

**PRESS STATEMENT**

The Ministry of Home Affairs wishes to refer to an article in the Kaieteur News newspaper dated Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, under the caption 'DECISION TO DEPLOY WATER CANNON RESTS WITH POLICE'.

The article indicated that the cost of the Water Cannon for the Guyana Police Force was \$37,000,000.00.

The Ministry wishes to inform that in the year 2010 the sum of \$37,000,000.00 was budgeted for the procurement of a Water Cannon for the Guyana Police Force but the equipment was purchased at an actual cost of **\$20,800,000.00**.

The Water Cannon was handed over to the Guyana Police Force on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.

The Guyana Police Force will decide where and when the Water Canon is to be deployed in the national territory.

**Ministry of Home Affairs**

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