

# National Security

As National Security Minister, ensure the wellbeing of all constituents and restore Jamaica to a safe and secure destination to live, work and do business. To this end, I have embarked on two deliberate initiatives, the first of which is to reduce the incidence of crime in our communities, by employing direct strategies aimed at persecuting the perpetrators of criminal activities and their abettors. The second involves employing a set of targeted, integrated and coherent policies that will ensure sustained success in the fight against crime and violence in our nation. However, it must be reiterated that the public's overall commitment to our crime fighting strategies are critical to their success.



## KEY IMPERATIVES OF THE MNS (2012 – 2017)

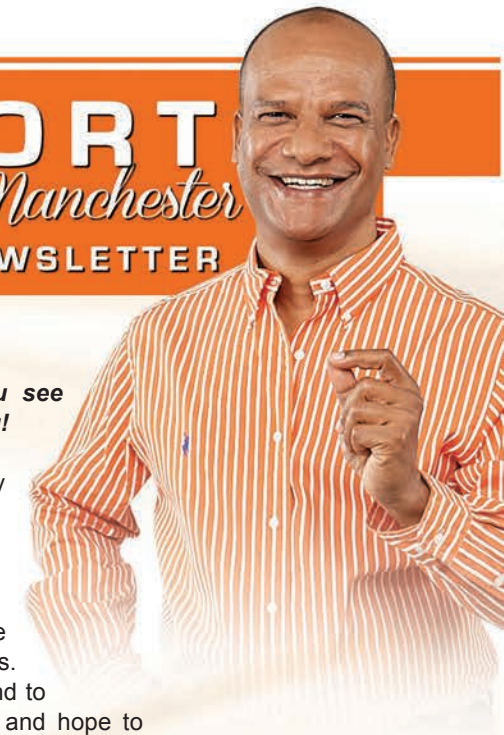
- **NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY 2012** - This new document outlines and presents strategic responses to Jamaica's current national security threats. The document has been published for further comments and recommendation by the general public. It can be viewed at: <http://www.cabinet.gov.jm/files/NATIONAL-SECURITY-POLICY-for-JAMAICA-2012.pdf>
- **MODERNIZATION:** The transformation of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) to a service oriented organization, supported by a 21st century policies and highly professional individuals.
- **LEGISLATION** -Review of the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) and the enactment of Anti-Gang and DNA legislation. These policies will seek to demolish the financial sustainability of the criminal underworld, decentralize gang cultures and help us to secure better ways of convicting criminals.
- **REHABILITATION:** The formation of strategic partnerships with various private and public sector partners to ensure that convicted criminals return to the society as constructive citizens. As part of this initiative the Government of Jamaica, through the Ministry of National Security has sought to engage various international partners to construct a new prison, equipped with state of the art facilities.

**\*\* Read the 2012-2013 Sectoral Presentation delivered by the Honourable Peter Bunting here:**

[http://www.bunting.org.jm/sites/default/files/Sectoral%20debate\\_Pres\\_Peter%20Bunting\\_2012.pdf](http://www.bunting.org.jm/sites/default/files/Sectoral%20debate_Pres_Peter%20Bunting_2012.pdf)



## MP'S REPORT to Constituents of Central Manchester NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2012



Dear Constituents,

As we enter a new academic year let us make a concerted effort to take responsibility for the security and future of our children. In a 21st century context the only secure gateway to success and to achieving sustained development is through our ability to acquire, understand and interpret knowledge.

Realizing the difficulty in sourcing education funding in a tight financial space, the Constituency Office has sought to assist students at varying levels through the Constituency Development Fund (CDF). To date, grants valued at between five and twenty thousand dollars has been awarded to 125 tertiary, 385 secondary, and 90 primary students. We understand that this does not adequately satisfy the demand for assistance by our constituents; therefore, we call on our business community to join in and support a venture, which will only improve the quality of life for all.

I would like the citizens of Central Manchester to assume collective responsibility for the overall wellbeing of the community and salvage it from the hands of criminals. As your Member of Parliament and the Minister of National Security, I have partnered with the security forces and have embarked on various strategies to combat these challenges; however, the ultimate power to curtail these problems

lies in your hands: **If you see something, say something!**

As an indication of my commitment to transparency and continuous communication with my constituents, I am pleased to present the 13th edition of the MP's Report to Constituents. Through this medium I intend to report my progress to you and hope to receive feedback on how to better serve you.

Let us partner to make Central Manchester a model of economic and social advancement.

Sincerely,

Peter

## Central Manchester Job Bank

**PUT ME TO WORK!**

The fallout in the bauxite sector has undoubtedly had an adverse effect on the business community of Central Manchester. As a result, there has been an increase in unemployment; which has had a negative impact on the region's economic landscape.

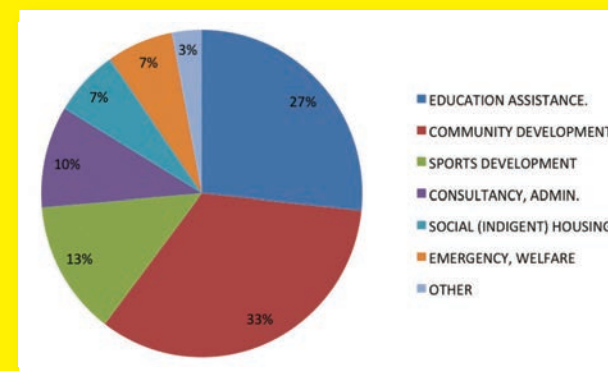
The Member of Parliament has launched the **Central Manchester Job Bank** in an attempt to alleviate this problem and provide the residents of Central Manchester with a viable and convenient option when seeking jobs. The objective of this initiative is to provide a conduit through which the skill sets of job seekers can be matched appropriately with available employment opportunities. The aim of this programme is to significantly reduce unemployment in the constituency.

