



A PERSONAL STATEMENT FROM
THE GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK -
MR. EWART S. WILLIAMS

I am hereby requesting a right of reply to the statement made by UNC-A MP for Siparia, Mrs. Kamla Persad-Bissessar claim that 'Ministers and the Governor' had used the information at their disposal concerning the state of affairs at CLICO Investment Bank (CIB) to withdraw their deposits and thereby protect their assets.

The facts are as follows:

1. I have two small deposits with CIB. CIB notified me on November 19th, 2008 that one of these deposits would mature on December 27th, 2008 and requested my instructions about withdrawal or renewal. On December 23rd, I gave instructions to withdraw. Let it be known for the record, that Central Bank was not approached by CL Financial until mid January 2009.
2. The other deposit is still with CIB up to this time. I will insist on being given the same treatment as all other depositors.

I want to state categorically, that I have never used my position for personal gain. I take the obligations of my office very seriously.

Ewart S. Williams

