



Senate Statement

By

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Perimeter Lane Repairs

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Madam President, I hereby provide the Senate with a brief summary of the progress of the works on Palmetto Road, following the wall collapses that took place on 28th February 2013 and 14th February 2014.

Madam President, colleagues are aware that earlier this year there was a collapse of a wall, which formed part of a large drainage pit, following a substantial quantity of rainfall. The drainage pit is located in Palmetto Road just to the west of the junction with Bishop Spencer Road.

Madam President, The collapse of the wall and the resultant wash out of storm water caused:

- damage to the utility services in the area with several utility poles being dislodged,

- washout to a bank supporting Palmetto Road,
- damage to the property at number 6 Perimeter Lane belonging to Mr. John Roach. This property was also flooded as a result of damage to a water pipe,
- Closure of Palmetto Road between Roberts Avenue and Dutton Avenue.

Madam President, The wall affecting **Number 6 Perimeter Lane** is currently being designed. It is anticipated that this project will go out to tender in July 2014, with a proposed start of construction in September 2014.

Madam President, Temporary measures have been set up on Palmetto Road to deal with the road drainage; a more permanent solution involving boreholes will be constructed in the next few of months. The property belonging to Mr John Roach has been repaired and is now habitable.

Madam President, in regards to the wall collapse affecting Number 12 Perimeter Lane that occurred on the 28th February 2013, the revised retaining wall was advertised for tender on 14th May 2014, with a tender return date of 6th June 2014. Subject to Cabinet approval it is hoped that a contract will be awarded in early July 2014 with

construction to follow shortly thereafter. The anticipated construction period is three months.

Madam President, It is therefore anticipated that Palmetto Road will be reopened again to two lanes towards the end of this year. I wish to thank the motorists who use this section of Palmetto Road for their patience whilst the traffic lights have been in operation.

Thank you **Madam President.**