

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Chairperson: Please wait Clerk. Respected Members before we start with the Order Paper of today I would like to highlight a few things as concerns the agenda that you see on the Order Paper.

The first item is Administration of Oath/Affirmation by new Members. Taking oath of office is a prerequisite step. No Member can participate in the proceedings of the Assembly unless he has taken the oath. Section 18 in no uncertain term states that a Member has to take the oath within a period of three months, probably, an extension of up to four months before he can participate in the debate.

I wish to point out also which is very important for us today that as far as the Administration of Oath is concerned the law is silent, our Standing Orders and Rules are silent. While as Chairperson of this Assembly, representing the authority of the Chair, I would have to import from the practice of the National Assembly in order to carry out this important exercise. I felt that a decision of this Assembly is called for in order to safeguard the secret constitutional interest of the Members newly elected through the by-elections in the two Local Regions.

I would therefore vary the items in the agenda that you see on today's Order Paper and would instruct the Clerk to proceed with item 5(i) on the agenda.

Thank you.

MOTION – THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

The Chief Commissioner (Mr. G. Jabeemissar): Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I beg to move the motion under my name which reads as follows:-

“The House resolves that the Chairperson be empowered to administer the oath to the Members elected through the by-elections held on 12th June 2011, in conformity with the practice of the National Assembly under Order 64 of the Standing Order and Rules of the Regional Assembly”.

There are two limbs which are clearly set out in the Motion which the House is called upon to approve. The first one relates to the swearing of the Members elected through by-elections in Local Regions and the second limb relates to the direct application of the practice and procedure of the National Assembly.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, these issues stand out from the apparent mission in the Rodrigues Regional Assembly laws to set out the modalities for the administration of oath to Members elected through by-elections. On the outset I have to draw the attention of the House to the provision of Sections 18 and 22 of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act. Both provisions deal with the administration of oath of Members before the Chairperson. Section 18 provides that the Member who fails to take the oath during the swearing in ceremony as provided in Section 12, the second case provides for the swearing in of the Island Region Members during the Assembly session. In both cases the Members have to take the oath before the Chairperson. This is what the law says.

On the other hand, the law is silent as to the administration of oath to Members elected through a by-election in the Local Regions. By analogy we can venture to say that the latter have to take the oath before the Chairperson. However, there is more to it, Section 64(v) of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly states *“subject to part (v) the practice of the National Assembly shall be followed where Standing Orders and Rules made under sub-section (i) and (iv) do not make provision for any matter arising in Regional Assembly”*. There is nothing in our Standing Orders which provide for the swearing in of Members elected through by-elections.

By virtue of the above mentioned sections, we may follow the practice that obtained in the National Assembly. We have been informed that Members elected through by-elections in Mauritius invariably may take the oath before the Speaker. The constitutional rights of the Members to participate in the works of the Assembly can only be exercised after they have taken the oath or make a solemn affirmation of the case

As leader of the House I have had communication with the Office of the Chairperson. The Secretariat had received confirmation of the practice of the National Assembly. I will not prevent the Members in any way whatsoever the possibility to exercise their secret rights rather I will cumulate to enable them to do so at the earliest.

The motion that appears in the Order Paper calls for a decision of the House to enable the newly elected Members to take their oath as a Member. I understanding all Members of this House.

Finally, I wish to add that we have received communication from the President's Office to the effect that the President will not come to administer the oath to the newly elected Members.

I thank you for your attention.

Mr. Chairperson: Please wait. Any secondment, please?

Mrs. M. T. Clair-Brault rose and seconded.

Mr. Chairperson: Yes Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, on this side of the House as Minority Leader we agree with the procedure being followed, this is the practice of the National Assembly during by-elections incoming Members may swear before the Speaker. However, I am surprised by the wording of this motion and I think there is a big error which necessitates amendments if you want to proceed in the right manner. It is not according to me, may be I am wrong, and I can be enlightened by the Chair.

The motion is worded as follows in the end: *"in conformity with the practice of the National Assembly under Order 64 of the Standing Order and Rules of the Regional Assembly"*. I have under my eyes Order 64 of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Standing Orders, Order 64 of the Standing Orders. You will agree with me, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, relates to the Standing Orders Committee, I think after having listened to the Chief Commissioner that he would be referring to Section 64 of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act. So I don't understand how such a motion has been prepared on such an important issue. With your permission, may I move that the motion be amended?

Mr. Chairperson: Yes. You raised a very good point. When we received this motion, the present of this motion is in fact our decision, the decision of me and the Clerk. When we received the motion we in fact had at first back your interpretation but when we considered the motion in substance we found that what is said when is said *"in conformity with the practice of the National Assembly"* there is no way that it was mentioned that the practice of the National Assembly is

contained rather in Standing Order 64 but rather it is Order 64 which enables us to import the practice of the National Assembly. This is what we understand. But on the other hand, you have a motion; you want to proceed with the motion?

Mr. J. Roussety: Yes, sorry to ... we are parliamentarians we have to do thing right. I think my opinion is not as it is - Section 64 of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act and if we don't want to amend all these things, we should amend and if we could put under Order 1, it is Order 1 you will agree with me, Order 1 of the Standing Order which allows us here to import the practice of the National Assembly. Otherwise this motion will be meaningless because when you refer to the Standing Order 64 it refers to Standing Orders Committee which is... I have nothing to do with it, so please Mr. Chief Commissioner you made an error if you agree we correct it.

Mr. Chairperson: Yes, I do understand that Order 64 is in fact Section 64 of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act; this is what you mean or you mean or Standing Order 1.

Mr. J. Roussety: I think it will be better to say words to amend 64 and to replace it by Order 1.

Mr. Chairperson: As I said earlier it is not Order 64 - the National Assembly, it is Section 64 of the RRA Act. Or what you said.

Mr. J. Roussety: Can I, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, make a motion to amend the motion which has been put by the Chief Commissioner. I move that the words Order 64 of the Standing Order and Rules of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, the motion be deleted and be replaced by Section 64 of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act. Thank you.

Mr. A. L. Emilien rose and seconded.

Mr. Chairperson: We have a motion before this House and the motion has been seconded - a motion of amendment.

[Interruption]

Mr. Chairperson: Yes, please wait. Order please!

Yes, there is a motion before this House from the Chief Commissioner who wants to ... the motion is to the effect that Order 64 end up until Assembly be deleted and replaced by Section 64 of the RRA Act. No. You said no. Are you making a speech on it? Or... I have to put the vote first.

On question put, the amendment was defeated.

Mr. J. Roussety: The question remains, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, is that I am addressing to you, to a Chair whether we can allow a motion which is ill phrased to be adopted for such an important issue as the swearing in of four new Members of this House. You will agree with me that the motion contains a legal error in its wording and I am raising the point, to the Chair. I don't think the Chair should allow such a motion which contains an error in referring to the Standing Orders to which it is pointing is wrong. We cannot do this!

Mr. Chairperson: You are right to say this but on the other hand even if we delete the whole thing under Order 64 and up to - the motion is still valid because we are empowered to follow the practice of the National Assembly. Even without this.

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, Section 64

Mr. Chairperson: Please wait. You have intervened on the motion. He made a motion and you refused the motion and then if you want to make another speech you are not allowed to do that. So another Member can make a speech and then we are going to vote the motion. And if ever you ask leave, if you want to speak again, you have to ask leave from me in order to intervene then I have to consider the leave in order for you to intervene. Anything? No you have not intervene you can intervene.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, may I move that we proceed with the motion that:

“The House resolves that the Chairperson be empowered to administer the oath to the Members elected through the by-elections held on 12th June 2011, in conformity with the practice of the National Assembly”.

Mr. Chairperson: So what I understand is that you move to delete ...

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Mrs. M. T. Clair Brault: Delete “*Order 64 of the Standing Order and Rules of the Regional Assembly*”.

Mr. Chairperson: Is the motion seconded?

Commissioner J. C. Agathe rose and seconded.

On question put, the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Chairperson: So, if there is nobody to intervene I will have to put the question.

On question put, the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Chairperson: Clerk, can we now proceed with ...

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO MEMBERS

Mr. Chairperson: I will now invite the four Members in turn to come forward to subscribe the oath of office.

The following Members made and subscribed before the Assembly, the Oath of Allegiance as prescribed in the First Schedule of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act 2001 and signed the Roll of Membership:-

- Miss Annecy Larose

[Applause]

Mr. Chairperson: I now invite Miss Annecy Larose to take the seat allocated to her in this Chamber

- Mrs. Marie Thérèse Agathe

[Applause]

Mr. Chairperson: I now invite you Mrs. Agathe to take the seat allocated to you.

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- Mr. J. Alex Flore

[Applause]

Mr. Chairperson: Order please. I now invite, let me have your full name, Mr. Jean Alex Flore to take the seat that have been allocated to you. Order please. Otherwise you are going to miss important item in this procedure.

- Mr. J. Anderson Raffaut

[Applause]

Mr. Chairperson: I now invite Mr. Raffaut to take the seat allocated to him.

Respected Members we are now sixteen in all. I would like to congratulate you, the newly elected Members who have just taken their oath for their election in this Assembly. By taking oath as Member I understand that you have agreed to form part in this family and participate in the works of the Assembly for the betterment of Rodrigues. I have to inform you that the Clerk and I would do our utmost to help you in case of

We have at the seat of this Assembly a small library where you can consult useful documents and you can make use of the other facilities available to all Members, like the internet and so on. Please make the best of all the facilities available to you. Again on behalf of all the Members of this Assembly we welcome you all.

Secondly, I would like to place on record that the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Gaetan Jabeemissar has been elevated to the rank of Grand Officer of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean (G.O.S.K.) this year.

[Applause]

I understand that he is the third persons living in Rodrigues to be elevated to that status, the second highest award of the Republic. May I express the sincere congratulation of the House to him.

Thank you all.

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May I suspend the Assembly for 30 minutes?

At 11.00 hours, the Assembly was suspended.

On resuming at 11.30 hours with the Chairperson in the Chair.

Mr. Chairperson: Clerk can we resume where we stopped, please.

PAPERS LAID

- Declaration of results of the whole of campaign election 2011 in Local Region No. 4 Baie aux Huitres and local Region No. 6 Grande Montagne.

The Chief Commissioner: Before proceeding to the next item, I beg leave to say a few words to the newly elected members.

Mr. Chairperson: Are there any objections? No.

The Chief Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. As Chief Commissioner and on behalf of this House, I would join you and the Clerk to congratulate the newly elected members and wish them a fruitful career in this Assembly. And I do hope that they will bring their fruitful contribution to the public affairs of our country through their active participation in this House. Thank you.

[Applause]

Mr. Chairperson: Would the Minority Leader say a few words?

The Minority Leader: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, je rejoins le Chef Commissaire en adressant mes félicitations aux quatre Membres qui ont été élus dans les élections du 12 juin dernier et félicité particulièrement les deux Membres du FPR qui ont été élus dans la Région 4 – Baie aux Huitres ou il a été donner l'exemple que les efforts même avec des nouveaux peut rapporter leurs fruits. En même temps nos félicitations aux deux dames qui ont été élus dans la Région 6, je leurs souhaite une bonne carrière dans l'Assemblée et qu'ils débutent sur les de Rodrigues. Merci.

Mr. Chairperson: Can you recite the item, please.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

SUSTAINABLE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SIDPR)

(No. B/17) The Minority Leader (Mr. J. Roussety) asked the Chief Commissioner as regards the Sustainable Integrated Development Plan for Rodrigues (SIDPR) can he, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) whether all the mechanisms contained therein are in place and whether they are working;
- (b) when have there been meetings of the Table Ronde de Rodrigues and of each Thematic Groups since the launching of the SIDPR;
- (c) whether the necessary interaction between the Economic Planning and Monitoring Unit (EPMU) and the different Commissions is in place;
- (d) the state of progress as regards the setting of the, Integrated Development Planning (IDP) and Management Superstructure?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the answer to part (a) is yes. As regard to (b) the Table Ronde has met on four occasions and the thematic working groups on 34 occasions. And as regard to part (c) the answer is yes. As regard to part (d), Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the SIDPR made for provisions for setting up of integration development planning concept. The responsibility for implementing the integrated development planning have been vested into the EPMU which acts as the executive arm which makes a liaison between the RRA and the civil society comprises, NGOs, village associations, professional associations, private sector and corporate bodies involved in corporate, social responsibilities and initiatives. Service groups, trade unions, religious and cultural groups and other community based organisations.

We are always therefore relying on the first structure set up according to the SIDPR report for sustainable development, planning and management for the setting up of the four building blocks. The IDP concept has an approach to

planning and management therefore involved the RRA and the Rodriguan population in identifying, choosing and working together to implement the best solutions to attain the long term goals setting the SIDPR.

While the SIDPR has been launched on December 2009, all planning and projects have therefore been channelled through the system the EPMU with the active participation of the population. The EPMU has the overall responsibility for the implementation and coordination of the SIDPR and has worked in close collaboration with the condition of the RRA, civil societies, NGOs and other community based organisations to attain the objectives set. The Table Ronde is acting as the advisory body overseeing the whole process. It is therefore, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, a continuous process and is working with a new system, new synergy since my taking into office as Chief Commissioner.

Mr. J. A. Flore: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, could the Chief Commissioner tell the House who is the Chairman of the EPMU?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the Chairman of the EPMU is Mr. Moostapha Jeetoo.

Mr. J. A. Flore: Is it not the Chief Commissioner the Chairman of the EPMU?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, he asked a question and then he told

Mr. Chairperson: Whatever the tone he used but he asked a question ...

The Chief Commissioner: A question I have already answered to it.

Mr. J. Roussety: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, can I know from the Chief Commissioner how is the EPMU organised?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I have already mentioned that it started since 2009 and as it's started it is organised in the same way as it is already is.

Mr. Chairperson: The Chairman of EPMU, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, he don't know, he is the Chief Commissioner himself. The Chairman of EPMU, go and look in your SIDPR, if you want.

The Chief Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, but I have just mentioned

Mr. Chairperson: Please wait!

Mr. J. Roussety: I am on my feet. You know the Standing Orders. It is question time. The Chairman of the EPMU is yourself, the Chief Commissioner. This is an example that there is ignorance about the SIDPR.

Mr. Chairperson: It is question time..

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: On a Point of Order. The Minority Leader is imputing motives and I will ask him to withdraw the word ignorance.

Mr. Chairperson: I have had the occasion to give previous ruling concerning this matter. I remember in my last ruling I said that this is a House of parliament, this is a House of transparency and however palatability normally what we have here are questions pertaining to competency of Officers and competency of Members. You would understand that Standing Order 36 would prohibit all allegations containing imputation, self motives and insult. But in my opinion only said a word direct to competency won't go against the provision of the Standing Order. I would therefore draw the attention of Members that they cannot attack the competency, the conduct of a Commissioner save and except during the debate in a motion to that effect. Thank you.

I would ask the Minority Leader to reset his question.

Mr. J. Roussety: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, for the information of Members, the Chairman of the EPMU is the Chief Commissioner according to the SIDPR, which I have here. Can I ask the Chief Commissioner being given his reply to part (a) of the question which is whether all the mechanisms contained therein are in place. Whether the EPMU which is the guiding office, direct office through the application of the SIDPR. Being given that he stated that all the mechanisms are in place whether he will tell the House whether the propose organizational structure of EPMU is in place?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the answer is yes and I would like to draw the attention of the Minority Leader that I am the Chief Commissioner of this House. I am responsible for the Executive Council and who

decide on policy it is me. I have decided that the SIDPR continue to work according to what we decide it to do.

Mr. J. Roussety: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I am surprised but this state of thing. The SIDPR is not

Mr. Chairperson: You are going to have time criticize on his It is question time.

Mr. J. Roussety: I know. Come back to my question. Can I ask the Chief Commissioner at Page 92 of SIDPR being given he said all the mechanisms are in place, can I ask him whether the EPMU has its Director appointed? Whether the EPMU has an administrative department, statistical department, project management department and all the sub departments which are in the SIDPR and which he has told us are in place? Whether he can state if all these structures are in place already? If yes I have no problem, if no I want to know why they are not in place.

The Chief Commissioner: I have just mentioned that it is a continuous process. It is a continuous process for many of these mechanisms to put in place, it implies money – budget. Right! And the Minority Leader knows quite well that he did not provide money for these to be fully implemented. So I am going to see that it will be implemented in due course. The time that it takes to have all the financial resources necessary but it will take place as and when required.

Mr. J. Roussety: Then, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I am right to say that in regards to part (a) of the question, which is my question! With regards to part (a) not all the mechanisms of the SIDPR are in place. You will agree with me? Will he not agree that all the mechanisms are not in place and he cannot state being given previous statement to my question, he cannot state that all the mechanisms are in place? If the EPMU is not property staffed, for example?

The Chief Commissioner: It is working, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, according to *les moyens du bords* and it will continue to work until we get all the necessary funds and so on to make it completed.

