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MEDIA RELEASE

**OFFICE OF THE CONTRACTOR GENERAL REFERS THREE (3) PUBLIC BODIES TO
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS**

Kingston; February 16, 2009 – In keeping with the terms of its Zero Tolerance Policy, the Office of the Contractor General (OCG) has today formally referred 3 of the country's 191 Procuring Public Bodies to the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) on account of their failure to submit their 2008 4th Quarter Contract Award (QCA) Reports within the prescribed time limits. The 3 delinquent Public Bodies are:

- (1) The Jamaica Urban Transport Company (JUTC)
- (2) The National Council on Education
- (3) The National Youth Service (NYS)

All three (3) Public Bodies are repeat delinquent offenders.

The 2008 4th Quarter QCA Reports were required to be filed with the OCG on or before the specified February 2, 2009 deadline date or, in lieu thereof, by February 3, 2009, the ending of the OCG's 1 work day grace period.

Any person who, without lawful justification or excuse, fails to comply with a lawful Requisition of a Contractor General, commits a criminal offence under Section 29 of the 1983 Contractor General Act.



QCA Reports are required to be filed with the OC-G, in arrears, within one month after the ending of each quarter. They are specially structured to force the disclosure of the material particulars of contracts in the value range of \$275,000 to \$10 Million which have been awarded by Public Bodies. They are also designed to disclose whether and to what extent a Procuring Public Body has complied with the Government's Procurement Procedures.

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