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**MEDIA RELEASE**

**OFFICE OF THE CONTRACTOR-GENERAL RESPONDS TO REQUEST FROM PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY**

**Kingston, Jamaica; June 15, 2009;** – The Office of the Contractor General (OCG) has, this morning, received and responded to a letter, which was dated June 12, 2009, from the People's National Party (PNP), concerning contracts which may have been awarded by the National Works Agency (NWA) and the Rural Agricultural Development Agency (RADA) in the North East St. Catherine Constituency.

The OCG's response was faxed to Mrs. Angela Brown-Burke, PNP Vice President and Campaign Manager for the North-East St. Catherine By-Election. The OCG's letter was also copied and sent via fax to Bishop Herro Blair, the Political Ombudsman.

The full text of the OCG's letter is reproduced hereunder as follows:

“June 15, 2009

Mrs. Angela Brown-Burke  
Vice President and Campaign Manager – NE St. Catherine By-Election  
People's National Party  
People's National Party Headquarters  
89 Old Hope Road  
Kingston 6

Dear Mrs. Brown-Burke:

Re: Concerns Regarding the Comingling of State Funds with Political Campaigning in North East (NE) St. Catherine

We write with reference to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant, in the captioned regard, which was directed to Bishop Herro Blair, the Political Ombudsman. Your letter, which was copied to the Office of the Contractor General (OCG), was faxed to and received by the OCG at 9:29 AM this morning.



You have raised a number of issues in your letter for address. One of the issues relates to the “*procurement of contractual services by the NWA and RADA within the last several weeks*” to confirm whether or not the said “services” were “*properly procured*”.

In keeping with its mandate under Section 4 (1) of the Contractor General Act, this will advise that the OCG will take the requisite steps to ascertain the following:

1. The material particulars of any Government contracts which may have been awarded by the NWA and RADA for the procurement of works to be performed in NE St. Catherine or for the supply of services or goods therein;
2. Whether such contracts were awarded in compliance with the provisions of the Contractor General Act and applicable Government procurement procedures;

The OCG’s enquiry will be confined to contracts which were awarded between January 1 and June 12, 2009.

By way of copy of this letter to the Political Ombudsman, I will so advise.

Respectfully yours,

Greg Christie (Signed)

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Greg Christie  
Contractor General

Copy: Bishop Herro Blair, Political Ombudsman”

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