Mr. Chairperson: Please wait Minority Leader. We have another Member at the back who wanted to have the floor since long.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I would like to ask the Chief Commissioner, being given that on page 90 it is spelt out the Chief Commissioner being the Chairman of the Executive Council is also the one who is responsible for spear heading the management, the decision making process of the office EPMU. I would like to ask the Commissioner, being given that he has just said that Mr. Jeetoo has a very important control as regards to the EPMU, I would like to know, being given that this is a very strategic tool which has been incorporated into a very important document for the sustainable development of Rodrigues. I would like to ask the Chief Commissioner whether he has met with the EPMU since he has taken over as Chief Commissioner and what will be his qualification as to the states of the processing of this very important tool, the EPMU in the whole process of planning, monitoring and coming forward with suggestions to the government with regard to sustainable development and the whole SIDPR project?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as Chief Commissioner I am already in a position of policy decision making and this is done together also with the Executive Council, with my colleagues at the Executive Council and I delegated the powers to somebody else to ensure that EPMU, through the EPMU all the decisions decided are being implemented and then Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as the respected Member just said there is no need for me to Chair, if ever, I have delegated the power to someone else to do it. This is what I have done with all the other Commissions, all the powers, all the responsibilities that the former Chief Commissioner put on his shoulder. I have delegated to two other Commissioners.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I would like at least that the Chief Commissioner ...

Mr. Chairperson: Try to be sweet and direct ...

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Of course, why do you think that I would be sore and I will be sweet ...

Mr. Chairperson: You made a very long speech. There are plenty of questions in the first question.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Of course, there is one question I stated the situation of my question, but the Chief Commissioner has not told us whether he has met with the whole staffing of the EPMU and what is it the state of

Mr. Chairperson: Please wait. One question at a time!

The Chief Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, how can I delegate powers if I don't need that.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: I would like to know what is the state of the situation how he sees ...

Mr. Chairperson: One question at a time!

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: But I am still in that question.

Mr. Chairperson: I am not going to give leave to go to a multiple questions and that we say that the Commissioner has not responded to one part of the question. Ask one question at a time.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: This is the same question, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, if you will allow me. I would like to ask the Commissioner, I would like to insist in asking him to tell the House, being given that the EPMU is a very important tool for which he has delegated power. I would like to ask him to tell the House what is the state of matters within this in terms of monitoring, planning, forward looking projects, what he sees the management of the EPMU, is he satisfies with it?

The Chief Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I am satisfy because I have just mentioned it is working even if everywhere there may be room for improvement because nobody is perfect, no structure is perfect but I am satisfied with the work that is being done, monitoring, decision taken on projects and so on. This is being done by the EPMU.

Mr. Chairperson: Next question.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: I would like to continue unless the Minority Leader has any question. It regards the Table Ronde, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, which is part (b) of the question. Since the launching of the report in December 2009, I looked forward as you would recall in this House myself I had a lot *espoirs* in this Table Ronde and there have been somewhat a sort of silence since 2009. We don't know about what has become of this Table Ronde. I would like to ask the Chief Commissioner if he could inform the House whether any mechanisms have been set within this Table Ronde and may be I'd stop here.

The Chief Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the respected Member is referring to since 2009. Yes, may be she is right she said there has been some silence since 2009. I'd just remind her that I am Chief Commissioner only since January this year. But to give evidence to what the SIDPR is doing let me just remind the House that Thematic Working Group No. 4 just organized a very important activities in relation to environment just last Sunday. This is a proof, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, that the SIDPR is working.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I have one more question with regard to the Table Ronde which is explaining in the report as being a catalyst for development and so I would like to know since among the roles of the Table Ronde it has to meet with the RRA, it has to advise the RRA on matters pertaining to development, it has to meet with the civil society, it has to meet with the private sectors. I would like to know whether this important mechanism of the SIDPR has indeed since 2009 met with the three components of the Rodriguan population and what has been the outcome and if possible how many times they have met.

The Chief Commissioner: The answer is yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, but as regards the number of time, I can't recall to say how much in time. But the answer is yes they have met regularly.

Mr. Chairperson: Yes, you seem puzzled. You have to ask a simple question at a time.

Mr. J. A. Raffaut: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, can the Chief Commissioner tell the House who is the Chairman of the Table Ronde de Rodrigues?

The Chief Commissioner: The Chairman is the Commissioner, Mr. Franceau Grandcourt.

Mr. J. Roussety: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, if I understand the Member has made a statement, respected Member, First Local Region Member for St. Gabriel and affirmation saying that there is silence on the Table Ronde de Rodrigues since 2009. My newly elected colleagues just asked a question and it has been stated that the Chairman of the Table Ronde de Rodrigues is the Commissioner responsible for Environment. So can I ask the Chief Commissioner whether he is chairing his Executive Council *[gap in cassette]* to the effect that the SIDPR, Table Ronde, EPMU everything is working on correct because you cannot blame a former Chief Commissioner when it is our friend the Commissioner for

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Environment who is responsible for the Table Ronde de Rodrigues and who is responsible for making it worked. So ...

[Interruptions]

Mr. Chairperson: Order please! Order please!

Mr. J. Roussety: The Chairman of the Table Ronde de Rodrigues

Mr. Chairperson: Order please!

Mr. J. Roussety: Let me speak! You don't want me to speak!

Mr. Chairperson: Order please!

[Interruptions]

Mr. Chairperson: Order please! Order order! Well we are at question time. You are all experienced those people who are talking. Yes. If there are orders, probably I will probably elect to suspend the Assembly next time.

Mr. J. Roussety: Yes, what I wanted to say in my question, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, ...

Mr. Chairperson: Yes, you understand that if you ... at question time what you are saying by way of introduction can be taken as affirmation like you say and then it will give rise to such of things, debate and interjection. I would make an appeal to you, you are authorised to for your question and then you put your question. Nothing more.

Mr. J. Roussety: My question is the SIDPR has been launched in 2009, if the Table Ronde de Rodrigues which he has said is silent since 2009. It is, he will agree with me, the responsibility of the Commissioner responsible for the Table Ronde de Rodrigues. Who is responsible ... *"ki zot gagner, zot sauter, atane atane, pa sauter"*.

The Chief Commissioner: On a Point of Order. This is question time and the Minority Leader is taking the time of the House to make a speech at question time. This is not admissible.

Mr. Chairperson: Yes, you want a ruling for this it is so clear. This is why the basis of our rules here.

Mr. J. Roussety: My question has been put two times but unfortunately I have not been able to finish it. Can I ask in practice the Chief Commissioner the question of the IDP, I hope he knows what it means? What has it involved since he has been Chief Commissioner, what has been done, what has been involved in terms of IDP implementation since he took office at the level of the SIDPR?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the Minority Leader is talking about IDP, he himself he never put it in place.

Mr. J. Roussety: My question is not Minority Leader has nothing to do with IDP today. I am asking a question you put back the question to me. I am asking you as Chief Commissioner of this when you took office in 2010 *“pas pe sofé pé pose question, gagne droit, zot ki pé sofé, panique dans car”*. What has he done in terms of the implementation of the IDP? He is Commissioner since early January, I think February, what have been done in terms of implementation of the Integrated Development Planning Structure and implementation of IDP in Rodrigues at community level?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I just mentioned it is a continuous process, the Minority Leader can't expect me to do in four months' what he has not been able to do in two years.

Mr. Chairperson: Order please!

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I have one last question as regard to the SIDPR. Being given that it is the Chief Commissioner as Chief of the whole Executive Council, who is responsible for the spear heading, the way forward, the decision, the focusing of the SIDPR, I would like to ask him what is the specific focus of the SIDPR so far? Actually what is the focus of it? What is the main focus of the SIDPR?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the thematic working groups just held on activities in connection with MID, just recently. And our focus is on sustainable development, that is, focus on the environment.

Mr. Chairperson: Next question please.

BUDGET ESTIMATES - 2011

(No. B/18) The Minority Leader (Mr. J. Roussety) asked the Chief Commissioner as regards the Budget Estimates adopted for 2011, whether he can:-

- (a) brief the House about the state of implementation of Investment/Capital projects to date per Commission and on the overall;
- (b) give an overview of expenditure trends per category to date and state whether there is any tendency where the budgeted/allocated figures are likely to be exceeded, stating the category, any scheduled shortfall amount and the remedies he proposes to adopt, if any;
- (c) state what is being done to curtail wasteful expenditures, if any?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I wish to inform the House as regards to part (a) and (b) the requested information to be compiled and will be submitted in due course. **(Documents available in Library)**

However, as we are now only mid way of the fiscal year I am convinced that all projects are on target and will be completed as scheduled.

As regards to part (c) of the question, I can assure the House that I have 100% trust in my Commissioners who are implementing approved policies in their respective Commission in accordance with the existing rules and regulations and can assure the House that under this present Regional Government in place since 2011 there is no wasteful expenditure.

[Applause]

Mr. J. Roussety: As regards part (a) and (b), Mr. Chairperson, Sir, can I ask the Chief Commissioner why is it that the information which is readily available on the system of his office, has to be combined? Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I have a Point of Order, once and for all, each time I stand to speak some people wants to prevent me from speaking, particularly, Commissioner Agathe and the beautiful lady who is Commissioner Brault. I can't speak if Members are speaking at the same time.

Mr. Chairperson: Take your seat please. We all know that this is question time and that this is a sort most heated period of this Assembly every time we meet. I do understand that there can be interjections but you should realise that if you don't stop interjecting, this Assembly won't be able to work, the Commissioners won't be able to put their questions. On the other hand, I also appeal to all people who are going to ask questions to put their question direct, like I said sweet and what is by exception permissible, are to lay a little foundation not by way of criticism but by way of stated facts in order for the question to be more clearly understandable. Thank you.

EXPENDITURES AND PAYMENTS – WATER RESOURCES

(No. B/19) The Minority Leader (Mr. J. Roussety) asked the Commissioner responsible for Water Resources and Others whether he can brief the House on expenditures and payments of all categories made at the level of his Commission from 1st January 2011 to date, tabling the relevant information stating amounts disbursed, from which budget item vote, to whom and for what purpose?

The Commissioner responsible for Water Resources and Others (Mr. J. D. Spéville): Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as the Minority Leader is aware expenditures and payments are either of a recurrent or capital nature. Since the information asked for is lengthy and very detailed Ito be tabled for the benefit of the Assembly in due course. **(Documents available in the Library)**

Mr. Chairperson: No supplementary. Next question.

RESIDENTIAL LEASES - CANCELLATION

(No. B/20) The Minority Leader (Mr. J. Roussety) asked the Commissioner responsible for Lands & Others whether, as regards residential leases, he can, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) the conditions or circumstances under which a lease is cancelled and the procedure followed;
- (b) the number of persons who presently fall in the conditions or circumstances stated above;

- (c) the number of leases cancelled since 1st January 2011 to date, by giving details about the lessees, site location and extent, and the reasons of cancellation, if any; and
- (d) whether he or any other authority approved the cancellation of the lease of Mr. W. Y. Y. Y. at Anse aux Anglais and is so, on which precise basis?

The Commissioner responsible for Lands & Others (Mr. L. A. Perrine):

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, a lease is a contract/an agreement by which one party (the Lessor) conveys land, property, services etc. to another one (i.e. the Lessee) for a specific time. The agreement defines the right, obligation and responsibilities of the Lessee with regard to the tenureship of the plot of land which has been leased.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the conditions or circumstances under which a lease is cancelled and the procedure to be followed are clearly spelt out in the lease agreement at Article 16 “Cancellation of lease”. Normally a residential lease can be cancelled for the following reasons:-

- (i) if the Lessee has not completed the construction of a residential building within a period of 18 months as from the date of signature of the lease;
- (ii) if the Lessee, in the eventuality of the existing building having been destroyed, has not completed the construction of the new building within a period of 12 months from the date of destruction of the existing building;
- (iii) if the Lessee fails to start erection of the building referred to at (i) above within 9 months from the date of signature of the lease and if a forty-eight hour notice served upon the Lessee at the instance of the Lessor requesting him to start the construction, has remained uncomplied with;
- (iv) if the rent has remained unpaid for more than 3 months after its falling due and a forty-eight hour notice served upon the Lessee requesting him to pay the rent has remained uncomplied with;

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- (v) if the Lessee fails to comply with any of his other obligations or conditions of the lease or has made a false declaration in the lease agreement; and
- (vi) if at any time Government requires the said plot for any purpose, subject to payment of such compensation for added value to the land as may be determined by the Chief Government Valuer.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as regards to part (b) of the question and according to our records as at date, there is only one unique case in which the conditions to develop a residential site has not been fulfilled after more than 23 years of tenureship of the lease agreement. Concerning the number of unbuilt sites, information is being compiled and will be made available as soon as possible.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, “*big boar*” with regard to residential lease, since 1st January 2011 to date there is one case of cancellation of lease.

As regards to part (c), I am referring to the case of Mr. W. Y. Y. Y. who held a 20-years lease over a portion of land at English Bay initially for period of 20 years from October 1987 to June 2007 and subsequently renewed for another 20 years from June 2007 to 30th July 2027. The lessee has not complied with the following conditions:-

- (i) Article 16(a) which provide that the lessee to start construction within 9 months as from date of the signature;
- (ii) Article 2 – stipulating that the land shall be solely for residential purpose and that the lessee shall build a residential unit on the land;
- (iii) Article 4 – The lessee shall complete construction of a new building within 18 months as from date of the lease agreement;
- (iv) Article 4 – The lessee shall keep the land leased in a neat and tidy condition; and
- (v) Article 5 – The lessee shall maintain the land leased from any obnoxious growth.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I must point out that the land in question is located at English Bay in a prime touristic zone. For more than 23 years, the site has been,

unfortunately left undeveloped and abandoned with a lot of shrubs harbouring rodents and represents an eyesore and danger to public health. Instead of constructing a residential unit, the lessee has erected a small corrugated iron sheet structure of about 2m x 2m without doors which itself is an eyesore and serves no purpose. I am circulating a photograph of the structure for the information of the House. (Appendix)

The Minority Leader (Mr. J. Roussety): *Sa meme nou ti pe roder. Mais bizin zot accepter énan kitchose lor la.*

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I thank the Commissioner for tabling this very valuable document certifying that there is a building. A CIS house is not a building today? May be you get too much money today you don't know what is a CIS house? So my question is - as regards Article 14 which has been mentioned by the Commissioner. *Keep making mockery of people's land, people house etc.! Keep making mockery.* Let me speak please! Article 14 of the lease states that there must be served upon the lessee whom you contemplate to cancel his lease, a 48 hour notice requesting him to start – forty-eight hour notice – yes *big boar* speaking, requesting him, the notice says there need to be a 48 hour notice requesting him - *big boar* – this is my nickname!

Mr. Chairperson: I did not know that. I know the creole version.

Mr. J. Roussety: Now we have the English version. There must be served a 48 hour notice requesting the lessee to start the construction - not to vacate Article 14. Has this notice, prior to the cancellation of the lease, there is need to issue a notice requesting the lessee to start with the construction. Has this been served upon the lessee?

Mr. L. A. Perrine: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as this case has been referred to the Court, I am going to answer the last question in order not to be *sub judice* I will not answer any further question.

As regard the issue raised by the Minority Leader, in fact, it is clearly stipulated that we have to serve a notice within 48 hours to start construction. But this applies only when the limit to complete the building is still valid. You have nine months to start construction and 18 months to complete. But how can he start construction when the time to complete the building has already lapsed. There is no question.

Mr. J. Roussety: It is only now after he has given all the information he needs that he uses the guillotine of a Court case. Can we know what has happened? Which Court case exists? I don't want to say it is *sub judice* to enter into the Court case. I want to know what has he got? How? The lessee has been to the Police? The Commission has sued the lessee? What has happened? What Court case is he referring to?

Mr. L. A. Perrine: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, we have received a letter from the lessee telling us that he is going to Court, he is going to sue the Commissioner. So we are waiting to answer. And I will advise the Minority Leader to be prudent "*pas laisse nous crack crack banne zaffaire*" he will have a surprise.

Mr. Chairperson: You cannot advise him.

Mr. J. Roussety: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, ...

Mr. Chairperson: I said he can't advise you.

Mr. J. Roussety: So even here we see they don't know what is the meaning of *sub judice*. He says the lessee has sent him a letter telling him he will go to Court. He has not yet gone to Court so you can answer the question! You can answer the question because you are the responsible Commissioner! You are the responsible Commissioner whose signature has cancelled the lease of this person. How many persons are there in this case, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? I want to know how many persons in Rodrigues, who are lessees, who have not, either paid their lease or have not built their building on their lease, how many of these exist in the Registry of the Cadastral Office?

Mr. L. A. Perrine: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, there are many cases and I am going to deal with all of these cases very soon and among which I can give two cases, it is Mr. Peter Raffaut and Mr. Welson Leveque who have land unoccupied, unbuilt at Oyster Bay.

Mr. J. Roussety: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, there is also, may I help the Commissioner....

Mr. Chairperson: No, please wait! He can't advise you and you can't help him. This is question time. Thank you.

Mr. J. Roussety: I hope he deals with the lease of Mr. Passier at Baie Lascars, Mr. Ti Blanc at Jean Tac, Mrs. Mc Gill Meunier at and all the cases and if you want to start social problems in Rodrigues you are on the right path because you when the problems will survive you will take off to Mauritius, congratulations

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, on a Point of Order. This is question time and I think you should ask question and not pointing and menacing the Commissioner. Why is he defending this person so much?

