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**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY**

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CONSTITUENCY OF GEORGE TOWN CENTRAL**

TO

**THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR HON. FRANZ I. MANDERSON
EX-OFFICIO MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PORTFOLIO OF THE CIVIL SERVICE**

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Deputy Governor say what is the Civil Service Policy on construction work carried out on weekends, in residential neighbourhoods, by Government sponsored entities?

ANSWER:

Mr. Speaker, there is no Civil Service-wide policy that specifically authorises or prohibits construction activities on weekends by Government Ministries, Portfolios, Offices, Statutory Authorities, Government Companies, or other Government-sponsored entities.

Construction activities undertaken by Government entities are generally governed by the applicable terms of the construction contract, planning and development approvals, environmental and public health requirements, occupational health and safety obligations, and any conditions imposed by the relevant regulatory authorities. Contractors engaged by Government entities are expected to comply with all applicable laws, regulations, permit conditions, and contractual requirements while carrying out works.

Where construction projects are located within or adjacent to residential communities, Government entities seek to minimise disruption to residents by considering factors such as working hours, noise impacts, traffic management, public safety, and project scheduling. In

many cases, normal construction activities are scheduled during standard weekday working hours. However, weekend work may be permitted where it is necessary to maintain project schedules, address operational requirements, complete time-sensitive activities, mitigate safety risks, respond to emergency situations, or reduce the overall duration of disruption to the public.

The Department of Public Works has advised that, for Government capital projects under its management, construction schedules are established on a project-by-project basis. Any requirement for weekend work is assessed having regard to contractual obligations, programme delivery requirements, health and safety considerations, weather-related impacts, operational constraints, and the potential effect on surrounding communities. Contractors are expected to employ reasonable measures to minimise inconvenience to nearby residents whenever weekend works are required.

Accordingly, while there is no overarching Civil Service policy that either mandates or prohibits weekend construction activity by Government-sponsored entities, all such works are expected to be undertaken in accordance with applicable legal, regulatory, contractual, and community impact considerations, with due regard given to the interests of neighbouring residents.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.