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### MINISTRY OF FINANCE CONDUCT CONSULTATIONS FOR 2013 BUDGET

**ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA Tuesday, March 26, 2013:** The Ministry of Finance has begun its sector consultations in preparation for the 2013 National Budget.

Today, Officials from the Ministry of Finance met with representatives from the construction sector, the Grenada Hotel and Tourism Association, and the manufacturing sector.

So far, the Ministry is very satisfied with the participation from the stakeholders and is particularly pleased with the quality of the suggestions that have been put forward by the participants.

Much of the discussions surrounded the following areas:

- Stimulating economic activity and job creation;
- Revenue generation; and
- Waste reduction.

Government will consider the feedback received for inclusion in the 2013 Budget.

The schedule of consultations continues as follows:

- *Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013* - Grenada Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the Employers' Federation;
- *Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013* - Trade Union Council and Bankers' Association
- *Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013* - Grenada National Women's Organisation (GNOW) and representatives from the farming and fishing sectors.

The Budget Consultation Process is conducted annually by the Ministry of Finance so that stakeholders can get an opportunity to have an input into the National Budget.

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