

MP's REPORT

to Constituents of
Central Manchester

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Dear Constituents,

I am pleased to present my first "Report to Constituents of Central Manchester" for 2013.

We've entered a new financial year, and as expected it has brought many challenges and opportunities, chief of which is the conclusion of the IMF negotiations. While the government continues to work to meet fiscal obligations we are committed to ensuring that the needs of our citizens are also met.

As part of the Government's development and job creation framework, Central Manchester has been designated Jamaica's third ICT hub. To this end, we are working earnestly to ensure that we attract the right investments in training, infrastructure and Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) operations. We are at an advanced stage of discussions with two potential BPO operators; securing these investments will bring much-needed jobs to the constituency. The biggest deterrent is the unavailability of suitable plug-and-play facilities to set-up these operations. We continue to work with the Factories Corporation of Jamaica (FCJ) and private real estate developers to address this deficiency.

The realization of the vision to transform the constituency into the centre of excellence for the Knowledge based industries, demands greater collaboration among constituency stakeholders. Constituents are encouraged to buy into the vision and play their part in advancing the welfare of Central Manchester.

I would like to hear from you and to get feedback on the newsletter; please find inside contact information for the constituency office. Thank you for your support and see you at the kickoff of the Central Manchester sports competition on July 29, 2013.



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Lunch with Bishop Gibson ladies

As part of a Social Studies class fieldtrip, 45 students and two teachers from the Bishop Gibson High School joined MP Bunting for lunch at his Kingston office on March 5, 2013.

The lunch provided a unique opportunity for the students



to interact with the Member of Parliament, who tested their knowledge of Jamaica's Parliamentary system. The Bishop Gibson ladies impressed with accurate responses, demonstrating the high quality of education for which the institution is renowned.

The ladies also visited a sitting of Parliament and witnessed Minister Bunting opening the debate on the Law Reform Fraudulent Transactions Special Provisions Bill (see details in section on "National Security").

Central Manchester Schools Excelling... Again

2013 was a record-breaking year for the ISSA Boys and Girls Championships. The impressive performances of our youngsters signals that Jamaica will continue to dominate world track and field for many years to come.

Congratulations to the participating schools from Central Manchester. Of note is the Manchester High School, which placed ninth and tenth in the male and female categories respectively. Bellefield High must also be commended for placing 13th in the male category. Also, while Omar McLeod competed for Kingston College this year, let's not forget that he is a product of Manchester High School. McLeod's record-breaking time of 49.98 seconds in the 400m hurdles OPEN, makes him the first schoolboy in Boys Champs' 103-year history to break the 50 seconds barrier. McLeod

also broke the 110m hurdles record in a time of 13.24 seconds.

'Chester dominates schoolboy cricket – Congratulations to Manchester High School on winning the prestigious ISSA/GraceKennedy Headley Cup for the first time in the school's history! Last week they went on to defeat Wolmer's Boys in the all-island Spalding Cup final at Melbourne Cricket Club in Kingston. Commendations to Principal Gabriel, the coach and hard working



staff of the Manchester High School. We look forward to your continued dominance of schoolboy cricket. (Pic)

Meet your facilitators:

Ms. Janet Campbell has been working in the Office of the Member of Parliament of Central Manchester for over Twenty-Eight years. She has served both John Junor as well as MP Bunting. Miss Janet recently suffered an injury but is recuperating nicely. Join us in saluting Ms. Campbell for her long service to the constituency and Jamaica.



DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CONSTITUENCY

Perth Housing Development
The National Housing Trust (NHT) has provided home grants totaling \$43.2 million to help contributors to purchase housing solutions in its newest scheme at Perth, Manchester. A total of 36 beneficiaries have received grants of \$1.2 million to purchase lots. The





592-acre Perth development, located just outside Mandeville, is the first major project undertaken by the NHT in Manchester. Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Portia Simpson Miller along with MP Bunting, handed over service lots to the first 25 of 245 beneficiaries in Phase 1 of the development, on Wednesday, March 20,

MegaMart Mandeville

Mandeville now joins Kingston, Portmore and Montego Bay with its own MegaMart store. Located along Perth Road and right across from Manchester High School, MegaMart Mandeville is the fourth store in the chain of the MegaMart Wholesale Club and brings much needed employment to over 300 residents of central Jamaica.

Georges Valley Basic School.

The George's Valley Basic School now has a new home, thanks to



the kind donation from Mrs. Glenor Josephs, a native of Porus, and Food for the Poor. Mrs. Josephs donated \$45,000 Canadian Dollars for the construction of the new basic school. The Member of Parliament was instrumental in securing the new property on



which the school is now housed and has also helped to offset construction costs.

Manpower Maintenance Services

On March 21st, Manpower and Maintenance Services Limited (MMS) opened its third office on Ward Avenue in Mandeville. The Manpower Group operates island-wide and employs over 1200 workers in varying categories. Headquartered in Kingston, with offices in Montego Bay, the Mandeville office is intended to serve the mid-island and the South Coast, while creating hundreds of well-needed jobs.

PICA Moves to RGD Mandeville Office

The Passport Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA) is now operating from the Registrar General's Department (RGD) Regional Office in Mandeville, to offer full passport services and will also provide minimal immigration services, namely the registration of aliens. Thanks to the invaluable support of the Mandeville Police Station from which PICA had been operating previously over many years.

NATIONAL SECURITY PORTFOLIO

Law enforcers now have a new tool in their arsenal to fight crime. The Law Reform (Fraudulent Transactions) (Special Provisions) Bill, was passed by both Houses of Parliament in March, and is now awaiting approval from the Governor General. Commonly known as the 'Lottery Scam' Bill, the legislation outlines lottery scam specific offences, which attract long prison sentences and hefty fines.

The passing of the Bill follows earlier commitment by the Minister to provide legislation to support the law enforcement machinery before the end of March 2013.

MOCA - The newest crime-fighting unit within the JCF, the elite Major Organized Crime and Anti-Corruption Task Force (MOCA) has begun to reap success. With the expertise and the new strategic approach to investigation, we expect to see more arrests and successful convictions of criminal kingpins and their facilitators.



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