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Waste Disposal Woes of the Princes Town Regional Corporation Receiving Attention of Minister

February 8, 2019. Kent House, Maraval – Senator the Honourable Kazim Hosein, Minister of Rural Development and Local Government notes with concern the on-going strike action taken by contractors engaged by the Princes Town Regional Corporation (PTRC) for waste disposal duties.

An emergency meeting of the PTRC's Statutory Council was held today to discuss the potential public health hazard and on-going discomfort to residents of the burgesses of the PTRC. The Minister wishes to advise the public that the matter is receiving his attention and the Ministry will be assisting to resolve the matter in the speediest time possible.

The Minister condemns the actions of the respective contractors as such strike action negatively impacts the state of homes, families and individual well-being. Failure to collect and properly dispose waste materials has the potential for the transmission of air and waterborne diseases. Minister Hosein further adds that "the collection of garbage used to be one of the most reliable and efficient services available from local government but in recent years it has become problematic because of negligent contractors." The Minister wishes to ensure that this service to citizens will not suffer as the Ministry is working with the Corporation to bring about an immediate solution to this impasse.

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