Mr. Chairperson: Yes. Deputy Chief Commissioner you are right, I just made a ruling on that point; there is no need for me to cite it again.

Mrs. J. Prosper: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I would like to ask the Commissioner whether he will see to it that a survey be carried out for those leases where houses' areas exceeding the leased area?

Mr. L. A. Perrine: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, my Commission is looking into all these issues where encroachment is also a reason to cancel leases and I have been informed that in some cases the houses of some people are larger than their extent of their lease. We are going to take appropriate action in due course.

Mr. J. A. Flore: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, is it not arbitrary to choose Mr. Wallis and so many people are in the same cases?

Mr. L. A. Perrine: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, ...

Mr. F. A. Grandcourt: On a Point of Order, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

Mr. Chairperson: Please wait.

[Interruptions]

Mr. Chairperson: Order please, I suspend the Assembly.

At this stage the Chairperson left the House.

At 12.20 the sitting was suspended.

On resuming at 12.25 p.m. with Mr. Chairperson in the Chair.

Mr. Chairperson: I think the atmosphere is now appropriate for us to resume, Clerk, please.

Yes, we have a supplementary question? No. So we move to the next question.

**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION
– OBJECTS/OUTCOME OF MISSIONS
- MAURITIUS/ABROAD**

(No. B/21) The First Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué) asked the Deputy Chief Commissioner whether with regard to tourism development and promotion of Rodrigues, she would, for the benefit of the House, state the objects and outcome of her recent missions in Mauritius and abroad and give details of same and the composition of the different delegations?

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as regards to tourism development and promotion Rodrigues, the objectives of my recent mission in Mauritius and Reunion Island are:-

- to promote the promotion of rate of air tickets, ERCP in Mauritius;
- to promote packages of the Rodriguan establishment over Mauritian and Reunion markets;
- to make Rodrigues more visible on Mauritian and Reunion markets;
- to create an interest for visiting Rodrigues even during low season;
- to give details and information to tour operators and travel agencies;
- to promote new activities of Rodrigues; and
- to promote the promotion of rate of air ticket of 355 Euros from Reunion Island to Rodrigues.

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I was accompanied during these missions by Mr. Reynolds Mercure, Chairman, Rodrigues Tourism Office, Mrs. Karine Prosper, Officer in Charge of Rodrigues Tourism Office and Mrs. Kisna Gaspard, Tourism Information Officer. A group of 30 artists of 30 persons from the private tourism sector including representative of ATR and Air Mauritius also participated in this activity.

We had meetings with stake holders in Mauritius and Reunion Island, with journalists and we discussed the following issues:-

- ERCP, air tickets promotion for Mauritians. It has been suggested during these discussions that this air ticket promotion be reduced to three nights instead of four nights. Extension of ERCP, the promotion for rate for Mauritian is confirmed to be extended until 31st December 2011.
- All concerned parties are also convinced about the positive outcome of this promotional rate and suggest to extend it up to 2012.
- Triangular flights from Reunion in 2010 - Air Mauritius has suggested a direct flight Reunion/Rodrigues/Reunion for 760 Euros. The rate was found to be expensive because most visitors from Reunion Island would like to visit Mauritius and this is why we discussed about a triangular flight from Reunion to Rodrigues back to Mauritius and then to Reunion.
- Communication in the Mauritian press in order to increase the visibility of Rodrigues - tourism offer on the Mauritian markets. It has been suggested to advertise on TV, radio and newspapers. And in Reunion Island, Rodrigues benefitted incredibly from visibility in the press, on radio and also at the Barachois where a public event was held.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I would like to ask the Commissioner to inform the House whether the Ile Vanille concept includes Rodrigues and if yes in which way the island will benefit from that?

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Discussions were carried between the Rodrigues Tourism Office and the Ministry for Tourism about the Ile Vanille project. This is why the triangular flight from Reunion Island which will be held

during the low season was discussed then and hopefully by September this flight will be a reality.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the Deputy Chief Commissioner said that she had discussions with regard to the triangular flights but I am a little bit amazed as regards to the low season because we know then may be the flights won't be full. So I would like to ask the Commissioner about the viability of having the triangular flights or is it a full-fledged project within the whole concept of the Ile Vanille which is being ventilated actually?

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: We must say that the concept of Vanilla Island since started it has not been able to be put in place in the Indian Ocean because of various issues regarding aerial access of the island. But as far as Rodrigues is concerned it was decided because during high season there is no problem to fill the plane from Reunion to Mauritius and to Rodrigues. But the problem exists during low season and we are trying to plan to have a special package during low season and to have this triangular flight around. And hopefully if this is a success then we can extend this flights whole during the year.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, then it imply policy as regards to National Authorities especially Mauritius and also the sustainability of the project as regards to operators. So that is why I would like to ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner how far she has been, she is convinced that this project will effectively come to light and that Rodriguans Tourism Operators will effectively benefit from this project or otherwise at which level of discussion is Rodrigues still in as regards to this projects?

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: So I must say that discussion is at high level and at low level at the same time. We are doing both because we have a very close relationship with the tour operators here through the ATR and not later than last week we had a meeting with the President of the ATR, with Air Mauritius and also the Chairman of Discovery Rodrigues. And in fact we are writing to the Ministry to make sure that there is a follow up of this suggestion which is at suggestion and discussion stage. And I am convinced that it will happen and that all partners are agreeable to it because the discussion was not only with the Rodriguans operators but when we had a round table in Mauritius we had all operators from Mauritius, we have the Tourism Office, the MTPA in Mauritius, we have the tourism operators here everybody was part of the discussions and we come and all these people come to this agreement.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, I would like to put the same question to the Deputy Chief Commissioner now as regards to the reduce number of nights to be spent in regards to the promotion of air fares in the direction of Mauritius, I mean the same question as regard to whether discussion is final or still on the way and in which way we can expect that we will benefit from such decision?

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Well, actually the ERCP, the promotional package for Mauritian was said to be during four nights then the person can benefit from a reduced air ticket etc. Then it was found that there are many people who want to come when we visited different areas in Mauritius, district council etc. but most of these people who are working they want to come during the weekend this means they come on Friday and they want to be back so that they can start work because they don't have many holidays. And right now we are still at discussion stage and what we have reached is that we had a package for four nights extended up to December. We are discussion to extend the package up to 2012 and also to reduce it to three nights. We are still at discussion stage and when we hold discussion with the tourism operators, the tourism operators are pushing in that sense, the Commission is pushing in that sense and the MTPA in Mauritius are also agreeable but it also depends on Air Mauritius who is part of the discussion. And I am convinced of that as well that it will happen.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, my other question regards the mission in Reunion Island, I would like to ask the Deputy Chief Commission whether the delegation which was a high level one, it is the number two of the Regional Government headed that delegation, I would like to know whether she and her delegation met with major institutions out there and if she could mention eventually, if ever, there has been any meeting with major operators or important institutions whether Air Austral has expressed his interest into covering Rodrigues like it once expressed itself in the past.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Presently we did not come to meet anybody from Air Austral but as far as agencies like Thomas Hook, a well established in Reunion Island and many other agencies that I can tabled the list later on. **(Documents available in Library).** People we met there they all expressed their interest Rodrigues destination. And earlier we had meetings with the people responsible of the airlines, like Corsaire, South African Airways in my office in Rodrigues but not during our mission and they too and there are other people they are interested to have chartered flights like Super Flights Holidays who are coming with chartered flights and they are waiting for the permission from

PMO's Office to be able to start their chartered flights. So, discussion are underway for opening of the space for other airlines to come but still right now we also have the package with Air Mauritius and Air Mauritius is contributing in this package. So this is why some way we are trying not to really like I would say offend anybody so far and every discussion which we are discussing we want Air Mauritius to be part of it because they are helping a great deal.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, I would like to know being given that Reunion Island is quite a major reservoir of tourists and bringing foreign currency in our island, I would like to ask the Commissioner what during her discussions with the agencies that she has just enumerated what were the main hurdles that were identified and expressed as regards to practicing the Rodriguan delegation?

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Well, we did not really met with any hurdles as for Reunion Island tourists to come to Rodrigues and as far as the delegation is concerned. What the people of Reunion expressed is that they wanted to have these direct flights from Reunion to Rodrigues because Rodrigues is of the best destination for them. They are not really most of them are not really excited to sell Rodrigues through Mauritius they want to come to Rodrigues first and then may be to spend one day in Mauritius and this is why we talked about the triangular flights. And well most of the delegation of Rodrigues were warmly welcomed in Reunion Island and warmly received by all the agencies we had fruitful meetings we had a lot of space on television, radio through RFO, TF1 and all these things, Antenne Reunion and the press and I will table the mission reports so that you can have a look at it. **(Document available in Library).**

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, one last question when you go in Paris you see that there are a lot of adverts regarding Mauritius and even on the television there are a lot of publicity that we see. Reunion Island being an important sector of tourism for Rodrigues, I would like to ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner whether the publicity is done only when there is a delegation going there or whether there is any measures that is being taken at the level of the Tourism Office and her Commission to make sure that there is an ongoing publicity to make know of the different packages, possibilities and incentive that Rodrigues offer to this population?

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: You are particularly right to have asked that question but I must say that right now the budget in term of publicity is very limited because being given what has already been planned and we are expecting

next year to have most of our budget spent on publicity, like build board and all this things which existed in the airport, for example, of Mauritius but no more found today at the airport of Reunion Island and we discussed with the boards of airlines to even have on other flights even if these are not serving Rodrigues, for example, like Corsaire, which is not serving Rodrigues, to have publicity on these planes when people are travelling about Rodrigues.

Mr. Chairperson: Yes, no more supplementary. I think it is appropriate time for a break. I therefore suspend the Assembly for 45 minutes.

At 12.40 hours, the Assembly was suspended.

On resuming at 13.30 hours with the Chairperson in the Chair.

KREOL MORISYEN – RECOMMENDATIONS, PERCENTAGE, MATERIALS & RECRUITMENT OF TEACHERS

(No. B/22) The First Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué): **Mr. Chairperson Sir,** asked the Chief Commissioner with regard to the standardization of the Kreol Morysien and its introduction as an optional subject in school as from 2012, would he, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) whether the Rodriguan Creole Language has been safeguarded during the standardization process undertaken at national level;
- (b) what were the specific recommendations made by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly regarding same and the attention given, thereafter, by the relevant authorities?
- (c) the percentage of Rodriguan students who have opted to study the subject next year;
- (d) whether the works towards the preparation of the related curriculum, the pedagogical materials and the training of teachers are taking into consideration the Rodriguan specific language and context and, if so, give details;

- (e) whether recruitment of new teachers is required for that purpose and, if so, how many for next year in Rodrigues?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson Sir, with regard to part (a) I wish to inform the House that the reply to this question should be taken into two components from the political and policy strict sense of view. This issue was dealt at my level during my several consultations with policy makers in Mauritius especially with the Hon. Dr. Vasant Bunwaree, Minister of Education and Human Resource, I took every opportunity to draw his attention on the specificity of Rodrigues as the Rodriguan Creole is different from the spoken on mainland. Since it is a national policy, Government has therefore decided to introduce the Kreol Morisyen as an optional subject in all primary schools of Mauritius and Rodrigues in January 2012.

The second component is of administrative and technical nature and I am pleased to inform the House that a representative of my Commission sits as member of the Academy of Kreol Morisyen. As the head of the education sector in Rodrigues the Departmental Head who was then represented on the Committee was mandated to express the relevant views of the specificity of Rodrigues. The Ministry of Education and Human Resources has informed that the propositions of Rodrigues have been taken on board. It should also be noted that the *dictionnaire Mauricien* is due to be published by mid July 2011 and contains specific sections on Rodrigues and the changes.

Mr. Chairperson Sir, as regards part (b) in a letter dated 13 July 2010, my Commission has submitted a recommendation to the Ministry of Education and Human Resources that the specificity of Rodrigues is taken into account when introducing the Creole language in schools. We have expressed our wish that the linguistic and cultural specificities of Rodrigues be taken on board when embarking on the project.

Mr. Chairperson Sir, with regard to part (c), 51.13%, that is, 384 out of 751 Rodriguan students have opted to study Kreol Morisyen next year.

Mr. Chairperson Sir, with regard to part (d), the Ministry of Education and Human Resources has informed my Commission that curriculum and pedagogical materials including teachers guidelines, an activity book for Standard I are being prepared by the Mauritius Institute of Education. The said Ministry has also confirmed that consideration will be given to the specificities of Rodrigues whenever necessary. The training of teachers by the Mauritius Institute of

Education has been scheduled for July to December 2011. The Mauritius Institute of Education is currently making arrangement to run training of trainers' workshop and is proposing to involve the persons from Rodrigues in the exercise.

Mr. Chairperson Sir, recruitment of teachers to teach Kreol Morisyen will be discussed with appropriate authorities in light of budget 2012 preparation which is presently taking place. A new recruitment will be made in light of provision of funds by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Empowerment in line with similar exercise being carried out in Mauritius. Ultimately the selected teachers will have to undergo training at the MIE for a period to be determined by the appropriate authority. However, for January 2012 as temporary measures arrangement is being made by my Commission for general purpose teachers to follow a course delivered by the Mauritius Institute of Education between July and December of this year. On completion of the training the teachers will teach Kreol Morisyen in school as from January 2012 until the selected specialized teachers are recruited and completed their training. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson Sir.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, can I know from the Chief Commissioner with regard to the percentage of persons who have allowed their children to study Creole at school, how many teachers are contemplated, how many of that, to start the courses in January 2012?

The Chief Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairperson Sir, initially four teachers from the Government primary schools among the batch 2008/2010 in Rodrigues have submitted their acceptance to teach the Kreol Morisyen Standard I classes in 2012. The teachers have been selected on a voluntary basis among those who have followed the Teacher's Diploma in 2008/2010 at the Mauritius Institute of Education. In a correspondence dated 22nd June 2011, the Ministry of Education and Human Resources requested the enlistment of one additional teacher for the teaching of Kreol Morisyen in Rodrigues. The explanation given is that to have one trained teacher to replace in case of the four is on leave. Two teachers of the RCEA schools will undergo training at the MIE from July to December as well. Thank you.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, I understand that there will be seven teachers in all including one spare person. So I would like to know whether after this teething transition of 2012 will those who are actually who will shortly be enlisted for training for this specific subject

Mr. J. A. Flore: ... that we've got a dictionary in which you two components one the Mauritian Creole and the other one the Rodriguan Creole. Would the Chief Commissioner encourage the Rodriguan students to use, to adopt the Creole used in Mauritius?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, all of us know that the Creole spoken in Rodrigues is different from that of Mauritius. But what different is it, how can we quantify the differences that exist between Creole Rodriguais and Kreol Morisyen. Right! Because it is a National Policy, it will start being implemented in January. In fact, the materials, the teaching materials and guidelines and so on are in preparation right now. It is only when we get it and analyses the shortcomings of the teaching materials and then we will be able to say how much of these materials comply with both Mauritian and Rodriguan Creole and if not how to ... what mechanisms to put in place in order to fill in the gap that exist between the Mauritian Creole and the Rodriguan Creole in the text books. But of course it will all depend on the teachers as such. Now we are talking about Mauritian Creole. How do we know that those teachers involved how far are they going in their teaching process to promote what we called Rodriguan Creole, this is another question?

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, with regard to this specific issue I would like to ask the Commissioner whether people from Rodrigues have been consulted by the Dr. Arnaud Carpooran by preparing this dictionary and if yes who are those persons and whether he is satisfied that all the necessary specificities of Rodrigues have been taken on board?

The Chief Commissioner: I know, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, that he has had consultations with some people of Rodrigues but in fact there still exist a dictionnaire Kreol Morisyen, this will be the second one which is under preparation. When I went through the book I came to realize that their lack a lot of Rodriguan vocabulary in that dictionary and I also inform him that if he is going to include Rodriguan Creole in his dictionary he has to come and meet the relevant authorities first in Rodrigues before he proceeds with meeting other people. But I think I am not going to give him directives, directions on how he will do his works but I do understand that he has consulted Rodriguan students who are in the faculties in Mauritius where they learn languages and he got input from them and he also met other local stake holders who fed him with the relevant vocabulary to be included in the dictionary but I can say personally I am not satisfied with the previous works that he produced.

Mr. J. A. Flore: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, could the Chief Commissioner tell us what is the benefit of a Rodriguan child learning the Mauritian Creole?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I think I don't have to reply to such question, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, because it is an optional language that parents themselves have chosen for their children to learn at school so if the parent have found it - any benefit from it is their choice, it is not mine.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, being given that the Chief Commissioner himself he is not so satisfied as regards to the dictionary that is already here or the dictionary that is to come? Have you seen the draft of it or is it... that is what I would like to know?

