and El Salvador, the Sultanate of Oman, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the Kingdom of Spain for the purpose of establishing and operating air services between and beyond their respective territories.

- Cabinet approved for the Ministry of Natural Resources to introduce legislation to amend the National Lands Act to provide for enforcement notices to deal with unlawful or unauthorized occupation or use of national land, including reserves, beaches, foreshore, and seabed.

- Cabinet gave its approval for the Ministry of Natural Resources to begin consultations with stakeholders on drafting new legislation to introduce to the National Assembly to regulate property agents and property agency work in Belize.

- Cabinet gave its approval for the mandatory onboarding of public sector databases and information systems onto the Government of Belize Secure Data Exchange Layer, which is being implemented under the Inter-American Development Bank. The outcome of this will be end-to-end public services designed around the needs of Belizeans and should result in fewer forms, fewer trips to Government offices, and faster decisions.

- Cabinet was apprised of an ongoing project by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to develop an Integrated Border Management Strategy for Belize. Cabinet also authorized the relevant line ministries to work with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to develop the coordination mechanism for this strategy.

- Cabinet gave its approval for a comprehensive review of the existing procedures, regulations, and safety protocols governing the transportation of prefabricated houses along designated National Highways throughout Belize. The review, to be undertaken from 11 November 2026 to 31 January 2027, is intended to address growing concerns regarding road safety, the movement of exceptionally large loads on public highways, and the potential adverse effects on the efficiency, safety, and integrity of the national highway network. The review will seek to identify appropriate measures to strengthen oversight, improve coordination, and ensure the safe and orderly transportation of prefabricated houses across the country. During the period of review, movement will be allowed under heightened restrictions and greater supervision from the Ministry of Transportation.

- Cabinet approved amendments to the Moveable Property Security Rights Act to allow for the Act to apply to the security rights in vessels and in aircraft, and to allow for regulations prescribing the procedures for notices and disclosures.

- Cabinet approved amendments to the Limited Liability Companies Act to allow for the electronic filing of documents through the online business registry system and to provide for the merger and consolidation of limited liability companies.

- Cabinet approved amendments to the Financial Services Commission Act to provide for the imposition of administrative penalties for certain contraventions; to expand the powers of the Financial Services Commission to require the production of information and documents from licensees and other persons; and to provide for orders by the Commission in the public interest.

- Cabinet gave its approval for a program to train and engage retired and serving Belize Defence Force personnel as high school sports coaches, with a primary focus on developing physical literacy through sports, beginning with a twelve-month pilot project.

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