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# MEETING THE MARK



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It's been 5 months since I became President of the People's National Party; and what a time it has been. My biggest focus has been trying to heal our 82-year-old movement, drive unity amongst all our comrades and ensure our party stalwarts have options if they need help (O.T. Fairclough Fund) and ensure the youth also get a chance to contribute to our noble movement, because I know that we are #PowerfulTogether. This newsletter is a step towards doing that—I'll be sharing updates on work in the Party, Parliament and among the People.

April was filled with opportunities to represent and serve the Jamaican people so let's talk about some of the biggest moments from the month.

We celebrated Earth Day - [click here to watch](#)

Every year Earth Day becomes more and more important. As we barrel towards the point of no return for climate change, everyone must play their part in protecting, rehabilitating and renewing the environment. I was pleased to be able to join some of our Comrades, led by our Shadow Minister on Land, Environment and Climate Change Sen. Sophia Frazer-Binns in planting trees at PNP HQ. And while this is a small step to take, it's the first of many as we start to pay more attention to our responsibility to the environment.



## Welfare Commission First Meeting

As you know, one of the main pillars of my campaign to be Party Leader was to establish a way for us to support our many Comrades who have served the Party over the years and who have fallen on hard times. We established the OT Fairclough Trust Fund in January of this year, but I also appointed a commission to help identify Comrades who can benefit from our support. The Chairman is Cde Richard Azan

I'm proud to say the committee had its first meeting in April and help is already on the way to Comrades who need it. In fact, two comrades one from Region 3 and one from Region 4 both received help in April. The committee has also identified its next mission: sourcing and distributing tablets for the children of those members who need it most.

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## Provision of Food & PPE to KPH

Our mission to serve the people of Jamaica is true whether we are in or out of Government. That's why I am especially proud of Gen Sec Dayton Campbell and Shadow Minister on Health & Wellness Dr Morais Guy who partnered with the Jamaica Guangdong Association for our our recent donation of meals and personal protective equipment (PPE) to the Kingston Public Hospital (KPH). As you know the KPH is Jamaica's oldest hospital and one of the most important public health facilities in the country and we are glad to do all we can for the healthcare professionals and patients there.



## WALK GOOD, COMRADES

*Dr Jephthah Ford*

Jephthah Ford truly cared for other people. He was a father, friend, doctor and leader deeply devoted to the betterment, healing and well-being of everyone around him. The PNP and Jamaica lost an incredible son and servant and his contributions can't be understated. Our Movement will miss his participation but we are better for having had the benefit of his service. Rest In Power, Comrade.



*Arthur "Tunty" Edmond Barrett*

Tunty was the definition of dedication. A hard-working leader and true Party man, I was especially sad to hear of his passing. Just shy of his 94th birthday, many of us can say without fear of contradiction that he will never be forgotten. Rest In Power Comrade, you made an indelible mark on our party and our country.



We continue to be #PowerfulTogether as Jamaica's Opposition and made use of our limited time in Parliament last month to put issues dear to Jamaican's squarely on the table.

## Tabling Impeachment Legislation

Recent events have highlighted, yet again, that we really need to update the Constitution of Jamaica to align it with modern principles of governance. It is problematic that there is no procedure for removing a parliamentarian whose conduct is egregious. That is why I have updated and retabled a Bill to amend the Constitution to provide for impeachment proceedings against wrongdoers in Parliament.



## Wright is Wrong!

Our Spokespersons spoke up on the horrific behaviour of George Wright. See what I had to say along with Sen. Peter Bunting, Minister Angela Brown Burke, Senator Sophia Frazer Binns and Senator Donna Scott Motley.

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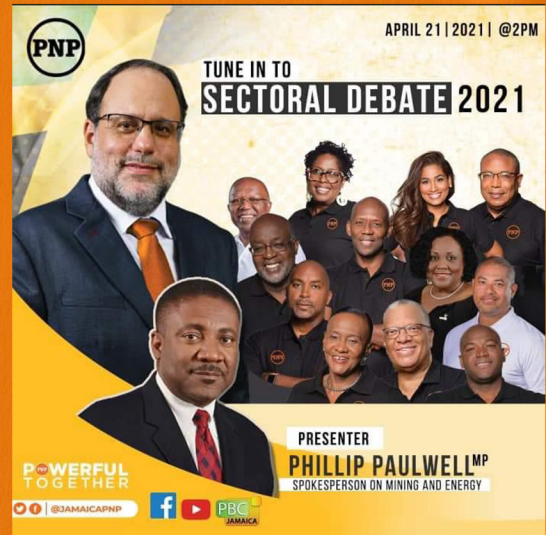
## Sectoral Debate

Minister Phillip Paulwell, Opposition Spokesperson on Mining & Energy

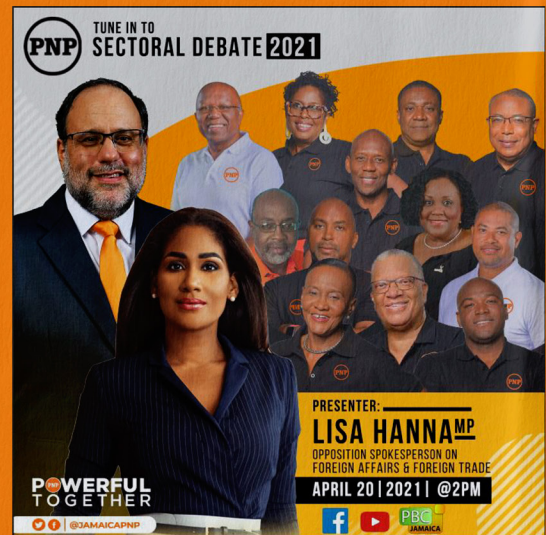
Our Party Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson on Mining and Energy made his contribution to this year's sectoral debate on April 21, charging that the current administration must come up with ways to lower electricity costs. He called for bold ideas and strategic investments to drive innovation and cost benefits in the energy sector.

Minister Lisa Hanna, Opposition Spokesperson of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade

Our Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Lisa Hanna, made our Party's position clear on ways to work with the world. She invited the government to work with us and the private sector in retooling Jamaica's foreign policy objectives and initiatives to drive local growth and opportunity in all sectors.



IT'S TIME FOR THE PEOPLE TO WIN



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## We must empower women to protect themselves -

Crime remains out of control, and the Government has no strategy to deal with it. More and more women are being murdered or subjected to other acts of violence, and are living in fear. In line with several other progressive countries, we have a duty as lawmakers to respond by ensuring that our citizens, and in particular women, can rely on pepper spray for their personal protection in self defence.

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## Care Package Distribution to the elderly and diabled in Constituency

Protecting and providing for the most vulnerable in our society is one of our core missions and a personal passion. I had the opportunity to distribute care packages in my constituency to people with disabilities and to the elderly. More than ever before, it is important that we look out for our neighbours, and do what we can to help.



17-year-old Derue Burton has 7 CXC subjects...and he's not even in the 11th grade yet. Hailing from the Trench Town community in my constituency, Derue is a driven, gifted, and intelligent young man.

I was able to help his household out with some groceries, as well as provide a tablet to Derue to aid in his studies.





### Met with the staff of The Four Path Primary School...

I paid a visit to the school following the murder of schoolteacher Nattalie Dawkins. The staff has been struggling to cope with the murder of the 44-year-old educator.

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Video contributed, Chenelle Paharsingh & featured in The Jamaica Gleaner

### Met with Former Custos Donald Pottinger in St. Mary...

I met with a small group to discuss issues concerning St. Mary, and how we can work together to make life better for the people of that wonderful parish.



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