The Chief Commissioner: I am talking about the existing dictionary, there is already an existing dictionary in which some of the vocabulary in Rodrigues forms part of it but as I have just mentioned there is a second one which will be ready by mid July. I mean this dictionary we expect to get more of the vocabularies that we normally used in our Rodriguan daily context.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, as the Chief Commissioner said himself this is a national policy which we cannot go against and we have seen that there has been massive, not massive but 51.3% of Rodriguans who have agreed but even if we do not have policy for education, I would like to ask the Chief Commissioner whether there are some measures which he could take at his level, for example, in the spelling of the language itself, in Rodrigues we could insist that the wording could change, for example, implying that it is the Rodriguan Creole, this is one thing but other mechanisms, other measures that the Commissioner could consider like for example, ordering for a pure and proper Rodriguan dictionary which spelt out the differences between the French for which we are very close cousin and the Creole. Because of our history as we know, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, where we have not really been under the spelt of the English or other type of ethnics but more the French themselves.

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I agree with the respected Member. In fact, I am going to work together with the Commission of the Arts and Culture in order to find out ways and means of having more and more involved in a structure where our language will have to be first go through research. We must go through research in order to see what has been our Creole, mother tongue of Rodrigues since the years that we live on this island. We know that languages are very dynamic and they are subject to change. And in fact I have to inform the

House that since 23rd December 2010 I invited several members of our local community here in Rodrigues to form part in a local technical working group to look into the specificity of Rodrigues with regard to the implementation of Kreol Morisyen as an optional language available in our schools. Unfortunately, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, only two members turned up and due to lack of quorum the meeting did not take place. And I am going again to go ahead with it because either we like it or not some 51% of our intake in 2012 have opted this language so we must go ahead. We are going to enlist the participation of the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office in the Arts and Culture Commission in order to get this structure set up so that we tried to work out our Creole Rodriguais as we might called it, to be included in that Kreol Morisyen. But we have to bear in mind, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, that there is a committee at national level which is called the academics Mauricien comprising of all the linguistic people of Mauritius, different persons from the University of Mauritius, MIE and so on. Even in Mauritius they have not been able to come along with only one Creole, that is why government have decided to standardize the Kreol Morisyen - to come along with only one way of writing the Creole including also the grammatical aspect of that language.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: M. le Président, j'aimerais poser cette question au Chef Commissaire étant donné qu'on parle des petits enfants, *small children*, qui vont commencer à étudier, malgré l'engouement de leurs parents, due à l'engouement de leurs parents, ils vont commencer à étudier langage dans une situation confuse où on n'est pas sûr que notre héritage linguistique à nous sera préserver. J'aimerais demander au Chef Commissaire étant donné que Maurice a les moyens et a fait la standardisation de son créole nous avons notre créole en tant que peuple *and if we are claiming that we are a different culture then we have this language as basis* pour ça on n'a pas besoin de la politique de Maurice parce que la langue tombe sous la culture pour laquelle nous avons *entire policy*. Est-ce que j'aurais pu demander formellement au Chef Commissaire s'il pouvait envisager de considérer que c'est un projet prioritaire pour la base même de notre culture et pour le développement culturelle de Rodrigues et par extension bien entendu pour que cette langue soit bien considérer, de faire appel à des experts et à des linguistes de Maurice pour venir travailler à démarrer la standardisation de notre Créole Rodriguais et justement pour soutenir ce projet nationale pour lequel on ne peut pas aller à l'encontre.

The Chief Commissioner: Evidemment M. le Président, comme je viens de dire je sollicite d'abord avant d'envisager que les experts viennent nous aider à élaborer un plan d'action etc. il faut que les personnes ressources de Rodrigues eux

même se sentent interpellé à faire parti, parceque dites vous bien, même si nous croyons qu'il existe un Créole Rodriguais, mais il faudrait qu'on arrive à standardiser notre Créole Rodriguais. Ça ne peut pas être n'importe quelle Créole Rodriguais. Certainement j'inviterais personnellement la Membre si elle veut en faire parti, je l'inviterais ainsi que d'autres Membres à venir se porter volontaire parceque je vais lancer encore une fois l'invitation pour mettre sur pied ce comité. Il faut que nous d'abord nous préparons la base de notre Créole afin d'éviter les experts à venir nous aider dans la préparation grammatical ou de vocabulaire etc. qu'on va utiliser dans nos écoles même si c'est Kreol Morisyen mais en faite c'est notre créole qui va être utilisé parceque le but derrière tout ça, l'objectif c'est de valoriser la langue maternelle or dont c'est la langue maternelle Rodriguais qui va être valorisé à travers l'introduction du créole à l'école.

Mr. J. Roussety: M. le Président, comment la langue maternelle du Rodriguais va être valorisé quand à Maurice ce qui va être enseigné à Maurice va être enseigné à Rodrigues dans le Kreol Morisyen. Là bas, *lot côté dilo pour dire piment, ils disent pima, pour dire l'argent nous à Rodrigues ont disent l'argent, donne moi ene l'argent, ils disent casse, pour dire voler ils disent coquin, pour dire la lune, ils disent la line, pour dire zano, ils disent zanon, et pour dire de l'eau, ils disent dilo.* Comment le petit enfant Rodriguais qui va aller apprendre le Kreol Morisyen va se retrouver après chez lui à la maison quand son père va lui dire quelque'un à voler ceci – *ene dimoune ine vole ene zafaïre* - lui il va dire à son père – *ah pas dire voler dire coquin.* Il n'a pas dans le long terme le danger d'une culture et d'une langue effaçant une autre avec la complicité de M. le Chef Commissaire responsable de l'éducation qui n'a pas le courage en faite de dire non à l'introduction du Kreol Morisyen à Rodrigues ou de faire une campagne de sensibilisation auprès des parents parceque les parents qu'est-ce qu'ils entendent – ah mon enfant il va apprendre le créole – mais pour lui le créole c'est pas *pima* c'est *piment*, c'est pas *coquin* c'est *voler*, dont qu'est-ce qui va se passer je demande au Chef Commissaire s'il n'y a pas un risque que le Créole Rodriguais à long terme *within a school term* – sur six ans par exemple un enfant est à l'école primaire quant il va sortir cet enfant la aura dans la tête un créole qui n'est pas utiliser dans son île et qui n'est pas son créole à lui. Est-ce qu'il est d'accord que c'est un danger contre le Créole Rodriguais et qu'est-ce qu'il compte faire pour remédier à cela?

The Chief Commissioner: M. le Président, il y a certain personne qui voit des dangers partout. Je rassure la Chambre, M. le Président, que pour assurer le sucées de cette matière dans nos écoles cela ne dépend pas uniquement de ce qui est écrit dans les livres sortant de Maurice. Parceque c'est Rodrigues qui produit

les matérielles pédagogiques mais en fait, M. le Président, ce sont les Rodriguais qui vont enseigner la langue. Le Rodriguais si dans il a dit *mama va à la boutique pour acheter du pima* mais le Rodriguais lui il va dire *maman alle la boutique pou acheter piment* mais c'est ce mot piment la que l'élève doit s'avoir écrire ce n'est pas *pima* parcequ'il y a toute l'orthographe comment on écrit le son en, comment on écrit le son a. Mais en fait, si en fait si le prof lui il enseigne *pima* l'enfant va adopter ce que le prof enseigne. Mais l'écrit, M. le Président, l'écrit, l'enfant doit écrire le Créole à la manière dont il le parle, c'est ça qui est important. C'est que l'enfant sache écrire se qu'il parle. Mais jusqu'ici combien dans cette Chambre la qui peut me dire si nous avons une façon standard pour écrire le Créole? Il n'y a pas. Ça n'existe pas. Mais au lieu de voir le mal partout, il faut reconnaître ce qui est bien. On donne la possibilité à l'enfant, M. le Président, d'apprendre sa langue maternelle, d'écrire sa langue maternelle or la langue maternelle pour nous c'est ce que nous parlons à Rodrigues. Mais en fait, M. le Président, s'il y a dangers qui existe vraiment, si certains veulent que ce danger se matérialise vraiment alors moi je ne peux pas aller dire au parent écouter vous avez mal fait votre choix, à l'école en janvier vous allez apprendre le Kreol Morisyen de vous ressaisir, de ne pas aller de l'avant. Ça non je ne peux pas le faire. Je ne peux pas le faire, M. le Président.

Mr. A. L. Emilien: M. le Président, le Chef Commissaire qui a été enseignant pendant des longues années de venir dire dans cette Chambre que les enfants vont écrire le Créole selon la façon dont ils parlent. Mais pour les examens, M. le Président, je demande au Chef Commissaire, qu'est-ce qui va se passer pour les questionnaires d'examens, est-ce que l'enfant n'aura pas à écrire d'après le manuel.

The Chief Commissioner: M. le Président, this is a hypothesis again. We are at the very beginning, we have not yet started. Right! When we talk about standardization, do you know, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, that in Mauritius those people living in Port Louis, in Curepipe, in Triolet or everywhere else in Mauritius they talked Creole different. That is why there is standardization of Creole. Even in Rodrigues those at Rivière Coco, at La Ferme, at Lataniers, do they talk the same Creole? Is there any difference in pronunciation in intonation and so on when we speak our language? So we have to sit down together instead of criticizing. Put your inputs let's talk together and see what is the right path to take in order to safeguard our Creole language and this is what I am prepared to do. All people of good faith who want to join in a committee to study our Creole language so that it will be benefit to our future generation - I am prepared to do it.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, I think it is a good thing that there is openness on that side and that there is quarrel on the side of the opposition and so because what I understand is that we are having quarrels as regards to the national assimilation of the Rodriguan language by use of power, by use of policy, by use of capital resources, which we don't have and at the same time there is a sort of anxiety to preserve our heritage. That is why I would come back to section (b) of my question, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, asking the Commissioner whether he could see to it that the development of the curricula and the development of the pedagogical materials since it has not been done yet that we do not sit down and wait until the MIE called for who as and when required for the specificity of Rodrigues to be looked into. But that we may be able to have persons who are well versed into the subjects to advise the MIE in the development of these. Because we see that in Rodrigues, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, there are people, even those who are working actually, at the Commission of Education, who have developed materials, schools materials at high level. That is why that we have people who are versed in the subject who could look into the matter. I would ask you, if you could make sure and insist with your colleague, your counter parts, Minister and at the same time, the MIE, to make sure that Rodrigues heritage is safeguarded.

The Chief Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I fully agree with what the respected Member is saying and I will see to it that we go in that direction. Thank you.

Mr. A. L. Emilien: Our language, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, is our socio-cultural heritage. And we are, unfortunately, losing it. Tout le monde sait M. le Président, que depuis quelques années nous perdons nos repères. Des gens qui vont à Maurice pendant deux jours, après deux jours ils reviennent ils disent - *weh ta* - ce n'est plus le Créole que nous savons – *nou pou ale chaké, ar li* – qui n'est pas dans notre habitude. Vous savez, moi ça me tient à cœur parceque le langage est notre héritage culturelle, M. le Président. Je suis d'accord avec M. le Commissaire qu'il faut que les gens qui veulent ci mettent s'assoit devant une table et réfléchissent mais ne me dites pas que c'est dans différentes régions on parle différentes langues. C'est vrai mais ce n'est pas une raison pour comme ci nous aussi nous nous associons à cette perte de culture. Dont c'est pourquoi je demande au Chef Commissaire s'il envisage d'élargir son plan d'action dans la préparation de manuel adapté au contexte locale pour ne pas perdre notre spécificité.

The Chief Commissioner: I took note, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

Mr. Chairperson: Next question. Same Member.

SEA PASSES – BEACON LIGHTS – DREDGING WORKS

(No. B/23) The First Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué) asked the Chief Commissioner whether with regard to the sea passes in Rodrigues, he could inform the House:-

- (a) where matter stands, as at to date, regarding, the installation of beacon lights where required around the island;
- (b) if he is aware of the state of the *La Passe Jean-Jacques* near the Hermitage Islet and the *La Passe Ti La Vie* near *Pointe Ste. Marie* in the South East of the island and whether dredging works are considered for the security of fishermen and pleasure crafts operating in that region?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as regards to part (a) of the question, I am advised that five beacon lights were purchased and received in November 2008 for installation at Grand Bassin, Grenade, St. François, Grande Passe and Grande Pointe. It is only in March 2010 that bids were invited for the installation of the beacon lights. However, the record reveals that after completion of relevant procedures it was decided not to award the contract and to relaunch the tender. New tenders were sought by the request for sealed quotations method into September 2010 and six bids received were evaluated but no contract was awarded.

I am advised that in November 2010 it was decided to install the beacon lights within house resources. Unfortunately, when the first beacon light was to be installed at Grande Passe at Port Sud Est, it was found that the batteries of all the beacon lights are defective.

New batteries have been ordered on 23rd June this year 2011 and would be delivered within seven weeks as from the dates of placement of order. Necessary actions will be taken to install the beacon lights as soon as the batteries are received.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as regards to part (b) of the question, a list of priority passes which require reopening have already been identified by my office. As a matter of fact an EIA has already been prepared by the exemption of the Ministry

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of Environment and Sustainable Development obtained for the widening and deepening of the following:-

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| (i) | Passe Canal Baie aux Huitres to Pointe Let | - | 400 m |
| (ii) | Passe Diamant from Diamant to Baie Malgache | - | 900 m |
| (iii) | Passe Baie Malgache from
La Queue Baie Malgache to Pointe Diable | - | 950 m |
| (iv) | Passe Canal Manioc from Pointe Manioc
to Pointe Mangue | - | 375 m |
| (v) | Passe Pointe Rond from Pointe Rond
to Grande Passage leading to Ile aux Coco | - | 700 m |
| (vi) | Passe Mathurin from Pointe du Sable
to Pointe Mathurin | - | 1000 m |
| (vii) | Passe Rouillard from Baie Lascars
to Pointe du Sable | - | 175 m |
| (viii) | Passe Canal Fregate from Pointe Mathurin
to Canal Fregate | - | 300 m |
| (ix) | Passe Pointe L'Herbe from Pointe L'Herbe
Corail Passe Dominique to Canal Ile aux Crab | - | 1000 m |
| (x) | Passe Pintade from Canal La Boue
to L'Ile Pintade | - | 200 m |
| (xi) | Passe Petite Butte from Petite Butte
to Pointe Vingt Tour | - | 600 m |
| (xii) | Passe Ti la Passe from Hermitage to Gongois | - | 400 m |
| (xiii) | Passe Paille en Queue from Ile Paille
en Queue to Canal Mazambique | - | 1200 m |

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Mr. Chairperson, Sir, unfortunately the deepening and widening of these passes have not yet started as no fund was provided for this purpose in the budget. La Passe Jean Jacques near Hermitage Islet form part of Ti La Passe from Hermitage to Gros Bois. The other channel mentioned by the respected Member will be added to the list of passes mentioned earlier for appropriate action in due course upon the availability of fund. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: M. le Président, mais je suis estomaquer de voir la réponse qui a été donner, M. le Président, à savoir que depuis 2008 ...

Mr. Chairperson: This is question time. You are reacting..

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: Yes, I am reacting to be able to react in question.

Mr. Chairperson: You can do that at another time. No places for you to do that on the agenda.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: You know, Mr. Chairperson Sir, I agree with you, you are fully right on that. It's just that when you speak to those fishermen you just want to cry. Mr. Chairperson, Sir, 2008 on a acheté ces beacon lights. 2009 on a répondu a une de nos questions pour me dire que ... Voila la réponse est la, M. le Président – *six bids have been received and the committee has already made recommendations for the award of the contract, contract will be awarded this week.* And in 60 days it will be ok. Nous on s'assoit dans un bureau climatisé pour travailler, M. le Président, mais ces pêcheurs, very risky job, indeed, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Et la sur trois à quatre ans, 2008, trois, quatre ans on a toujours pas installé ces passes. M. le Président, I would like to ask the Chief Commissioner, ces beacons lights, j'aurais aimé demander au Chief Commissioner whether he is aware that there is regular accidents that happened, hopefully there is rescue on time, whether he is aware that there is other difficulties that those fishermen are having putting their lives at stake they have to wait for long time in off shore before coming inside because they don't see those passes. Can the Commissioner react on this issue?

The Chief Commissioner: I fully agree, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, with the respected Member. That's why one of the very first actions that I have decided to take once I took office as Chief Commissioner is to enquire about the status of these beacon lights. This is where I was made aware that the batteries are no longer in use. Therefore we had to go through the tendering procedures I have just

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mentioned and we expect within some weeks to have it cleared. And as soon as we get these batteries, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, we are going to install it.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, I would like to ask the Chief Commissioner where these batteries have been ordered, from Mauritius or abroad and why does it takes so much time to have them in place to be able to ... the necessary infrastructures?

The Chief Commissioner: I don't have the information at hand, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I will give the required answers later on but in fact, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as I have just mentioned necessary actions will be taken to install the beacon lights as soon as the batteries are received because they are proper mechanisms of ... place to enable these structures to be placed in not very long.

Mr. J. Roussety: Can we know, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, where these beacon lights are going to be installed, which passes?

The Chief Commissioner: I think I have already answered to this question, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. I said that installation will be at Grand Bassin, Grenade, St. Francois, Grande Passe and Grande Point.

Mr. Chairperson: Next question.

