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WESTERN KINGSTON COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY REPORT

The Honourable House is asked to note that Cabinet has approved the tabling of the Western Kingston Commission of Enquiry Report.

The Western Kingston Commission of Enquiry Report was submitted to the Governor General on Friday June 10, 2016. The Report was presented to Cabinet on Monday June 13, 2016, where approval was given for its tabling. The consideration of the Report with its recommendations by the Cabinet is to be scheduled.

The Commission of Enquiry commenced its hearings on Monday October 6, 2014. The Commission held public hearings for a total of 90 days, and had a final sitting in April 2016. The total sum expended at the conclusion of the Enquiry is \$384.546M, to date.

The Western Kingston Commission of Enquiry Report made a total of 51 wide-ranging recommendations for the consideration of the Government. It is reflected in two Parts. Part I – Redress Doing Justice and Restoring Trust and Confidence in the State, and Part II – Prevention.

The recommendations can be summarized under the following heads:

Part I

- Apology to the people of Western Kingston
- Counselling for Traumatized Persons – it should be noted that counselling services have been made available to the citizens since 2010 and continues
- Compensation for Victims; and
- Waiver of Limitation Period to allow for victims to file legal action

Part II

- Administrative Reviews
- Use of Weapons Systems
- Improving Legal and Administrative Accountability for the Use of Force
- Accountability in Joint Operations
- Strengthening the Oversight of the JCF
- Oversight of the JDF's Involvement in Policing Operations
- Tackling and dismantling the Garrison Phenomena
- Action on Recommendations of ECLAC
- Review and Reform of the Criminal Justice System – the Review has already been undertaken and the reform is underway
- Amendment of the Extradition Act

The Honourable House is asked to note the foregoing.



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