

WIND UP

The member for St. Andrew raised issue about the ex-chairman and indeed I want to state to this House that the Forde Road, project St. Michael. I must say from my recollection, Christ Church, the 407th meeting of the National Housing Corporation 27th August 2008 a meeting was informed that the projects earmarked for Tweedside Road, St. Michael, Forde's Road, St. Michael and Haggatt Hall, St. Michael could commence. So the board was notified that Forde's Road could commence. And in fact the Board queried the length of time it would take to construct these units and the acting General Manager at the time reminded the Board that there was only one (1) Quantity Surveyor on staff and it would be necessary to find out whether there were any priority cases being worked on. The Board advised that the houses and road works should be worked on simultaneously. So the board was not bypassed respectively Mr. Speaker in relation to the Forde's Road Project.

Further, I must also say to this Honourable House that the ex-chairman signed the contract that is the ex-chairman who the Honourable Member for St. Andrew referred to in his speech, that the ex-chairman signed the agreement at Coverley on 31st March 2010. I want to say that the ex-chairman signed the contract at Coverley on 31st March 2010.

Further, it is evident on the 30th June 2010 I think it was about 3:52pm the acting General Manager reported to the Board that the first tranche of the 40 Million dollars was available for draw down, she then indicated that all sites' house construction would start as soon as the carriageway was completed and that multiple small and medium sized contractors would be used at all sites and she noted the packages to the Board. The members of the Board then directed management to ensure that all preparations were in place before drawing any monies and the ex-chairman was present at that meeting.