

Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Portia Simpson Miller, has announced the appointment of a special committee, headed by Minister of Transport, Works and Housing, Dr. the Hon. Omar Davies, to monitor all Government projects, to ensure that they meet their targets.

The Prime Minister emphasized that in light of the current economic situation, the country can be assured that it will not be business as usual.

Mrs. Simpson Miller was speaking at a Social Development Commission (SDC) parish forum, held at St. Mary High School, on February 21.

“We will, as a matter of policy and commitment, be carefully monitoring and evaluating our performance,” the Prime Minister said.

She noted that in negotiating the IMF Agreement, the Government has chosen the least onerous of options and everyone has to share the burden.

“Failure to take these tough decisions will deprive us of access to financial resources from international financial institutions to keep our economy going in areas, such as education, health, security and support for our farmers and protection of the most vulnerable,” Mrs. Simpson Miller said.

In the meantime, Finance and Planning Minister, Dr. the Hon. Peter Phillips informed that after debt servicing, education will get the main share of the budget. He said the matter has already been decided by Cabinet.