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Statement from the Chief Minister, Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, on the Resignation of Hon Daniel Feetham QC MP from the post of the Leader of the Opposition

"I have spoken this morning to Daniel Feetham.

I have expressed to him my personal support in respect of the matters which have led to him making this decision. I have no doubt it has been a difficult one for him. Politics at the highest level takes a huge toll on the families of those on the front line. I would therefore ask that the public, in particular on social media, should respect Daniel's decision. I call also for respect for his privacy and that of his family. We must all be deeply understanding of the reasons Daniel has given for his decision.

I have conveyed to Daniel my personal best wishes to him and his family, in particular his wife Julia and their children, at this time of transition for them. Daniel remains a Member of Parliament and I look forward to continuing engagement with him in the context of that work.

In particular, I want to highlight the importance of respect for the crucial role of the Opposition MPs in our democracy. To this end, I have spoken to Mr Clinton a few moments ago to ensure we can be in such direct contact as his current interim role may require."