REVISION OF FREIGHT

(No. B/24) The First Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Bégué) asked the Chief Commissioner with regard to the recent revision of tariffs for both freight and passenger on the Mauritius/Rodrigues maritime route, would he for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) whether any consultations/actions were undertaken by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, after it was made aware of the decision to increase to the tune of 30%, in an attempt to cause it to be scaled down;
- (b) actions, if any, already undertaken or envisaged by the Regional government after the application of those new measures by the Mauritius Shipping Ltd.;

- (c) whether there has been any additional allocation extended to beneficiaries of existing income support to mitigate any possible hardship to vulnerable persons in Rodrigues following the review in freight and other charges;
- (d) where matter stands regarding the subsidizing of the basic commodities such as rice and flour and cooking oil in Rodrigues?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, yes in August 2010 the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development consulted the Rodrigues Regional Assembly on the proposal to increase freight, rate and passenger charges on the Mauritius/Rodrigues route. After consultation of all stake holders in a reply dated 23rd September 2010, the Financial Secretary was informed that the Rodrigues Regional Assembly totally disagrees with the proposed increase in freight charges and the application of a banker adjustment factor.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, regarding part (b) of the question of my first official mission to Mauritius in my capacity as Chief Commissioner in February last – February this year, I raised the issue of reintroducing the subsidy on rice and flour. Subsidy which was removed in Financial Year 2006/2007 with authorities in Mauritius. As agreed during these consultations, the Executive Council submitted a form of request to the Minister of Finance and Economic Development, we have been advised that:-

- (1) the price differential in July 2006 was worked out at 65 cents per half kilo and this included the transfer cost such as transport to the port area, loading charges, freight, insurance, unloading charges and storage in Rodrigues;
- (2) the last revision was effected in 2008, the price differential were break to Rs 1 per half kilo and have not change despite the increase in freight, thereby causing the State Trading Corporation to incur losses on its accounts.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as regards part (c) of the question, I am informed that since July 2008, following the Government discontinuation of the subsidy on rice and flour an Income Support Scheme had been introduced whereby a monthly allowance was given to:-

- (a) all recipients of social aids and their dependants;

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- (b) all those receiving Shift Relief;
- (c) needy beneficiaries of a basic pension under the National Pensions Act; and
- (d) any head of household and his/her dependants whose average monthly electricity consumption did not exceed 75 KWH and who were not in receipt of Food Aid.

This monthly allowance was payable at the rate of Rs 123 per head per month to beneficiaries in Mauritius and Rodrigues as from January this year. The said rate has been revised with effect from March 2011 as follows:-

- Beneficiaries in Mauritius - Rs 246
- Beneficiaries in Rodrigues - Rs 256

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, my office is making the necessary arrangement to make the additional of Rs 10 be effective with retroactive effect as from 1st March 2011. Some 4500 beneficiaries in Rodrigues, that is, about 1200 households are benefitting from the scale. Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I am also advised that following the decision that the price liberalization of cement will be effective as from 1st July 2011, the Government is presently working on a Scheme to maintain the existing subsidy on cement. The Rodrigues subsidy fund is taking care of the increasing freight charges of petroleum products and liquefied petroleum gas. Thank you.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, being given there has been this 30% increase on the freight. I would like to know whether the necessary Commission, related authorities in Rodrigues are being engaged with the necessary checks and controls of shops, of business persons to see to it that there is no exaggeration in the markets, and if yes, whether anybody have been trapped as regards to this issue?

The Chief Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I know that this is being done but up to now I don't have the information whether anybody has been trapped but of course this is a continuous process and I will enquire about it and come up with the relevant information in the next sitting. Thank you.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, with regard to the pressure coming from NGOs regarding this increase, have the local authorities in Rodrigues had any discussions with them to stream line matters and try to

understand each other and see whether the collaboration can be done because we see that for example there is possibility of reviewing the cost on this Mauritian route each two years which means that there is continuous action that must be taken. So I would like to know whether there has been any coordination between those pressure groups on the ground and the local authorities.

The Chief Commissioner: I need information, I need notice to such a question, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, and I'll get the required information and I'll come up later on with figure.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, I would like to ask the Chief Commissioner he has just said there is a possibility that the Government in Mauritius is looking about the possibility of keeping the subsidy on cement which has not yet increased. I would like to know whether the full subsidy, that is there will be no increase at all as expected by the 30% or is it going to be partial?

The Chief Commissioner: I don't have the exact information, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, but I expect that at least the price will remain as it is now.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: Mr. Chairperson Sir, according to my information this increase in the 30% has a price increase impact mostly on the importation of goods which are imported in bags of 50 kg or whatever. And I would like to know whether if we go in that sense then there are farmers, for example, breeders, planters who get their fertilizers, who get their animal feeds from bags and at this sector, it has been observed that there is a considerable increased in the price. So I would like to know, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, whether the Regional Government has conducted on this subject what has been the outcome, if yes?

The Chief Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as regards the commodities that the respected Members is mentioning which falls under the Commission for Agriculture, that is, fertilizers, animal feeds and so on, there exist a Subsidy Scheme which we are trying at all means to keep in order to give these planters and farmers just to encourage them to go ahead with their production so that the cost, the production cost might not increase. And of course, if it increases it will all be the local communities which will suffer. We are keeping this subsidy scheme for planters and farmers.

Mrs. M. A. Perrine-Begué: I have one last question on this subject, Mr. Chairperson Sir, it regards the report of the KPMG on this line of Rodrigues

regarding this subject of freight where it is mentioned that there are a high percentage of empty containers which go back to Mauritius and that is why - because there is no gain on this issue. That is why there is the necessity to review the prices each two years at least. I would like to know whether the Regional Government is thinking, what the Regional Government is thinking in line of that because it has to do with the price here in land and all, its impact on all the goods, on all the prices? This is one thing and on the other hand we realize that there is decrease in importation to Mauritius.

The Chief Commissioner: The only possible measures that can be applied, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, is to encourage Rodriguan to produce more and to export more. This is what we have always been trying to do. We expect if people can realize how important it is, not only to import but to export as well so that to create a balance. We are going in the direction where we expect to get result not soon but in due course and this is what we are trying to do, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

Mr. Chairperson: Next question.

RODRIGUES GENERAL FISHING CO. LTD.

(No. B 25) The Sixth Island Region Member (Mrs. J. Prosper) asked the Chief Commissioner whether, with regard to the Rodrigues General Fishing Co. Ltd., would he, for the benefit of the House state:-

- (a) when the Company started its operations;
- (b) the evolution of the Company's financial situation since its formation to date; and
- (c) whether there has been any change in the Board of Directors since its incorporation?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the Rodrigues General Fishing Co. Ltd. started its operation, it was incorporated rather on the 8th June 2007 and in August 2007 the Executive Council decided to vest the *Maison de Pêcheur* into the Rodrigues General Fishing Co. Ltd. to invest a sum of Rs 1 m in shares of the company and to appoint a Board of Directors with Mr. Jean Denis Flore as Chairman so that the company could start its operation.

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As regards part (b) of the question I am tabling the audited financial account of the company for the year 2008/2009. The newly appointed board has enlisted the services of an auditor to audit the account for the last financial year and same will be submitted after auditing. After its first meeting the new board reported that the company owes more than Rs 660,000 to various suppliers while a fishing company operating at Pointe Monier is indebted to the Rodrigues General Fishing Co. Ltd. to the tune of Rs 99,000 which it fails to I am advised, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, that the Rodrigues General Fishing Co. Ltd. is referring the matter to its legal adviser for appropriate action.

To allow the company to resume its operation under the direction of a new board in May this year, the Executive Council decided to provide it with an amount of Rs 1.5 m against the issue of shares. I am pleased to report to the Assembly that with this amount the Rodrigues General Fishing Co. Ltd. have been able to settle its outstanding debts and to restart its activities including the general servicing and operation of the six new fishing vessels which were lying idle after operating for a near six months.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, there is serious allegations of mal practices have been reported to the ICAC against the company and copied to me. Not with standing, any action which may be undertaken by the ICAC at the request of my office, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development have agreed to depute a team of Internal Controllers to Rodrigues to investigate into these allegations of fraud. In the ongoing investigation it will not be appropriate to elaborate further on the matter at this state but I shall keep the Assembly informed of further development in due course.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as regards to part (c) of the question on my taking office as Chief Commissioner and Commissioner for fisheries, it was noted that the finance of the company was in a catastrophic situation hence rendering the company incapable to continue its operation. Considering the investment already made in the company it was therefore decided inter alia to terminate the appointment of all members of the Board of Directors to have allow the ruining of the company and to appoint a new board with the objectives of bailing out the failed company. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

Mr. J. Roussety: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, what have been the revenue generating activities of the Rodrigues General Fishing Co. Ltd. up to date and whether all these revenue generating activities have been going on smoothly and what has been the role of the management in having Rs 660,000 of debts, I mean

Rs 660,000 indebted. What has happened? Can the Chief Commissioner confirmed that the board of the company when he came Chief Commissioner, the board of the company seized to go fishing, tell him tell us why?

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, first answer.

Mr. Chairperson: There are two questions about the Rs 660,000 and then the second question.

The Chief Commissioner: Yes, I just mentioned that when I took office as Chief Commissioner I appointed a new board and the new board reported that the company owes more than Rs 660,000 to various suppliers and in fact there were also, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, problems with the *moteurs des bateaux, il y avait des problèmes, M. le Président avec la Maison des Pêcheurs qui produisaient la glace. Il y avait des problèmes, M. le Président avec une autre compagnie qui devait le Rodrigues General Fishing Company ne voulait pas payer ces dettes. Mais en fait le Rodrigues General Fishing Company devait rembourser elle ces dettes. Comment ce board pouvait autorisait ce bateau à fonctionner. C'était difficile, M. le Président. En faite, c'est pourquoi le board a décidé d'attendre à ce que nous prenions une décision. La décision a été prise, on a donné, comme je viens de dire Rs 1.5 m against issue of shares, et cela a permis a la compagnie de payer ces dettes et la maintenant je peux assurer la Chambre, M. le Président, que la compagnie a démarré ces activités et a la très grande satisfaction des membres et de ma Commission.*

Mr. Chairperson: No more supplementary. Question time over. Clerk can we move to the next item on the agenda, please.

STATEMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

IMPORTANT MEASURES TO HEALTH SECTOR

The Commissioner for Health: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, allow me to make a statement to the House, it won't be long, because I know there are motions coming up. About three important measures taken by my Commission with respect to the Health Sector this year:-

- (i) A new policy has been adopted regarding the transfer of patients to Mauritius in addition to the existing practice;

- (ii) It has been decided to refund half of the cost incurred by a person for a repatriation of the late relatives fees who has been sent by Commission to Mauritius with regard to his/her health situation; and
- (iii) an eye retinal screening service has been set up at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

1. Transfer of patients to Mauritius

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as the House is aware it is the practice that patients who require further treatment are transferred to Mauritius so as to ensure that these patients receive appropriate care and treatment. In that connection, some 350 patients are transferred to Mauritius annually and an amount of Rs 5 m is spent for these transfers.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, patients are normally transferred to Mauritius for treatment and/or for further investigation which are not available in Rodrigues, such as City Scan or EEG or for some major surgeries. In addition, patients under treatment in specialized unit are sent to Mauritius when they have appointments for surgery, treatment or out patients review for ENT, Neuro surgery, Ophthalmology, Radio therapy and others.

Moreover, there are cases where patients are accompanied by either a parent or an officer, as such, young children and elderly are ... patients usually accompanied by a relative. In addition, officers such as Medical and Health Officers, Senior Medical and Health Officer or Specialist or Nursing Officers usually accompanied patient whenever the patient require special medical care or attention during the flight.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I would like to point out that the decision for patients to be accompanied by a parent or officers rest upon the recommendation and judgment of a Health Director.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, since it has been noted that the prevalence of cancer is increasing in Rodrigues and is becoming a leading cause of death, my Commission has seen it fit to bring an additional criteria to the already existing ones. During the past years, cancer patients who have to do chemotherapy or radio therapy in Mauritius are not normally accompanied by the relative except those who have to undergo surgery.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, being given that patients suffering from cancer require greater psychological support it has therefore been decided to adopt a policy that all patients suffering from cancer who have to be transferred to Mauritius for any treatment be accompanied by a relative.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, it is expected in this measure to give greater aid to those patients when they are following treatment in Mauritius.

2. Repatriation of corpse

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as the House is aware, it is the responsibility of the Commission for Health to repatriate the dead body of any referred patient who happens to die while on treatment in Mauritius. Subsequently, it is the practice to either meet the cost of repatriation of corpse by Air Mauritius to the tune of Rs 20,000 or the cost of repatriation by Dornier for the sum of Rs 49,000 for coffin which are longer than 180 cm. However, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, there are cases where patients have been to Mauritius to seek further treatment at their own cost and unfortunately, happened to die there. Consequently, the relatives have to make their own arrangement to repatriate their late relative corpse to Rodrigues. As such, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, and in a view of the fact that most of these families from Rodrigues come from a poor economic background and that they have made an effort to meet the cost related to the treatment in Mauritius, it has been decided to meet half of the cost of the repatriation fees borne by family subject to the following criteria:-

- Applicant should come from a needy family to be determined through a social enquiry;
- The monthly income of either the applicant should not exceed Rs 15,000 monthly or the family income should not be more than Rs 35,000;

The Commission sincerely hopes that this will be of great help to those families who have had the bad luck to lose a member of their families in Mauritius while proceeding there on their own cost for further treatment.

3. Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Service for Rodrigues

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, diabetics eye complication are leading cause of blindness in Rodrigues and a growing concern around the world. The natural history of this complication of diabetes is well known and the benefits of early detection and treatment well accepted. It is very important to recognize that even sight threatening, lesion of diabetic retinopathy are often asymptomatic and the person with diabetes only becoming aware when there is visual impairment which is often too late.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, old persons with diabetes are at risk of developing diabetic retinopathy but the risk can be minimized with good diabetes control and maintaining the blood pressure and cholesterol level within the normal range. Taking into account the recent figures revealed by the NCD Survey 2009 with regards to diabetes and hypertension, that is, of the one in three Rodriguan aged 25 to 74 years has hyper diabetes or impaired glucose metabolism and a prevalence of hypertension was 40.2% out of which 27.9% for women and 43.3% for men. In that respect, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I am pleased to inform the House that a Diabetic Retinal Screening Service has been launched on 21st April 2011 at the Queen Elizabeth Service. Several methods are now available to detect lesion of Diabetic Retinopathy and especially high risk lesion. Vision lost leading to blindness can be prevented in up to 90% or more of cases with Diabetic Retinopathy when treatment is delivered early, especially, before any vision impairment has occurred. The unit is equipped with the Retino camera Model CR2 and CR1 with accessories with eye cap digital software to the tune of Rs 1,106,768 offered by the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life to which I extend our heartfelt thanks.

Prior to the launching of the Diabetic Retinal Screening Service five officers from my Commission including one Community Physician, one Senior Technical Technology and three Health Care Assistants have benefitted from an intensive training course of three weeks in Mauritius which were run by an Engineer from France. The aim of the training was to expose the participants to the camera make Canon model and help them acquire skills in the installation of the equipment so as to enable the screening of diabetic patients in Rodrigues.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, since the setting up of the Retinal Screening Service in April, 51 patients have been screened out of which 39 have been detected with diabetic retinopathy. Subsequently, 17 patients were referred to visiting Eye Specialist and one patient has been referred to the Moka Eye Hospital.

I strongly believe that this is a great advantage for many as some patients used to go to Mauritius for their routine checkup. They now can do this for free at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital itself. We hope that all these measures do ease the everyday life of all those concerned. The population at large may rest assured that no effort is being spared by my Commission to improve the services offered and facilitate access to new and modern technologies in this sector.

I thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, for your kind attention.

[Applause]

Mr. Chairperson: No more statements. Yes Clerk we move to the next item, please. Yes Chief Commissioner.

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, being given that we still have other item on the Order Paper, I beg to move that all the remaining items remaining business on today's Order Paper be exempted from the provision of paragraph 3 of Standing Order 9.

Mr. Chairperson: Anything? No

On question put, the motion was agreed to.

MOTIONS

MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, given that the motion by the Minority Leader and motion of confidence by me is of the same tenure may I move that both motions are debated at the same time.

Mr. Chairperson: You move the House. Yes any reaction. May I take it that the Minority side have no objection to it? No? Please wait. I have to give a ruling.

On question put, the motion was agreed to.

Mr. F. A. Grandcourt rose and seconded.

Minority Leader (Mr. J. Roussety): Mr. Chairperson, Sir, thank you. The fact is if you have Erskine May, I see it on your table, you will recall that, I don't recall if I was Chief Commissioner, there was a question of no confidence and we by-passed this by introducing a motion of confidence. Which is a first lesson that they have learnt very well? And the second lesson is that when you put your motion of confidence the motion of no confidence lapses and therefore it is up to the mover of the motion of confidence to move and to make her introductory speech.

