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1. This Honourable House is being requested to take note of the following information concerning the Law Reform (Zones of Special Operations) (Special Security and Community Development Measures) in respect of the Denham Town Community Zone Social Intervention Measures.

2. Ongoing and scheduled projects for this Zone include the following:
 - i) **The Zinc Fence Substitution and Integrated Infrastructure Project** (The zinc fence substitution project is targeting the substitution of a total of over 1,000 metres of zinc fence of which 923 metres have been completed to date and 120 metres is in progress. Thirty (30) persons have benefitted from part time employment as both skilled and unskilled labour. The project has been expanded and will see work continuing until August 2018. The objective of the project is to have 100% substitution of zinc fence in the community).

 - ii) **Infrastructure Improvement Project** (This project will provide water, sewage and road improvement works throughout Denham Town. It will significantly improve the quality of infrastructure in the community. Upon completion of the approval process, the project will be executed over a nine-month period).

- iii) **The Incentive Programme for Proper Management of Solid Waste** (The programme is still under active implementation with the Community Based Organizations, the environmental wardens and the National Solid Waste Management Authority as partners. The program will provide incentives including a new compactor unit to the NSWMA, for proper collection and disposal of garbage in the community).
- iv) **The Community Safety Project** (To support the JCF Community Safety and Security Branch, JSIF have developed the Integrated Community Development Safety Project. The project will include training to the JCF in Customer Service, Human Rights and Communication, undertake stakeholder consultations, and develop a community safety manual - this will inform the appropriate structure for Neighbourhood Watch Schemes - and support community youth groups with grants to develop their programmes).
- v) **The Safe Passages Programme** (This includes improvements in infrastructure such as the upgrading of roads, sidewalks, drains, zinc fence removal and the rehabilitation of open lots which will support the safe commuting of over 1,000 students utilizing specific corridors to attend schools including St. Albans Primary, Denham Town Primary and Denham Town High schools. Safe Passages initiatives are focused specifically on providing safety to students as they travel along specific streets, thoroughfares and bus stops, surrounding, near or on school campuses, before the beginning of school and after dismissal. For the community of Denham Town works will include the rehabilitation/installation of sidewalks, installation of guard rails, streets signs, pedestrian crossing in areas including Albert Street and Bond Street. The

pre-implementation activities including the requisite procurement are being executed with overall implementation scheduled for rollout in August 2018.

- vi) **The School Wide Behaviour Modification Programme** (This programme will be implemented in the St Anne's, Chetolah Park, St. Albans and Denham Town Primary schools, Denham Town High School and St. Anne's CAP). This will address the issues of truancy and behaviour modification among youth and adolescents. This programme is a collaborative effort including the JSIF, Ministry of Education and the Jamaica Constabulary Force. The project is being finalized and should be implemented in the academic year commencing September 2018. Additionally, **Summer Camps** during the period July – August 2018 will provide structured educational, recreational and behavioural modification activities for 180 children and youth from the community.

- vii) **Expansion of Public Health Services** (This includes the continuation of public health services to the community through weekend clinics (Saturdays and Sundays) weekly, at the Denham Town Health Centre. The MOH currently operates a Type 3 health facility in the community. Primary health services being provided include pre-natal, ante natal, post- natal, general medical checks and other services. Services commenced in January 2018).

- viii) **Skills Training** (A programme to support further skills training has been approved by the Board of JSIF; the selection process for beneficiaries is currently in progress. This will provide opportunities for youth in Denham Town to acquire new skills. This programme will be in full implementation by the end of July 2018. Additional support is also being provided by the HOPE programme through the Heart Trust NTA.

ix) **The Entrepreneurship Programme** (This programme was launched on March 19, 2018 and will allow strong community-based enterprises in Denham Town to access grants ranging from J\$ 1.5m to J\$ 25 million to start new enterprises, or for existing entrepreneurs to retool and expand). Applicants had businesses ranging from beauty services and technology solutions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Holness", with a dotted line underneath the name.

Andrew Holness, ON, MP

Prime Minister

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