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**OFFICE OF THE CONTRACTOR GENERAL COMPLETES INVESTIGATIONS INTO
PROCUREMENT MATTERS CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF THE
WEST INDIES, THE JAMAICA TOURIST BOARD, THE JAMAICA FIRE BRIGADE AND
THE HIGHWAY 2000 CONCESSION AGREEMENT**

Kingston, January 7, 2008 - Contractor-General, Greg Christie, says that his Office has concluded special investigations into the procurement practices of the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI) and the Jamaica Tourist Board (JTB).

The Office of the Contractor General (OCG) has also completed its special investigations into the procurement of fire-fighting vehicles and equipment for the Jamaica Fire Brigade and the award of the 35 year Concession Agreement for the Highway 2000 Project.

Copies of the Reports of Investigations have been formally submitted by the Contractor General to the principal officers of the four (4) Public Bodies concerned and to the respective Ministers of Government who have portfolio responsibility therefor – namely, the Hon. Rudyard Spencer, Minister of Health and the Environment, the Hon. Edmund Bartlett, Minister of Tourism, the Hon. Robert Montaque, Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government Reform, and the Hon. Michael Henry, Minister of Transport and Works.

“In the interest of transparency and in the public interest, I have also formally conveyed copies of all four (4) Investigation Reports to the Honourable Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Honourable President of the Senate”, Mr. Christie said.



Section 28 (3) of the Contractor General Act requires the Speaker and the President to have the Reports tabled in both Houses of Parliament 'as soon as possible'.

The UHWI and the JTB Investigation Reports were submitted by the Contractor General under cover of letters which were dated December 21, 2007 and the Jamaica Fire Brigade Report under cover of letters which were dated January 2, 2008. The Highway 2000 Investigation Report was submitted under cover of letters which were dated January 7, 2008.

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