



# ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS

## **Additional funds approved in supplementary budget for payment of judgment debts and settlements.**

As at December 2016 the amount outstanding for the payment of judgment debts, settlements and other similar obligations (excluding interest on judgment debts) was approximately \$385,500,000.00.

The Attorney General, the Honourable Mrs. Marlene Malahoo Forte, QC MP JP in her contribution to the sectoral debate on July 5, 2016 advised that as at June 27, 2016 the approximate amount due for payments out was \$512,006,489.52.

The Attorney General acknowledged that the state of affairs was far from desirable and as a result a special submission was made to and considered by Cabinet on the need for additional funds to settle government liability. The request was favourably considered and an additional \$81.427 million was approved in the supplementary budget to assist in addressing the outstanding payments.

There has therefore been considerable improvement since July 2016 and this will be enhanced by the additional funds recently approved.

The Chambers has also requested an increase in the budgetary allocation for this area of liability for the budget year 2017/2018.