

VOTE-ON-ACCOUNT 2016/2017

1. The House will be invited by resolution, to approve funds for the carrying on of the business of government for a period of not more than three (3) months, beginning April 01, 2016 pending the approval of the Estimates of Expenditure for Financial Year 2016/2017 and the passage of the 2016 Appropriation Act.

Introduction

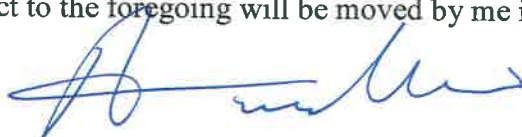
2. Section 117 subsection (3) of the Jamaica Constitution makes provision for the House of Representatives to, by resolution approving a vote on account, authorise expenditure for part of any financial year before the passing of the Appropriation Act for that year. The sums voted by the House shall be included in the Appropriation Bill for the year. Warrants issued for withdrawals of sums from the Consolidated Fund pursuant to Section 117 subsection (3) of the Constitution shall be deemed to have been issued in anticipation of grants of Parliament in an Appropriation Act for that year [Financial Administration and Audit Act, Section (9), subsection (5)]. Warrants issued under the authority of the Vote On Account Resolution shall, upon the commencement of the Appropriation Act for that financial year, cease to have effect and the issues shall be deemed to have been made for the purposes of the said Act.

Resolution

3. The Resolution contains the provisions required for the continuation of the ordinary business of government for the period April 01, 2016 to June 30, 2016. It does not include provisions to meet:
 - a) any increase in any officer's salary or allowances other than approved increments and increases agreed by the Government in 2015/2016 to be paid in the 2016/2017 Financial Year;
 - b) any increase in establishment over that approved in Financial Year 2015/2016;
 - c) any new service or work for which no provision was made in the Estimates of Expenditure for Financial Year 2015/2016 or which has not otherwise received the approval of the House;
4. The provisions will cover the period April 01, 2016 to June 30, 2016. The total vote on account is \$83,839.8m broken out as follows:

	\$m
Recurrent	76,469.2
Capital	<u>7,370.6</u>
Total	83,839.8

5. The Resolution to give effect to the foregoing will be moved by me in due course.



Audley Shaw M.P
Minister of Finance and Public Service
 March 14, 2016