

Cabinet has given approval for the white paper on the National Sports Policy 2012 to be tabled in Parliament.

Speaking at Wednesday's, February 6, Jamaica House press briefing at the Office of the Prime Minister, Minister with responsibility for Information, Senator the Hon. Sandra Falconer, said the policy provides a framework for the development of sports over the next decade.

She said it seeks to foster greater participation in sports; promote mental and physical health; enhance social and economic well-being; create a healthy and more productive labour force; and stimulate greater avenues for economic development.

Minister with responsibility for Sports, Hon. Natalie Neita-Headley, told JIS News earlier this year, that some of the views obtained from representatives of community and sporting groups at national consultations, have been included in the document.

She said that once the policy is approved, focus will be placed on its implementation.

"We will look at a practical implementation programme, which will ensure and drive the policy development process," she said.