Since its inception, **three hundred (300)** names have been collected and over **fifty (50)** persons have been drafted for various job opportunities. The initial feedback from the participants has been encouraging, as they have expressed confidence in the programme and its ability to assuage the unemployment issue.

## Constituency Development Fund (CDF)

The 2012/13 CDF allocation has been reduced to \$15M; \$5M less than the 2011/12 allocation of \$20M. Despite the shortfall and the rising costs of goods and services, the Member of Parliament has sought to divide the funds in a way to best reflect the needs of the constituency and see to its continued development.

Chart Illustrating the 2012-2013 CDF Allocation



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**Central Manchester Job Bank... *Cont'd from cover***

In this regard, the scope of the Constituency Office has been widened to include the facilitation of requests from job seekers; and has further expanded its role as a primary information hub for constituents. The process is a simple one, the office manager collects and records the information from the constituent(s), enters the information into the database, after which efforts are made to reach out to employers.

We are keen on seeing to the overall success of the Job Bank and will continue to liaise with constituents to find more innovative ways of ensuring that the needs of all constituents are met.



**Employers & job seekers! Contact Trishanna Archer or Janet Campbell at the numbers below to be placed in the Central Manchester Job Bank.**

# End Domestic Violence!



The Minister addressing members of the audience at the launch of The Manchester Dispute Resolution and Violence Prevention Association held at NCU.

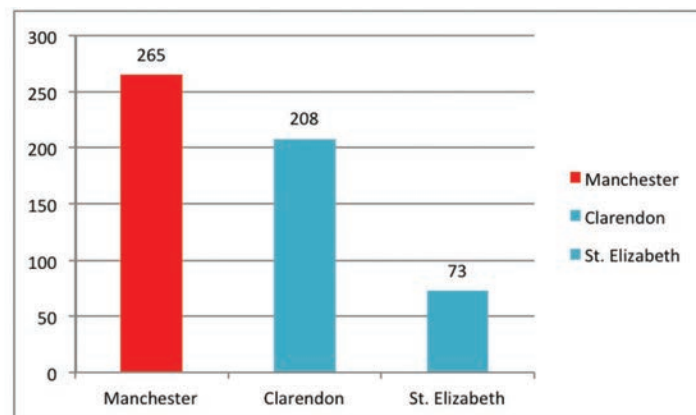
Domestic violence, although largely under-reported, continues to be a major issue impacting negatively on the social landscape of Jamaica. In recent times our constituency has seen a rise in the incidence of domestic violence representing a need for this problem to be addressed urgently.

In response to this, an emergency Domestic Abuse and Risk Management Forum was held on March 29, 2012. This was a direct effort targeted towards empowering residents through educating them on how to manage domestic disputes. The symposium addressed issues such as, "illiteracy and its damning impact on crisis

management", as well as, "how best to cope with conflicts without harming self or others". The support accorded to the Forum was phenomenal; hosting approximately 300 persons from various groups across Manchester and neighbouring parishes.

Additionally, on July 26, 2012, the Manchester Dispute Resolution and Violence Prevention Association was launched, and is chaired by Reverend Oliver Daley, pastor of The Ridgemount United Church. It is supported by 25 para-professional counsellors trained and certified by Northern Caribbean University, who will help to address issues arising from domestic disputes in the parish.

**You Can HELP!**  
Speak to your Pastor, JP, or MP of brewing conflicts which may escalate to serious injury or death.  
**CALL 1-888-DISPUTE**



A section of the audience at the launch of The Manchester Dispute Resolution and Violence Prevention Association.

# The Sports Development Committee

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What better way to build camaraderie, promote social inclusion and encourage teamwork, than through sports. Whether it is netball, football, cricket, or dominoes, the constituents of Central Manchester can now find interesting avenues to nurture their sporting talents through the competitions made possible by the newly established **Central Manchester Sports Development Committee (CMSDC)**.

Officially launched on June 2, 2012, the CMSDC is intended to create a fun and interactive platform for individuals to engage in sporting activities, encouraging a spirit of togetherness among the constituents, while promoting healthy competition among communities.

Figure illustrating the multi-functional nature of the establishment of the Central Manchester Sports Development Committee



The launch event featured a netball rally, which saw the fifteen (15) teams across Central Manchester vying for trophies and twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). Kudos to the winning team, 'Legendary' from the Mandeville Division!

The event was a precursor to a series of annual sporting events. This year, the official competitions commenced on July 22, and featured a friendly rivalry in Netball, 20/20 Cricket, Football and Domino. Basketball and volleyball will be added to the programme of activities in 2013.

The aim of the Committee is to establish Central Manchester as a constituency that endorses the sporting sector given the two-fold benefit of the sector in promoting healthy lifestyles and encouraging positive competition. The initiative is also hoped to erase the lines of political segregation within the community.

With a noticeable increase in the cases of domestic violence within the constituency in recent times, these activities will also provide an avenue for constituents to redirect their aggression through participation in various community-building exercises.

The Member of Parliament and committee members are grateful to Supreme Ventures Ltd. and other entities for their support, monetary or otherwise, to this initiative which will undoubtedly lead to the social and economic advancement of the Central Manchester constituency.