



## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

### EMERGENCY POWERS REVIEW TRIBUNAL 2023

1. On the 8th day of December 2023, His Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Allen, Governor-General of Jamaica, by Proclamation No. 24/2023 declared a State of Public Emergency for the parishes of Clarendon, St. Catherine and parts of St. Andrew. The Governor-General by Proclamation No. 25/2023 also declared a State of Public Emergency for the parishes of St. James, Hanover and Westmoreland.
2. Having declared a State of Public Emergency in the above mentioned parishes, The Emergency Powers Review Tribunal ("**the Tribunal**") was established pursuant to Regulation 38 of the Emergency Powers Regulations, 2023 ("**The Regulations**"). These Regulations were enacted pursuant to The Emergency Powers Act ("**the Act**").
3. The Tribunal is established to review the case of any person who is detained or whose freedom of movement has been restricted by virtue of the Regulations.
4. The Tribunal will schedule for hearing, matters for which an objection is filed (pursuant to Regulation 38(9) of the Regulations).
5. Objections should be in writing in the form ("**Notice of Objection**") provided and signed by the Objector, or by an Attorney-at-Law representing the said Objector. All objections must contain the full name of the Objector, his/her address, date and place of detention and the contact information of the objector's Attorney-at-Law, if one has been retained. A copy of any relevant order should also be submitted with the Notice of Objection.

NB: The Notice of Objection Form can be downloaded from the Ministry of National Security's website at [www.mns.gov.jm](http://www.mns.gov.jm).

6. Objections are to be submitted to the email address which corresponds with the parish of detention:
  - a. For the parishes of Kingston & St. Andrew - [epreastern@mns.gov.jm](mailto:epreastern@mns.gov.jm).
  - b. For the parishes of St. James, Hanover and Westmoreland – [eprtwestern@mns.gov.jm](mailto:eprtwestern@mns.gov.jm).
  - c. For the parishes of St. Catherine and Clarendon – [eprtcentral@mns.gov.jm](mailto:eprtcentral@mns.gov.jm).
7. The Tribunal will schedule a hearing for an Objector as soon as possible after receipt of the objection.
8. The Tribunal may, in appropriate circumstances hear matters by video conference or any other form of electronic visual means.
9. Pursuant to **Regulation 38 (8)** of the Regulations, the Tribunal will regulate its own proceedings subject to **Sections 13 (10) and 13 (11)** of the Constitution and to the provisions of the Regulations.
10. Regarding regulating the proceedings of the Tribunal, procedural rules have been prepared as a guide to all concerned. NB: The said procedural rules can be downloaded from the Ministry of National Security's website <http://www.mns.gov.jm/content/procedural-rules-emergency-powers-review-tribunal-2021>.
11. In respect of the findings of the Tribunal on an objection or a review, the Chairman shall issue such directions as the Tribunal thinks fit to the competent authority concerned in the case of an order under regulation 22, or a detention under regulation 30 or 33; or in any other case, the competent authority by whom such detention or restriction was authorized, including any recommendations concerning the necessity or expediency of continuing the detention or restriction of freedom of movement (as the case may be).
12. Any questions may be directed in writing to the above-mentioned email address which corresponds with the parish of detention.