Mr. Chairperson: Please wait. The Minority Leader raises a very cute question and I think he gave his answer to it. The fact that both motions appear on the Order Paper is a fact that both motions have received my approval to be inserted on the Order Paper. Now what it says when motions are cognate when the Assembly when Members normally make a multiple of motions with a slight variation we consider it as cognate, in the normal sense of the word. However, a motion of no confidence is of a higher degree which goes to the root of the existence of the Executive Council. I have been advised by experts from the National Assembly that there is a possibility in some countries which have the same system based on the Westminster type as I raise. Sometimes they do accept the liberty of the Minority sides to come forwards with a genuine motion given that they are so confident that they have a case for this Assembly to answer. Same principle adopted here would have kick off from the Order Paper anything on the Minority sides the result would have been dispersed being given the only thing on the Order Paper would have been a motion of confidence made by one Member of the Government to support its own government.

The decision to allow the Minority side to be heard has been safeguarded in that in my considered judgement I have inserted it on the Order Paper. May I wish also to add that in Britain we don't have the concept of counter motions because it is said in the Erskine May that whenever a motion of no confidence is forthcoming the Government always allow it the first opportunity to debated in the Assembly because they are keen to know what are allegations that are being levelled against them.

Standing Order 26 says that motions whose contents are cognate may be debated together. The motion when you say they are cognate I don't know what you meant when but they are of the same nature being given the vote against both when I put the question the vote for both motions we have the same results.

The next thing that I have to inform is that when both motions are to be taken together it is said that both mover has to move its motion so that the question is before the House. So both persons have to move his motion so that the motions are formally and do formally exist before the House in order for them to be debated together. I think my ruling is clear. So we take it that the chance to introduce the motion before this House will be by the persons who has the first motion in his name and then it has to be followed by the next person so that we have both motions before this House unduly seconded and then it is only then that they can be debated together. Thank you for your attention.

The Minority Leader: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, just a remark to your interpretation is that I remember that last time there was a motion of no confidence and there was a counter motion of confidence it was precedence for the motion of confidence. May be you can check it and see how we did last time but in any case I am not afraid to move my motion and to stand up to speak because what I will say will be said.

I beg to move the motion standing in my name which reads as follows:-

“This Assembly resolves that it has no confidence in the Chief Commissioner”.

Mr. Chairperson: Yes, the second motion.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, so I beg to move the motion standing in my name which reads as follows:-

“This Assembly resolves that it has absolute confidence in the Chief Commissioner”.

Mr. Chairperson: Well I understand that both mover of the motions have not elected to take advantage of the time of the Assembly to comment on their motion but they won't be able to talk unless we have other intervenient then they will have to convince me that they would like to have leave to speak again.

The Minority Leader: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, when I stood up is that you told me to move my motion then she would move her motion. If I knew I would move according to your interpretation, am I right, I would have spoken. So I beg leave...

Mr. Chairperson: Yes, please wait. If there is a misconception normally when a person move his motion at the National Assembly he has only one opportunity when you move your motion normally you give arguments in support of your motion and you ask the House to approve your motion. But here you understand that there is ... because for the first time I am safe if there are any objections, I will decide in favour of the motion because they have both the motion on the Order Paper and I am reading and I will give you leave to speak again.

The Minority Leader: Yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, thank you for allowing me to speak in support of this motion which is in fact one of the first motions I am speaking on after I resigned as Chief Commissioner. If my friends will agree I would like being given that we are examining the policies of the Executive Council, the motion is against the Chief Commissioner, I would like to come back to 2006 and the elections which were held and how the then team under my direction in the Regional Assembly elections we won the Regional Elections and afterwards we took office and till 2011 - January, I was Chief Commissioner. I must say that it was a very good experience and I have done so many things, visible and invisible which will remain as land marks in the development process of Rodrigues, examples are not exhausting but you have things like the SIDPR, things like water reforms which are basically very important issues.

In 2006 while I was sitting here as Minority Leader about June/July a break up occurred in the then Regional Government who was presided by my predecessor in this seat and who has now resigned from the House. One Member on the other side, Mr. Robertson Mercure agreed to resign and to cross the floor. We are not sure about the role played by the then other Member. Because I remember we waited for that Member – here in this place I waited for that Member and unfortunately she did not turn. So we were in a position to force by motion of no confidence at the time the resignation of the then Chief Commissioner and the resignation of the then Executive Council. Many persons gave a helping hand to the building of this, what has been called illegitimate Government. Because in fact it was illegitimate, to take power like this! Politics being politics! If you are called upon and you have got a majority, you have to assume and we went to the election on the 10th of December 2006 following the same procedure that our predecessors decide or someone did, they resigned and they obtained the dissolution of the Assembly. And a team was set up in relevant party with myself as leader in this election in 2006 and we got a majority. The first ever victory of the MR in an election, I mean it was a very big victory in an election. So I became at the age of 32 Chief Commissioner of Rodrigues. I don't know what was the agenda of some

people may be the fault that being given I am young and I am a simple guy that they could use me as a sort of *pantin* and through me make me do things that will benefit them or will benefit to people who are close to them or at times do things which are not in the interest of Rodrigues. This is why I did my job as Chief Commissioner with the most commitment and the upmost dedication to what we had to do and basically to our program. Then, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, came a Court case and I was arrested and then what happened instead of supporting the Chief Commissioner engaged him into a dialogue, a complot was made up and it was decided to break the Regional Government. It was decided to break the Regional Government and my friends, *then friends*, became by *the tournure des choses, déroulement des choses*, became Chief Commissioner and today he is Chief Commissioner, not even being aware of the SIDPR, not even aware that he is the Chairman of SIDPR, whereas a newly sworn Member told him in fact that he is the Chairman of the SIDPR. It is written black and white that the Chairman of SIDPR is incidentally the Chief Commissioner. He is not aware of this, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

So, what has happened? Does this Government today, the Regional Government has the confidence of the people? I am standing here, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. An old man was standing here some months before me, or rather sitting. And we have been through by-elections in Local Region No. 4 and Local Region No. 6. A party, our party, not to say my party, FPR just formed under a campaign of boycott and intimidation on the 1st of February in a Local Region beats a party of 18 years old. A party of 18 years old beaten by my party not even four months' old. And in the other region we got 500 votes in the Local Region No. 6. Do you think you are strong? Do you think Commissioner Agathe you will sit here laughing at me all the time? Do you know what is awaiting for you? Do they realize, do they realize, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, do they realize what is waiting for them? Do they realize that the Assembly will stand dissolve on the 16th of December? Does these persons, does they, the Advisors and all the persons who are with them realize what will happen to them in 2012? What will happen, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? What will happen is *la départage du MR* in 2012. These have started in 2011, it has started in Local Region No. 4 and the name of those who have started it is Raffaut and Flore. And we are going to keep reinforcing our political strategies and our political position in this

Mr. Chairperson: I don't want to interrupt you. Order please! I don't want to interrupt you but I am giving you a little lead way to introduce your subject. But you are speaking about I am sitting he can still stand up. But you would agree with me that the motion is against the Chief Commissioner or for the

Chief Commissioner because we take it up as you merge. I understand your point but you would agree that we had to go back what is written in the Standing Orders. It says that you have to be relevant to your motion. Thank you.

The Minority Leader: I have taken note. It so that the motion is related to the political

Mr. Chairperson: I understand you that is why I did not stop you before.

The Minority Leader: And we Members here we are issued out of this political ... So this was the introduction of shortly, briefly, what happened and what have we seen, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. What have we seen since then? What have the Regional Assembly become? What have we seen, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? People think I am affected, my friend here is affected. We are those of the happiest man on Rodrigues! What has happened, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? What has happened to the program on which they were elected the Chief Commissioner standing today is representing? *Révolution économique* has been engaged, creation of companies, water reforms, SIDPR, développement durable, all these, setting up of Regional Offices etc. There is a *fil conducteur* until January 2011. And afterwards, *intimidation, victimisation, cancel bail*, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, *cancel contrat*. A poor old man like, Mr. Rujobert François! I remember I was an advisor, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. I remember the guy was ill and a laudable Member of the National Assembly was very careful and committed in improving and helping Mr. Rujobert François get out of his illness. He has encouraged him, he talked to him, even arranged for him to go to Mauritius and have him recovered his health. This is not the end of the story, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Mr. Rujobert François was called during the cyclone, was called at the Residency to speak to the President of this party, the MR party. While Mr. François was speaking ...

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I think we are here to debate on a motion against the Chief Commissioner. The Chief Commissioner is responsible of the Executive Council and I don't see anything which is about Mr. Rujobert François and the President of the MR party which is related to the Office of the Chief Commissioner. We are not discussing about people here, we are discussing about the Chief Commissioner, the Office of the Chief Commissioner and him as the Chairman of the Executive Council. So, I think the Member is going away. He has introduced the matter once and so...

Mr. Chairperson: In the light of my previous ruling I think the point is well taken. There is no need for me to rule. Proceed please.

The Minority Leader: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, he was an Advisor to the Chief Commissioner. If I want to make my point I must say why they have cancelled his contract according to me. And in my freedom of speech I can speak about him because he was Advisor to the Chief Commissioner.

Mr. Chairperson: Just link him to the motion.

The Minority Leader: I am linking him to the motion because he was an Advisor to the Chief Commissioner and I know what happened to him in the Chief Commissioner's Office. So this guy was sent to Mauritius and while he was speaking to the President of this party his mobile rang and he was told by his wife that he has got a letter. A letter dismissing him as Advisor, Mr. Chairperson, Sir! The same thing for several persons, several persons, who help the MR party worked the Regional Government to be set up. I have in mind people like Clarence Perrine, people like others who helped put up this Regional Government. And for my part as then Chief Commissioner, the leader of the Party told some people "*fou dehors*". I said yes, I packed up my thing on the day I had to go. "*Dire fou dehors éna zis gros ek li, fou dehors si le faut bateau coule a pique*". "*In envie coulé bé pou coulé*". Mr. Chairperson, Sir, what I want to say is that people have lost confidence in what is left in the team elected in 2006. People have lost confidence. How do you explain that in Local Region No. 4 you have become a minority? How do you explain that despite all your measures you have proposed, despite all the projects for anything being announced on TV and Radio that you have lost the confidence of the people, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? How do you explain, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, all this *mécontentement généraliser* in the country? How do you explain, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the fact that the cost of living in Rodrigues is increasing everyday we have just looked at the question. Freight has increase. Instead of learning their culture the children in school are learning Kreol Morisyen. How do we explain that leases of people are being cancelled today? Mr. Wallis Young Yan Yin had a lease and because some people want this land they cancelled his lease, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. "*Ale demande Peermamode l'argent toilet, to pane demandé to pane gagner, l'argent toilet Trust Fund, ki to koser, Rs 500,000, Rs 800,000 to gagner, to pas ti la gueure l'argent pou faire toilet pou to gagne l'argent, arête koser*".

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: On a Point of Order, the Minority Leader has made serious allegations. I am in a standing position as regards to money Rs 500,000, Rs 800,000. So I will ask him to remove his words or .. I think this is not in order.

Mr. Chairperson: I heard this word and I would like the Minority Leader an opportunity at least to make me understand what he wanted to say when he says these ...

The Minority Leader: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, it was not addressed to her it was in the course of my speech. Payment received by some people...

Mr. Chairperson: You did not address to her?

The Minority Leader: *Non non!* She took it for her.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: I would ask him to remove his word and apologize.

Mr. Chairperson: Did you mention any name? Did he mention your name while he was ...

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: He pointed at me. Ok

Mr. Chairperson: But now he is saying he was not you ... you were addressed. He did not mention your name. Can you at least give me the time to make my ruling?

I think that everybody from both sides want me to make a ruling?

Allegations of corruption, disloyalty are the most severe in the parliamentary language that can be made in this Assembly. And whenever such allegation is made distinct and direct to a named person, it must be withdrawn and reserved it, withdrawn directly without any reserves or conditions. But I am at a little pain to understand because when I was watching him I understand he pointed or his way of talking. He pointed to somebody but in fact he maintained two times before this House that it was not the Commissioner who raised the Point of Order. And I will have to make a note of guidance Please stop please.

[Interruptions]

I will have to make a note of guidance by quoting a little excerpts *“It is not the right but the duty of a Member who can show that there has been anything in the nature of bribery or corruption from the part of other Members to bring that*

matter before a House in the proper constitutional way. But a Member must not make vain suggestion during the course of debate". So with that ruling I expect you to understand all. Yes, proceed.

The Minority Leader: Yes, thank you. I repeat that my comments were not addressed to the Commissioner it is unfortunate that she is taking it for her. So we have today, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. It would be good if Members could listen when other Members are speaking. You may take note and then you may refute. Everybody will have the opportunity to speak and from this side we may utter some words at times, it is the issue but I would appreciate if my arguments could be listened to and then I would listen to others, I promise.

So we have a motion of no confidence and a motion of no confidence examines the performance, the behaviour, the public behaviour of those at the head of Government. And today I must say, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, that not only politically speaking in terms of voters but in the minds of people that this Regional Government does not have popular support. Does not have the support from the part of the people of Rodrigues whom they are supposed to serve! I can make my points in many ways. I will to see and tell the House what is going on in a few sectors. But also we have to examine the new political set in Rodrigues and understand that in the light of the lessons of the last by-election which was held that most probably according to my mathematics that I know very well, that the probability of the Chief Commissioner leading an election and winning it is indeed very low. This is why I would compare them with a lighting candle and which is going to burn and to *êteindre* to get into the dark.

You may adopt different styles of Government. When I was in office, when we have to do things we did it. But we have to take into consideration the humanity behind decisions. We do not let the political mind, machiavellism decides on the humanity. This is why I condemned the fact that several persons have been sent away from their jobs. Have been removed from their jobs! People who were working and who were getting money, a salary to feed their families, to make their children live. This is why I deplore the intimidation, the campaign of political intimidation being used against political opponents. You may not be aware, Mr. Chief Commissioner and Commissioners, you may not be aware; you may be riding in your cars, with your drivers and going on with the day to day business. But in the minds of the people of Rodrigues you are responsible for so much wrong doings. You are responsible for so much hate among the minds of people. This is why I am telling you, you no longer have the political support, your party and yourself to win another turn. And you are like a car in which the

fuel indicator is on meaning that you are running out of fuel, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Can you imagine when your turn will come, when your turn will come the number of persons, including yourself - yourself may be you are ok? Can you imagine the number... we all know who will be here, you know the old man who was sitting here, he might be here. And you know! Look at the statistics! Look at the statistics! In all local regions the old man that you hate will be back. Unfortunately! This is not my wish this is my wish is that I get a majority at the FPR, this is the simple truth of how the ballot boxes will speak. Because do not forget being given your fuel indicator is on, that you have, today we are the 28th of June. You will be here officially until the 16th of December and then may be you will take the three months just *pour profiter encore un peu* and then out, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Out! And how many persons, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, will have to follow the Chief Commissioner in his moving out of office.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, this is for the ... what is waiting the Regional Government. Let me, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, get into a few sectors in which I think there is bad policies and this House shall take a decision.

I will start with the sector of State Lands and Plan D'Aménagement du Territoire, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. So now I understand that all the files of the Cadastral Office are opened to some people and these people can come at the Chief Commissioner's Office and study these files and some of them may even photocopy and put it in newspapers. Files! Official government files! People who are investing in hotels in Rodrigues, seeing letters which have been sent to them is published in a political newspaper. How come that official document in government files regarding hotel projects is being published? Is it not the responsibility of the Chief Commissioner as well as the responsibility of the Island Chief Executive to ensure that there is safeguard of government documents in connection with state lands? What have been invented today, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? What has the Commissioner invented? He thinks he is doing an invention! Grouping people, 200 people and given them a piece of paper. Telling them you have a letter of intent etc. What was happening before – 60 to 100 leases were being at the Office of the Chief Commissioner in the Conference Room every week. The frequency was so much that at times because of my agenda I could not even attend some of the distribution of these leases. Today what are they giving pieces of paper to people telling them this is letters of intent. And organizing so much functions taking up government money "*bel bel la tente*" to give what they called letter of intent! Take the letter of intent to the bank, what will the bank tell you? This is not a formal document. So instead of finalizing leases what are they doing, they are taking things, putting the carts in front of the wheels, instead of

giving leases they are giving letters of intent. And we don't know whether all these letters of intent are valid or how much time person will have to wait before getting their leases.

