



## COMMITTEE SETUP TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR CHINESE HOUSING UNITS

ST. GEORGE'S, GRENADA, July 9, 2014 – GIS: A committee has been established to review applications for the 353 Chinese Housing Units in Soubise and Mt. Rush.

Minister for Economic Development, Trade, Planning and Co-operatives, Hon. Oliver Joseph, said the houses in Soubise will be distributed soon, while those at Mt. Rush will be distributed as soon as remaining work is completed. Government's plan is to distribute all units by the end of the year.

"I think the Soubise [housing units] might be an easier one because, if you know Soubise, the people who live right on the shore will be a priority. If you suffered losses as a result of Hurricane Ivan – that will be a priority. If your income is under a certain threshold with a family of four or five – you will get priority," Joseph said.

"Really, it's for the vulnerable people and it will not be sold at market cost. The price will be based on the cost of the infrastructure [and] not really the cost of the house. It will not be sold at market value because we want to ensure that the people who really need it get the houses."

With regard to the House Repair Programme, Minister Joseph says Cabinet has decided to double the One Million EC Dollar allocation and it hopes to make this a reality before the end of the financial year.

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