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**PRIME MINISTER ROWLEY MEETS WITH CABINET MINISTERS AND
CHAIRPERSONS OF STATE BOARDS**

Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley hosted a meeting with all Cabinet ministers and state board chairpersons at the Diplomatic Centre today, Thursday 30th June, 2016. At the meeting Dr. Rowley reminded the chairpersons that they each function under a minister who has overarching responsibility for all that takes place under his/her purview.

Dr. Rowley reminded those gathered that the country's executive operates through the public service and stressed that all who are serving in the state sector are doing so at a time when the public service faces significant challenges.

The Prime Minister lamented that many senior public servants happened to retire around the same time and there was no conscious succession planning in place. Moreover, by the end of this year, many more Permanent Secretaries and Deputy Permanent Secretaries will be leaving the service.

Dr Rowley went on to point out that while the state sector is required to dampen down expenditure, by no means does that mean doing so little that it damages the economy.

Chairpersons were encouraged to pay the bills that are indeed legitimate and due for payment so long as there is money available to so do.

Prime Minister Rowley articulated that the main objective of a Government is to improve the quality of life of the citizens and gave the assurance that there was zero tolerance for corruption in this administration and urged those gathered to be so guided.

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