What has happened today? The DCP projects together the European Union, together with the Chief Commissioner's Office, together with the Cadastral Office, the Plan D'Aménagement du Territoire de Rodrigues is already done. For the first time it was done by me. It was finalized in December. There was a workshop. What has happened? The Commissioner takes a girl, a lady from I think Germany somewhere, and tell this girl, this lady will do the Plan D'Aménagement du Territoire will do it for me. Because it is me who is me who has supervised the doing of the Plan D'Aménagement du Territoire which is a formidable document, the Commissioner does not agree with it. How can you manage a country like this? Can you put your political interest before the interest of the country? Have you gone through it? Have you seen the different zoning? Have you seen the different instruments which were ready? What have they done with the file? What have they done with the Regulations? Where are the Rodrigues Land Use and Planning Regulations? What have you done with it? Are you jeopardizing the future of this country? This is the question I ask? What has happened to the Plan D'Aménagement du Territoire? What they do? Maurice Ile Durable. And Maurice Ile Durable, Commissioner *range ti la kaze*, comes and on radio and I was astonished - *estomaquer pour reprendre une expression. Estomaquer d'entendre à la radio que le Monsieur qui est venu pour le Développement Durable à Rodrigues est venu prendre connaissance du SIDPR à son arriver. Mais vous vous moquez de nous! Vous vous moquez des Rodriguais! SIDPR has been a national, regional Rodrigues and a national process. And the Prime Minister was fully informed and then they come and say "we take note of the SIDPR". We take note of SIDPR, The Prime Minister sent a Minister to represent him, Minister then Chaumière to represent him in the launching of the SIDPR. And then they come here, Maurice Ile Durable! They think that we don't know anything. They don't know anything Développement Durable and they say taken note of SIDPR. And the Commissioner himself says "there are some good and some bad things in the SIDPR". So my question is they have failed in the development planning. They have failed in State Land Policies.*

What has happened, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the question was well phrased? How many persons have not paid their lease? Thousands of persons have not paid their lease. How many persons have not built up in the delay of their leases? Commercial or residential! Hundred have not. I am aware of this when I was Chief Commissioner. So I will go and cancel the lease of a poor guy who can't

pay his lease or who don't have the means or for some other reasons have not built up on a lease. Unless government needs it! We have done it, for example, for the Bank of Mauritius building. After negotiation, compensation, the person's voluntary agreed to give their land, please. Today what happens, an old man, retired man, who has children studying in Australia, he has to pay the cost, he has an old lease land for may be 30 years it has been renewed. It has been renewed by myself under my signature, it was my authority when I was Chief Commissioner, they cancelled his lease on the ground that he has not built up.

Look at the photo of it there is a CIS house on it. What is the interpretation of residential building? He has planted coconut trees on it. "*Ki qualité lécoeur*" these persons have, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Somebody like Wallis Young Yan Yin cancelled his lease, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. *Ene bougre innoferensif! Ene bougre innoferensif ça hauteur la, cancel so bail!* And now he came to the House and mentions the name of people. You think you are making the proud of Rodrigues thinking like this? You think Mr. Commissioner; you are making the proud of Rodrigues. No this is the start when you start removing ...

Mr. A. F. Grandcourt: On a Point of Order. You should remind the Member, the Minority that he should address to the Chair instead of addressing to the Commissioner himself.

Mr. Chairperson: Yes, this is basics in Assembly.

The Minority Leader: So I was speaking about the cancellation of the lease of Mr. Young Yan Yin. And today we see there is a CIS building on it. House means what? Suppose a poor guy built a house 2m x 2m. Don't we have houses 2m x 2m? We do have. People are poor, they go on their land and they built what they can do. So according to the new interpretation of the Commissioner for Lands, this is not a house. So they can repossess the lease. Be very careful when you start crushing in the sensibility of people in a country. You start violating the rights of people in terms of their acquired rights. You don't know what can be the end result. This is what we called playing with fire, Mr. Chairperson, Sir! In the lease which I have read it is said that they must give this person 48 hours notice if he has not started his construction, 48 hours notice to start his construction – Article 14 in the lease. They did not serve him this notice. They serve him a 48 hour notice to vacate. Please, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I am making an appeal *pour la raison, pour la compassion, pour la fraternité dans ce pays, pour la compréhension et la réparation des fautes morale, préjudice matériel et financier commises envers certaines personnes.*

Don't let yourself be remembered, Mr. Chief Commissioner by children and the grand children of Wallis and other people, of Clarence Perrine, of the son of Mr. Rujobert François. The President and the Leader of this party don't let yourself be remembered as *tyran*, as people who have removed bread from the mouth of others, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Don't let yourself be a game in this. I make this appeal to you, because you were my friends and I know the heart of each of yourself. Don't let politics destroy families. Don't let politics destroy yourself and prepare yourself; I told you prepare yourself for the aftermath of defeat, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

You may be laughing at me I am standing in the place formerly occupied by an old man. Beware of that old man. Beware of that old man because that old man today being given the division that some people cry "*nou fort, fou dehors, pas pou énan l'impacte*". Today what is the situation in state lands, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? What is the situation in terms of *Aménagement du Territoire* and one of the components of these in terms of integrated development planning was to be the set up of Integrated Regional Offices. A concept designed by myself and my officers and organized to decentralized government services.

Congratulations, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, congratulations in term of building for Commissioner responsible for Local Region No. 1, terms of building. But I don't know what is happening for the other regions. What has happened? We were supposed to renovate, for example, the old building for the breeding, agricultural station of Trèfles. What has happened? Everything, do you realize other Commissioners, do you realize, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, does the Chief Commissioner realize – he may realize it but he is silent because he is co-candidate of the other Commissioner in Local Region No. 1. They are doing everything in Local Region No. 1. Everything in Local Region No. 1! When you come to Port Mathurin in the morning you go back track road has been made for their agents. Track road has been made for their agents; track road has been made for people working in government. People working in different high positions. People in Montagne Charlot, people in Tamarin, people in Rivière Banane, families – poor families are walking in the mud, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Because the handsome Commissioner, - *pas gros vente narnier, vente plat, Monsieur Brad Pit*, wants his election to be assured in Local Region No. 1 and he thinks that people concrete walks – concrete do not walk to voting station, iron bars in the concrete does not vote at the election. It is hands which vote at the election. And we in the opposition we know how to make these hands vote. We have shown you how to make these hands vote.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, today the Cadastral Office, when I came into office there is a three level building and in this three level building we organized ourselves so that everything is integrated in it. Today what they do, Cadastral Office in Port Mathurin, *bureau de Relation Publique de la Terre à Citronelle*. My radio, I am not getting the channel of Rodrigues then! *Bureau des Relations Publiques* when announce was to be in Citronelle, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

What has been done? What has been done since I left in January to make the Plan D'Aménagement du Territoire get statutory, legal recognition? Nothing has been done! What has been done to ease, really to ease the granting of leases, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? All the jobs have already been done through the survey. What they do because the election are coming, they just give letters of intent to eye wash the desire of persons, to get their leases. What is happening, in terms of granting of lease for agricultural purposes? What is happening, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? Will the Commissioner responsible for Land do an audit on the granting of Agricultural leases? What is happening in terms of management of state lands? State Lands as well as other sectors have become an issue, a tool of political victimization for people who do not support the ruling party in Rodrigues. There is no confidentiality. Pledging of rights is being done on political grounds. People having to wait forever to get a pledging! Mr. so and so coming into the files and saying *ça barrer ça passer*. We will see, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, because there are Court of Law in this country and Mr. Wallis has gone to Court, you have received a '*Mise en demeure*', you know you have received a '*Mise en demeure*'.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, therefore all the good jobs which have been done in the Plan D'Aménagement du Territoire, all the preparatory stages which were made to launch the Plan D'Aménagement du Territoire which is an important tool in terms of Développement Durable. All these efforts I am afraid to say have been lost, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. All these efforts have been lost and they are interested in making this island integrate the path of sustainable development – *développement durable* – in line with the SIDPR.

One example, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, again at Caverne Provert at Anse aux Anglais, eyesore, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, eyesore on the beach near Cocotiers Hotel. I don't know who has authorized the excavation of land, have authorized the excavation of soil across a stream and this stream is taking all these land on the beach across Cocotiers Hotel. Everybody remain silent, this is what is happening in the land today, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. So *carton rouge* for state land, Plan D'Aménagement du Territoire etc.

In terms of the environment, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, there is so much to be said. I will leave ground to my friends after me. But what I can say is, for example, that Rod Clean they are doing their job, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. And this is one of the companies of which I am proud of and which reasons give us today. I must say the Commissioner did follow me at the time when CBB told us we should not do this, we should not do that. Today – no matter *dans programme MR ça, to bizin gagne credit tout les temps toi* – no matter, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, nearly 200 families today have a salary at the end of the month. And I hope you will preserve this. I am very proud, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, when I see the lorries of Rod Clean go around and collect waste. Though I tell that they should be maintained, they should be washed and they must given some paint, some repair at times. And I am making a pledging for the direct employment, of permanent employment of these persons. Because these are not the subject of the Commissioner, the subject, I mean the subjects of the Commissioner. These persons are subject today to threats – *ces gens tremblent quand ils doivent parler à un opposant politique, à Allan Ladd Emilien ou à moi-même* – even on the phone they are trying to know who is calling whom, who is drinking with whom, who is visiting whom. Even a Commissioner put people to watch people and telling and leaving my residence at Baie du Nord – during the day and during the night. To see whether such and such persons is coming to visit me – *gestapo, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.*

Again, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the children of Batatrand, the children of Graviersm, the children of Roche Bon Dieu, the children of Rivière Banane would be pleased, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, to get the same attention as those of Local Region No. 1. Forest, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, tecoma forest are being cleared to have children's playground. For sure you are going, may be, to be elected in Local Region No. 1. But at which cost, at the cost may be of 100% of the budget of the environment being invested in the Local Region No. 1. He is preparing Commissioner, other Commissioners, he is preparing his, would be, in his mind re-election, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Look at the children's playground that he was asked to build at Batatrand. It does not compare with the children's playground which is at Baie Lascars, which the model we started first and with the one which is at La Ferme or even at Rivière Coco. I will leave this to my friend.

In terms of environment in general, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, we must deplore the fact that the beaches are not cleaned. Tourist operators complain about this. Beaches all around Rodrigues are no longer cleaned regularly and waste, cans, empty bottles, plastic bags are put along, at the foot of trees in these regions. Go

and visit Grand Var, go and visit Fumier, go and visit Anse Ally, beaches are no longer cleaned, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

And what happened, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, when people who are officers who do their jobs, who have to go for mission, who have to go for seminars regarding their sectors it is not them who go, it is other persons, it is like I have been told. A Commissioner going to Martinique as a musician, Mr. Chairperson, Sir! Approval was not obtained as sought from the Prime Minister's Office and he even wanted to be paid per diem, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. He even wanted to be paid per diem for a mission not approved by the Prime Minister's Office. So because he made pressure, you may be laughing, but the pressure is not only on the people of Rodrigues but the pressure is also inside. Because the Commissioner made pressure and we are aware others are making pressure – *Commissaire ale Martinique comme musicien* – I don't know which instrument we went to play there, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Is it a bongo, is it a guitar or is it a *cacha cacha*? I don't know which instrument the Commissioner; I am sure will be happy to read his mission report, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. *Ale faire clown dans Martinique!*

The environment, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, what has happened to the waste segregation project launched at Pointe L'Herbe, launched during the campaign for 2010 to make some people get elected, May 2010 – organized some government activities to promote some people to get elected – *pou bel verte, pou bel orange dans Songes*. What has happened to the project of *tri selectif des déchets, M. le Président*? Is it going on? What are the results because I see everything in these villages being thrown in the lorries, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. We will come later on in this motion, the next motion on Marine Parks and much we have to be said on Marine Parks, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

In term of fishing, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, aquaculture etc. what is happening in the country today? Fishermen again in Mauritius as well as in Rodrigues are crying. Some are threatening to go on hunger strike; some are threatening to protest etc. What has happened in terms of the allowance of Bad Weather Allowance cards, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? Again victimization! People who are true fisherman who have boats, who have been fishing, who are gaming their lives at sea, in the open sea, they do not receive their Bad Weather Allowance cards. People who are taxi drivers, people who are poultry rearers, people who have never put their feet in the sea they receive Bad Weather cards. Do you know how much money will have to be paid for this? Fishermen, out lagoon fishing cards being given on political basis, being given to please political agents! Others are not even given consideration. Not even – this is the procedure – given consideration,

Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Do you know what will be the financial burden awaiting the next Regional Government. I am being told that some people are envisaging to desperately become Chief Commissioner. Do you know what is waiting for them in terms of financial burden, the number of cards? More than 300 cards are being given you have to pay at least Rs 3000 per month to these persons. Who will be responsible for this financial burden that you have put on the Regional Assembly at the cost of political issues.

What is being done, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, at Pointe Monier, there is wood in the stores which have been bought to build the wooden banks at Pointe Monier for fishing boats and fishing pleasure craft boats to disembark their fish. What has happened at the Rodrigues General Fishing Co. Ltd.? For years, for months the ice making machine has broken down. Because it has run dry and the Manager or the person responsible has gone with the key, they did not switch off the machine. The machine runs dry and the machine has broken down. Even the refrigerated facilities which we have put in place, I have put in place to this company are not being maintained properly. If there is lost at this company, if somebody has not paid, is it the fault of the Chief Commissioner. It is the fault of the board? It is the fault of the Managing Director of this – and you know who was managing this company – who was managing this company? So that some persons think that running a boat is like combing their hair. It is not like combing your hair. Running a boat is a delicate issue. Who trained the skippers, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, for more than one year the skippers have not been paid. The skippers have not been allowed to use the boats. Do you know what happened to boats when you leave the boats idle? When you leave boats idle the boats, they rusts, the engine rusts. If it is not ignited, it is not turned everyday or at least regularly, the engine will deteriorate. This is what happened! So they leave these boats because it was Chief Commissioner, Johnson Roussety, who initiated this project just to show people that the project is not working, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. You don't know nothing about boats, about stability of boats. Stability of boats is a question of specialist. You don't know anything about this. You have never been on these boats fishing. I have been on these boats in Mauritius, model of these boats, before we decided which model to use. I have been on these boats here and these boats are very stable. These boats are very economical; these boats are very performant in terms of fishing, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Stop talking because you don't know anything about fishing, you don't even know how to hang a hook on a line, so please let fishing be the domain of people who know what is fishing. And today if the Rodrigues General Fishing Co. Ltd. has failed it is the responsibility of its Manager and it is the responsibility of those who came in January 2011 and who did not take the necessary measures to save this company, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

They are more interested in getting the votes of fishermen. They are more interested, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, in closing their eyes, let us speak of it, illegal fishing. Sometime ago with the former squad - a former squad, we spent Rs 2.5m setting up this squad, its vehicles; we inaugurated a building near the port for them. On the day after my departure they dismantled the squad because this squad was doing its job properly and this squad is preventing their agents from doing on their fraud. This is a pity, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, what is happening to the lagoon of Rodrigues, it is a pity and I am ashamed of it. I am not proud of this as a Rodriguan, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. When you go out at sea on a Sunday, you out at sea, you see people walking on rives with their nets openly, nobody is caring about this. How do we hear? We don't hear anymore about seizure of fishing net. The other day I heard seizure of fishing net, which was I think 6 metres. 6 metres fishing net were being seized on the coast near Petite Butte! Petite Butte Fisheries Post, 6 metres being seized. Thousand of metres are being used up everyday. People at the Fisheries Office itself are corrupted people. Some of them don't do their jobs correctly. We have to act against this, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. There is a big corruption in terms of illegal fishing. Some people they get their affair in these activities, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Something must be done to save the lagoon of Rodrigues. We will come later with Marine Parks as I told you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

The fishing industry in Rodrigues today again is an industry which is dying. We have made efforts to build these boats as model projects to show fisherman the technology, to show fisherman the techniques, to accommodate them with these types of boat. And they were suppose; the Regional Assembly were supposed to negotiate with a financing agencies to finance boats like this for individual fisherman. How much of these boats have been done, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? Do you know where the mould for these boats is? Do you know where the mould is? The fibre glass mould which was used to build these boat and is today the property of the Regional Assembly. It is lying, damaged at the boat yard, left in the sun, people throwing waste in it. A mould which cost nearly Rs 1 m! What is being done to encourage fisherman to use this mould, to build their boat, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Five boats were to be built. I remember we got money for five boats in the budget for this. Where are these five boats, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Are they sinking like *ti bato* these boats? Where are the five boats for the five fishermen cooperatives? I don't mean the five large boats, five boats like the one which are incorporated by the Rodrigues General Fishing Co. Ltd.

What is being done to improve fishermen catch? What is being done at the level of the fish as irrigating devices, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? How many ... are maintained today? How many ... are ok today, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? So we have a mockery of fishing development in Rodrigues as well as in Mauritius. And what do we hear, *culture d'algues*, *culture Barbara etc.* What has been done, culture Barbara? The biggest issue is how to allocate parcels of the lagoon where this would be possible to persons or families. Forget about culture d'algues! The ReCoMap has already told that this will not be productive. Some people keep insisting and telling culture d'algues will be profitable. Let them go they will realize. We went for a mission financed by ReCoMap to Madagascar. They went there to see same thing. The Chief Commissioner even some time ago went to South Africa, I am being told to visit caves. Visit caves in South Africa, a Chief Commissioner of Rodrigues, Mr. Chairperson, Sir!

