10. CONCLUSIONS

The Committee urges Parliament to support and Government to continue to identify, tag, and monitor Priority Poverty Expenditures for 2002/03. We trust Budget documents will provide the information needed to evaluate the amounts of spending proposed for these programmes.

The Committee supports Government's commitment to enforcing fiscal discipline. We hope budget documents will include a commitment to provide the information cited in this report as essential for tracking and monitoring Priority Poverty Expenditures. We also hope that Government will guarantee allocation and expenditure of the full amounts budgeted from all sources.

The Committee appreciates Government's interest in strengthening the role of Parliament and the public in the budgeting process. We hope Government and Parliament will insist on adequate time for citizen input on the proposed Budget, as well as enough time for a thorough debate in the House.