Crisis of Trust,' Says Davis

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It’s a “crisis of trust” for Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis’ to award millions of dollars in contracts to companies in which St. Anne’s MP Brent Symonette is a shareholder, Progressive Liberal Party Leader Philip Davis said.

One of those deals is a lease for the Town Centre Mall, a government contract, which will be worth $4.5 million to a company owned by Mr. Symonette and his brother, Davis explained yesterday.

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Uniform Choices for Gov’t Partner is Important for Sustainable Growth

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance the Hon. K. Peter Turnquest explained that this Administration believes that having a strong and effective partner in government is an important ingredient to sustainable growth and development.

DPM Turnquest was the keynote speaker at the inaugural CFAL BudgetPass 2019/20 Conference held at Baha Mar, Monday, July 8, 2019, under the theme “Seeing the Right Balance.”

He said the 2019/20 Budget is unlike any budget before in many major ways:

- This is the first budget to adhere to legally mandated fiscal targets set by the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2014.
- This is the first budget to fully adopt the new Chart of Accounts (COA) and to be compliant with internationally recognized Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Standards.
- This is the first budget that required minis ters to take a new approach to budget planning, highlighting our transition to programme budgeting in the public sector.

“This represents a deliberate move towards a more modern form of budgeting and public sector accountability that sets the right foundation for sustainability in all of our endeavours. "As we continue to usher these changes in, they will have a profound impact on the management of taxpayer money now and in the future, and therefore increase the likelihood of long-term fiscal stability, a stronger economy and socio-economic transformation." He noted that the business community will play an important role in keeping the government on track, particularly through its representation on the Fiscal Responsibility Council.

The DPM explained that this independent civil society body is established by the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) to foster budgetary discipline, and to promote the government’s adherence to sound fiscal management that take into account the economic impact they will have on the economy. "We expect the Council to be vibrant and active in playing its role. "As it relates to fiscal targets, the FRA finds the government in a strategic position to meet our fiscal goals" he said. "In keeping with our obligations, the deficit projected for this budget year will in fact end up being the lowest deficit this country has seen in 10 years, with its corresponding ratio marking the lowest deficit to GDP ratio this country has seen in almost two decades." He said, “Our deficit has been on a downward trajectory since this Administration took office, and as we continue to meet our fiscal goals we will undoubtedly have more resources to devote to other areas of economic and social reform that will have an indelible impact on the lives of our people.”

Christopher Cline, a billionaire coal magnate from West Virginia.

Twenty-two-year-old Kamero Cline was his daughter and the other passenger was her friend 60-year-old Kameron Cline, a billionaire coal magnate from West Virginia.

A 60-year-old man and a 22-year-old woman were also handed over to the NTSB in Washington D.C. for analysis.

The bodies of the victims were brought to New Providence on Friday. According to police, the helicopter took off from Big Grand Cay around 4 a.m. on route to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The missing helicopter was reported to police around 2:53 p.m. on July 4 after it did not arrive at its destination.

Police and residents of Grand Cay later discovered the aircraft overturned in 16 feet of water.

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The prime minister now sees his conversations with Brent Symonette should be considered "confidential". When he talks about transparency, you see, he does not mean conversations in which he and members of Cabinet discuss matters of significant interest to the public. However, Davis said it is difficult to imagine how the prime minister can continue to lead the government effectively.

"With his misrepresentations to the House of Assembly, and multiple deals benefiting members of his inner political circle, he has lost the trust of the public," he added. "In a functioning government where public trust is valued, a vote of no confidence would take place." According to Davis, it is likely that members of the prime minister’s political party prefer to keep him in place, rather than see him resign or fall to a no-confidence vote. "Many of them are putting their own positions, first. Some of them care only about their continued ability to pull their puppet strings to their own benefit," he said.

"This may be the political reality, but it does not mean in any way justify the unethical behaviour that has led to this crisis of trust," Symonette recently explained publically that his decision to resign wasn’t because of the contracts awarded. But Symonette in which Symonette is a shareholder would have explained publically that his decision to resign wasn’t because of the contracts awarded. He said his decision to resign was a simple issue, as he wanted to resign before his 65th birthday.

"You pay for a brand and a brand will come in and manage it." The government purchased the Grand Lucayan for $65 million under heavy criticism from the opposition who insisted that it was a bad idea.

"We should look at the data, they’re going to try to work out terms," Mr. Wilchcombe said. It’s going to be a give and take. The government right now is in a desperate situation and one of the strategies you deploy is to stretch it out because in government they are going to make decisions because they’re thinking about elections, so they’re going to stretch it out because they might get the better deal. "So I think that is where they are right now. I think the government is making a fundamental mistake. We should look external and get the help internally."

"Let’s talk to some of the Bahamian people who have the where with all, who can do it. You can talk to the Mosko’s. You can talk to George Myers. You can talk to the Bakers. Put all the money together. Make it happen and then let them do something."