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Ms. Jeanette A. Calder Jamaica Accountability Meter Portal Suite #3, 7 Lady Musgrave Road, Kingston 5 ati@jampja.org

Dear Ms. Calder:

## Re: Access to Information (ATI) Act - Requests for Information

Further to your application for access to information under the Access to Information Act dated March 3, 2020, the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service is pleased to respond to your questions posed with regards to the findings in the Auditor General 2018/2019 Annual Report.

The Ministry's responses are detailed below:

## Acc. No. 658

"Documentation that substantiates the status of \$77.10 million in uncleared advances at the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service."

**Answer:** Of the \$77.10M prior year advances reported by the Auditor General, \$74.77M has been cleared. Sustained effort is ongoing to clear the remaining balance.

## Acc. No. 659

"Documentation that substantiates that the Fixed Asset Register of the Financial Investigation Division (FID) has been updated to reflect \$45.12 million in assets and is currently up to date."

Answer: Efforts will be made to have the Fixed Assets Register updated to reflect the data required as per Section 8.7.7 (Fixed Asset Register) of the FAA Act Instructions, by the end of the 2nd quarter of 2020-21 financial year.

## Acc. No. 660

Climate Data and Information Management Project (ICDIMP) did not achieve 60% of the planned targets for the period. Of the twenty (20) targets for the period, only eight (8) were achieved; another eight (8) were work in progress and four (4) did not start. The Jamaica Accountability Meter Portal (JAMP) is requesting documentation that substantiates the current status of the project, primarily to reflect any change in the status of the Auditor General's findings and to determine if an extension was granted to the ICDIMP project and how the unused portion of grants will be treated?

Answer: The status of the remaining 12 targets at March 2020 is: 4 achieved and 8 in progress. Timely completion of all targets is being pursued.

Yours sincerely,

Carlene Smith (Miss)
For Financial Secretary