

**Sims Statement**

This afternoon I offered my resignation as Minister of Citizens' Services upon learning of the appointment of a Special Prosecutor. I have not been given details of any allegations but there was no credibility to previous public allegations. I am confident that my name will be cleared but do not want to distract from the important work of government in the meantime. For that reason, I have decided to step away from my duties while the matter is resolved.

On the advice of counsel, I will not be making any further statements.