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IN THE CABINET ON TUESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2005

541. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(ii) ELECTED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT: REMISSION OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON MOTOR VEHICLE

F&P, PM, EPTD

Further to Cabinet Decision No. 56(i) of February 15 and 17, 2000, No. 58(iii) of February 22 and 23, 2000 and No. 160(iii) of March 12, 2003, Cabinet advised as follows:

(a) that Elected Members of Parliament shall be exempted from Customs duties and taxes on the purchase of one motor vehicle during the term of their office subject to the following conditions and restrictions under the provisions of section 60 of the Customs (Control and Management) Act, Chap. 69:01 of the Laws of Dominica:

(i) this concession may be granted on first appointment and every five (5) years thereafter;

(ii) the vehicle shall not be sold, given away, exchanged or otherwise disposed of within a period of five (5) years from the date of purchase without the consent of the Prime Minister after consultation with the Comptroller of Customs;

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(iii) if the said vehicle is dealt with in a manner contrary to paragraph (ii), the duties and taxes thereon, as the Comptroller of Customs may decide, shall be chargeable and shall be paid by the Elected Member of Parliament or by any person who shall purchase or be in possession of the vehicle contrary to the terms of this facility;

(b) that Elected Members of Parliament who purchase such a vehicle shall receive the prevailing Combined Travel and Entertainment Allowance entitled to;

(c) that the said vehicle shall be used by the Elected Members of Parliament in serving their constituencies;

(d) that the said vehicle shall not be used for commercial purposes; and

(e) that the said vehicle shall be licensed in the name of the Elected Member of Parliament.

THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER DIRECTED ACCORDINGLY.

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FELIX GREGOIRE
SECRETARY TO THE CABINET

5TH OCTOBER 2005