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## **Ministerial Statement**

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**Update on Perimeter Lane, Palmetto Road and Dutton**

**Avenue**

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**Mr. Speaker,** I rise this afternoon to provide an update on the current progress with the restorative works on #6 Perimeter Lane, the retaining wall supporting **Palmetto Road** and the repair work conducted on **Dutton Avenue**.

**Mr. Speaker,** You may recall that the said retaining wall on Palmetto Road collapsed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2014 due to heavy rainfall. This resulted in the closure of Palmetto Road and substantial damage and flooding to number 6 Perimeter Lane, the home of Mr. John Roach.

**Mr. Speaker,** In order to address the issue as quickly as possible, Government used Ministry staff to construct a replacement wall which commenced in early February this year. Now with the wall substantially complete, I am pleased to report that the road has been reopened to the public.

**Mr. Speaker,** In addition to the major work to repair and rebuild the retaining wall, the Ministry of Public Works also performed a substantial amount of renovations to Mr. Roach's property to make habitable once again.

**Mr. Speaker,** you may also be aware that Dutton Avenue required extensive repairs and a considerable amount of restoration work had to be undertaken before it could be reopened. The Department of Works and Engineering carried out a substantial asphalt overlay on the road in order to make it less liable to flooding. These repairs also strengthened the road structure and dissipated the traffic pressures on the underlying soft material of the Pembroke Marsh that is beneath the road. Furthermore, concrete wall edging has been built in some areas and fencing has been erected.

**Mr. Speaker,** Dutton Avenue is now open to two-way traffic.

**Mr. Speaker,** My thanks go out to the construction staff from the Government Quarry, technical staff from the Ministry of Public Works and the staff of the Department of Planning ... all of whom have worked hard to complete this project as quickly as possible.

**Mr. Speaker,** I would like to conclude by thanking the public for their continued patience and cooperation while this work was taking place and once again thank the crews at Public Works that brought to completion this important project.

Thank you **Mr. Speaker.**