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Special Pension to Mr. R. L. Fuller,
former Government Assistant Cricket Coach

When the Sports Development Agency was established and made a part of the re-organized Social Development Commission, the post of Government Cricket Coach (held by Mr. George A. Headley, M.B.E.), and the post of Assistant Government Cricket Coach (held by Mr. R. L. Fuller), were dissolved and the incumbents were retired.

2. By Act 37 of 1966, Parliament voted Mr. Headley a special pension of £1,400 per annum. (This was in recognition not only of his years of service as Government Cricket Coach, but particularly in recognition of his outstanding contribution to cricket as a player).

3. Mr. Fuller was awarded a gratuity of £833.6.8, calculated on the basis of one month's salary for each year of service.

4. It now seems, in retrospect, that even allowing for the historical circumstances surrounding the grant of a special pension to Mr. George Headley, the retiring benefits awarded Mr. Fuller, compared to those awarded Mr. Headley, could have been more generous.

5. Accordingly, it is now proposed that the previous decision regarding Mr. Fuller's retiring benefits be rescinded and that he be awarded one of the following as he may choose:

- (a) a full pension at the rate of £203.6.8 per annum;
- (b) a reduced pension of £152.10/- per annum, together with a gratuity of £635.8.4.

6. Special legislation is necessary to enable the proposed pension to be paid to Mr. Fuller. In the meantime, however, it is necessary to obtain the approval of the House, in principle, for the payment of the proposed pension, pending the enactment of legislation providing for his pension.

7. A resolution will be moved by the Honourable Minister of Development and Welfare in due course seeking the approval of the House for the foregoing arrangements.

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Kingston.

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