

\$2.4m TO BUILD PAN THEATRES

GOVERNMENT has allocated \$2.4 million for the construction of pan theatres throughout the country, Community Development Minister Joan Yuille-Williams said yesterday.

Yuille-Williams was speaking at the opening ceremony for the La Horquetta Community facility yesterday. She urged the community to "leave the doors open" to allow artistes to use the centre, which was built at a cost of \$1.1 million.

In delivering the feature address, Yuille-Williams gave an overview of what had been achieved in the area of community development over the last four years.

And apparently poking fun at her Cabinet colleague, Camille Robinson-Regis, Yuille-Williams praised the outgoing MP for the area John Eckstein and expressed the hope that those who followed him continue his good work. The statement drew laughter from the



community concerts where artistes who are unemployed can teach members of the community for a stipend. Though the stipend would be paid by Government, Yuille-Williams stressed that the programme "was not (like) an Unemployment Relief Programme."

Yuille-Williams said Cabinet had also

audience which included Robinson-Regis, the candidate for the Arouca South constituency in which the community of La Horquetta falls.

Yuille-Williams said Government was promoting the idea of com-

agreed to establish 20 outdoor theatres in Trinidad and Tobago.

She also referred to a new community programme in which retired people with skills are to be used in the training of young people, especially those who go to school in the shift system and are unsupervised for part of the day. She said this programme was already in place in Marabella and in Morvant and that a community like La Horquetta was obviously in need of it.

Yuille-Williams said that this year 100 community centres were renovated with URP and self-help.

Robinson-Regis emphasised that the centre must not be seen as just a building but as a place where the community spirit can be fostered.

Community representative, Joseph Edwards, told members of the community that they had a civic duty to vote on polling day.