Therefore, culture of sea cucumber – what do they tell to people “I was going to give the business to a business man who was in a mission to Madasgacar”. Have you seen the technology? Have you seen how they make the production of the small larva for the culture of sea cucumbers? Have you seen it? Or have you been doing other things there? Who will develop this, you think the guy at the Fishing Protection Service will culture Barbara for you and then they will give it to those persons who will cultivate it? In the sea! What has been done? Nothing has been done. And the biggest issue which they are not telling people is the introduction of arian species, mainly, the *Holothuria scabra*, which is the white sea cucumber. She is the most valuable one. Have you seen it there? Or have you gone to do other things in Madagascar? Nothing! Have they had a workshop? Have they held a seminar? Have they gone to speak to people to show how this is done, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? No. They just keep accusing people. Where will the investment come for the laboratory, for the *écloseri* for the hatchery for this? Who will take of this hatchery? Who will keep monitoring the temperature, the food etc? To prevent the small eggs of Barbara from dying and then to sell to people. You have an idea who is going to tell it? There is a report in the file at the Chief Commissioner's Office. Nobody is speaking about it. *Et pourtant*, Rodrigues could get a lot of money from this, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. So failure, abandonment of the lagoon, destruction of the lagoon, no scope for fishermen and aquaculture being majors which are not serious at all.

In terms of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the gas problem has appeared again. The problem of supply of gas! People in the vicinity of Port Mathurin, people around Rodrigues have no gas to cook their food for their kitchen. What is the Chief Commissioner doing? He is responsible for trade, for

commerce. Will the gas problem keep on? Hampering the life of people? What solutions are being proposed, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? Gas being withhold, some people getting the gas, some people not getting the gas, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

In term of the water resources, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, what a pity again, Mr. Chairperson, Sir! What have they done with the good job which has started, which has been done? What a pity in terms of reforms, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. How do you want this country to be modernized, if when you have put one step forward, they make two steps backwards – *a reculons*? The water reforms was a well engaged process. Supported by the United Nations (UN DESA) United Nations Department of Economic Affairs in New York by Mr. Thierry, supported by Mr. Karl De Roney, supported by the UNDP, supported by the European Union and by the DCP. The feasibility report is in the files in the Commission responsible for Water Resources. And what they want to do! Again because this is my asset that I left - my result that I left as Chief Commissioner! A full fledge operating water company that a then Commissioner was not even able to launch. I remember there was water, water riot at Baie Malgache, the then Water Commissioner was not even present. I took a decision because decision had to be taken; nothing was being done to move to make the reforms move on to remove the portfolio of water. And this caused so much trouble. They don't want to work, we take the work and we provide the results. The results are there, a water company supported by major partners working in water in Rodrigues and supported by international agencies. Where young people indiscriminate of political belonging got their jobs! Today what is their agenda, their agenda is that they want to dismantle the Water Company and return to the old archaic, ineffective, inefficient system of Government employees, we know how they worked, to go and distribute water. Will we attain millennium development goals in term of water supply, quantity and quality? I don't think because they have destroyed the momentum which was related and which today would have culminated to the full fledged operation of the Water Company all around Rodrigues. More than 60 persons were to be recruited in January in the Water Company. What have you done? Why have these persons not been recruited? They can see notice applications were made, 60 persons were to be recruited. For the northern region Water Company should have taken over the northern region, here in Port Mathurin and then it should have taken the southern region. Mr. Chairperson, Sir, nothing have been done. Mr. Raja Rai, a professional, that Commissioner Emilien and me, I remember at a hotel in Mauritius we met with Mr. Raja Rai, who were contemplating to come and we implored him to come, an engineer to come and give a helping hand in the setting up development of the Rodrigues Water Company. And he did a good job, everybody has their ... *ça zot*

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zafaire ça mo pas kone ça bane zafaire la moi, ou débrouiller, zot zafaire ek zot, zot ki Commissaire matelot, mo pas Commissaire de l'Eau moi.

[Interruption]

And Mr. Chairperson, Sir, what do we have today. Never have I seen it anywhere in the world in my short experience as a politician, as a professional. The Leader of a political party that they have gone to seek the help to support them! The Leader of a political party being the Chairman of the Board of the Water Company! Where have you seen it? Tell me, give me an example where a corporate body, which the example of a Water Company, public utility ... *'chagrin, chagrin bane bouffon'* – Water Company, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, having the Leader of the “can we say dying of the political party or” – *mo coner to bon dan ça bane zafaire souiller la, demain gramatin mo vini la bas, si pena dimoune mo vini.* Yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, we don't say that the persons occupying as the post of Chairman of the Water Company is not capable of doing it. He may be capable of doing it. Yes, but it is not ethical that a Leader of a political party be the Chairman, a member of his party, could be the Chairman of the company. And what they did again is that they accommodated the political agents on the board, including people who don't read, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Contrary to the RRA Investment Management Regulations where it is said that appointments to the position of directors must be made according to qualifications according to experience. I have much respect for Mr. Darcet but what is Mr. Darcet doing on the board of the Water Company? Mr. Chairperson, Sir, Mr. Darcet has been arrested for issue of false cheque of *cheque sans provision* and therefore I think I should look there because they are interrupting me, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. *La vérité blesse.* And today, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the Rodrigues Water Company is in a mess. The party in their deal to sell myself and my friends they offered the jewel that was the Water Company as a counter part to their political deal, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. They offered the Water Company to the ... I don't know whether I must say minority party, to that small party, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. And today after the results on the 13th of June at Le Chou College when they have admitted defeat, good performance in No. 6, unbelievable ... *Coudoum encore pe ploré la gueter comment pou faire li gagne so travail.*

What happened, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, is that they started shouting and sending people to us telling *'a nou faire l'alliance'*. Mr. Chairperson, Sir, they started sending messengers and telling *'dire bonhomme la retourner'* – and Mr. Minol saying *'si Johnson Roussety ti la ti pou ine gagne tout les deux régions'* –

Mr. Minol saying this to Mr. Leopold. Admit defeat now. Admit defeat and try to repair your sinking ship. Try to mend your sinking ship.

In the course of my discourse I forgot the Alizé saga and I am sure my friend will be happy to talk on the Alizé saga *qui a défrayer la chronique au début de l'année jusqu'à tout récemment, M. le Président. Aujourd'hui, M. le Président, qu'est-ce qu'ils font dans le Secteur de L'Eau, à Camp du Roi, ou j'ai été récemment pendant la campagne électorale et après, un bassin en fibre de verre de 5000 m³, bassin rond avec une plateforme ciment. Les villageois m'insistent, ils me disent cela à couter Rs 3 m. Quand je demande qui est le contracteur qui à exécuter ces travaux pour Rs 3 m. M. le Président, c'est encore un proche du parti que nous savons. Rs 3 m ene bassin fibre de verre, ene l'assise roche, roche la ramasse la même – Rs 3 m!* What will they put in this. At Baie du Nord, at my place, there are two water tanks in which water has never come, installed by our former friend when he was Commissioner in the former government. Never have the villagers seen water in it and the people working in water in region No. 1 in Water Company tells me that it is these installation are useless, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. And they keep making contracts, I don't know why, may be other persons know why, they keep making contracts of millions of rupees for useless projects, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. What has happened, I hear nothing about the AFD. The AFD was in good discussion when I was Chief Commissioner, we were about to conclude a deal so that the AFD helps the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for *'mo la gueurre pou mo pays moi mo pas la gueurre pou met zoli robe moi'* 40 m Euros. The project was for the installation of two units of 5000 m³ desalination water plants which were to be powered by wind energy. What has happened to this, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? We are hearing nothing. They were to get the agreement of the Ministry of Finance for these projects to go ahead. Today even during the wet season Rodrigues is in terms of water, in terms of deficit, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the water problems has deteriorated today. Water has become a bigger problem than before, the strategies in terms of water, the strategies in terms of operationalizing the Water Company have failed, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. And what they want to do? After having allowed a Minister to use the seat of Executive Council as his office, now the Minister wants the whole Residency and ... *'line gagne mari blanc aster li capave blaguer'*. Mr. Chairperson, Sir, now what they want to do, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, they want to evict the Water Company from its newly renovated building near the Post Office, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Because the Minister wants the whole Residency for himself, they want to move the Tourism Office there so that they can use this as the Tourism Office, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

So what has happened is that international agencies AFD, DCP, European Union have removed from the process of helping Rodrigues solve on a sustainable manner its water problems. You are speaking about my reputation on the international part, do you know I was chose by the European Union to represent Mauritius in the Decentralized Corporation Conference held in Bruxelles. You are speaking about reputation of people! We will come to your sector of responsibility, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. So the water problem will go on because we have come back to the primitive, archaic set up where government is taking over and the specialized organization which was set up to deal with all the issues of water distribution, water equipment etc. is being dismantled and is not being provided with the necessary facilities funding to take over the water distribution sector in Rodrigues, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

I will say a few words on the Health Sector and I must say that talking on the radio is useless without action, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Are you aware, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, that some privilege persons have the opportunity to go to Queen Elizabeth Hospital at 6 o'clock at 3 o'clock, rode by the ambulance for their dialyze. Is it because you have political set up, political back up, you can go when you want, you can make an abuse of the facilities and not come at the normal opening hours for these facilities, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. What do we see at the hospital, when you are inside the hospital, its smelt bad in the wards? It's smelt *la puanteur*, M. le Président. This is the truth, there is no pillow, *pas d'oreiller pour les gens, pour les malades, devant la salle d'hommes, je ne sais pas s'il y avait les pharaons ou qu'est-ce-qui c'est passer on a couler des colonnes, je crois une dizaines de fois, des colonnes pour couvrir les toitures. On a coulé les colonnes et on les a cassé, je ne sais pas, pour dix fois, vingt fois. Je ne sais pas qui est ces gens, qui sont ces maçons qui sont en train de travailler là bas. Mais si vous allez maintenant vous allez voir les colonnes qui ont été enlever misent à côté avec tout les détrituts de la cuisine etc. avec les chiens errants, les poules, les coqs et les chats. Tout cela pour encourager l'hygiène*, M. le Président.

What is being done, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, everybody is in Rodrigues is dying. Most of the time you hear of cancer! What is being to identify the causes if there are causes to this occurrence? What are they doing, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, to promote the health of women, to promote, for example, preventive detection of cervical cancer, breast cancer, etc., Mr. Chairperson, Sir.. What have they done, I was astonished, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, but I was told that a woman near my place that in fact, the very fact is that she has asked, she has waited but she will not have the opportunity to see a gynecologist. A woman in Rodrigues has a problem, gynecological problem or gynae clinical issue and this woman will not see the

gynecologist and they tell us they are taking care of the persons of Rodrigues, of the health problem of Rodrigues. I have never heard the Commissioner Preventing in France when I was a student in the University, on radio, in magazine, in newspapers encouraging women to regularly to for detection and *curretage*. *Dans Rodrigues péna meme gynecologue!* What are you doing? What is being done, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? You say you have good relation, you have a Minister he is going to help, they are helping us? The women of Rodrigues, their health are at risk, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. We have a Minister today, a woman going to deliver a baby and she is seen by a gynecologist only two minutes, three minutes but if you pay, I don't have gynecological problem – if you pay at the Mauritius Family Planning Association Rs 900 you pay you get access to a Gynecologist. If you don't have money you don't have access to a Gynecologist. So may I make an appeal, I know it may not be your fault, you a Commissioner you are not a Gynecologist, what can you do? Please help these persons. And you know these persons in Mauritius will tell you, we don't have, when you tell them let us create the post here, my friend try to do it. Let us create the post and recruit on the contract. They tell you we can't let you do that it is a technical issue. So women of Rodrigues die of cervical cancer, gynecological complications to the point that even a woman was given to deliver she was told she has only one baby and when she goes to deliver she has two babies. What kind of Gynecologist do we have here? How many babies have died in the recent months at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital because of medical negligence, because of bad competencies, because of people going for caesarian at night to get money to get overtime money or something like that? What is the Commissioner doing? What is the Commission doing, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? What is being done to curtail the issue of propagation of AIDS, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? What is being done at the level of schools where today you have a very liberative approach towards relationship between boys and girls? Can you tell me, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, can the Commissioner tell us, she is a new Commissioner you can't refer every time to the former Commissioner etc. You are in the driving seat now can you tell me where can we find a distributor of preservative in Port Mathurin? A distributor of preservative in Rodrigues! I don't know, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? The youth they don't know and you tell the youth "*protege ou*" how to protect there is no plastic for it. There is no availability of plastic for it. It is not anonymous, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. It is not anonymous and the people they are not getting it in the right place. What has happened, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, what has happened to the Rs 50 m which my friend and myself negotiated with Mr. Sithanen, what has happened with the Rs 50 m of the said Loto Fund which former Minister of Finance gave the Regional Assembly to build a SAMU. An integrated set up – SAMU - for specialized medical care unit. What have the Chief Commissioner done with the Rs 50 m. Why have the tenders not

been floated? Why is it that the works have not started, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? So we want to encourage tourism development but we have wards which smell bad.

In terms of agriculture, Mr. Chairperson, Sir! What do you see in terms of agriculture? If you looked at the statistics the output of major crops in Rodrigues are declining. If you looked at the sector of pig rearing you see that rearing pigs today at the prevailing selling price is going for loses. What have the Commissioner done to encourage modern breeding of pigs in Rodrigues, modern efforts for breeding pigs, subsidizing pigs breeders, promoting pigs export. Why has the RTMC ceased to export pigs from Rodrigues? Where has the money gone to? What will the people Rodrigues, the farmers, the families who are rearing a pig to get something for their homes? Do with the pig? Will they take the pig to Citronelle, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? Rearing a pig today is Am I too long?

Mr. Chairperson: No. I am thinking about breaking at 4.30 p.m.? It's nearly time. If you want me to wait after your speech if it is not long; if it is long then we break.

The Minority Leader: I think I'll finish. Mr. Chairperson, Sir, what is being done to reduce the waiting time that farmers have to undergo before getting a tractor to plough their lands? In Rodrigues on paper you see that they have enclosed such and such area. Do you know what they have planted in this area, what is growing in these areas? It is only '*piquant loulou*' go and look at Montagne Plate and at Montagne Groupier, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. And I have said last, you have just seen the SIDPR is a flopped with the MR government. The SIDPR is not working. The Chief Commissioner himself is not aware that he is the Chairman of EPMU. We don't hear about the Table Ronde de Rodrigues no longer! We don't hear what issues are being discussed. We see the same old method going on in the country. The Commissions do not report about the implementation of SIDPR policies at their level. The SIDPR is going in very dirty waters, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. You can speak, you can talk, you can run, you can but votes, but the faith of your Regional Government is doom, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Defeats in the forthcoming regional election will be the constant, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. This is why we at our level we are working our program to propose an alternative to the present Regional Executive, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. I wish to thank you for your attention.

[Applause]

Mr. Chairperson: I suspend the Assembly for 30 minutes.

At 16.35 hours, the Assembly was suspended.

On resuming at 17.00 hours with the Chairperson in the Chair.

Mr. Chairperson: All Members I am addressing to you. We have on the Order Paper the present motion and we have also another motion for us to deal with. There is a provision in the Standing Order which says and which enables me to administer and to set a time limit to each Member who wants to intervene at this stage and in this Assembly. I do not want to make the use of this provision arbitrary but I would like certain information in order to properly administer the debate. For the motion that you have presently at hand I would like to know how many Members from this side and this side who will be addressing this House.

All Commissioners, which means seven Commissioners and I understand that you may be the mover of the second motion may be addressing the House in reply, in summing up. This means we have eight and on this side where we have three. So we have 12 persons to intervene and for the last motion what do we have? How many persons will intervene? No intervenient from the Minority side for the last motion? So we have two persons from this side and two persons which mean four. This means that we are going to have in turn 18 persons who are going to intervene in this Assembly today. We are now at 5.00 p.m. and we are going to take probably one hour for dinner then if we have each person addressing this House for one hour then we are certainly ... Yes, I would like your indulgence whether I would limit each intervenient for 30 or 45 minutes. I have consensus from both sides then we can proceed.

Being given that we have for the present motion, at hand we have seven persons here and we have remaining three persons here. So we have to let the pendulum goes to and fro. So I propose that we have two persons from this side and then one person so that the debate is equally divided. So we proceed with the next person to intervene from the Government side.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Merci, M. le Président, d'abord je voudrais au début même de cette intervention rassurer la Chambre et le Chef Commissaire que toute son équipe dans la majorité à une confiance totale en ses capacité et nous croyons dans ce présent Gouvernement qui a un mandat jusqu'en décembre de cette année et nous travaillerons dans l'intérêt de Rodrigues comme nous l'avons toujours fait, comme ces personnes ici présentes l'ont toujours fait.

M. le Président, pendant l'intervention du Leader de la Minorité j'ai écouté attentivement ces propos mais il y a une chose j'ai essayé de comprendre dans quelle direction il voulait mener ce débat et quelle était ces intentions. Et je me suis dit que finalement il a exprimé une chose qui n'est ni le lieu ni l'endroit pour le faire *because he talked about a wish* et nous savons très bien ce que c'est ce wish. *Il a parlé d'alliance avec le petit bateau qui est en train de couler d'après lui et je sais que lui-même comme il a dit qu'il nous connaît, nous aussi nous le connaissons très bien que les rumeurs qui sort par rapport à cette alliance – nous conner kot so lorigine été, nou conner kot refuge la été. Non pas Baie Malgache, Baie du Nord, ene ti peu plus loin* – and his words what he said about the old man sitting in his place. He talked about this old man who is coming and he is trying to warn us as if we should be frightened about the old man, about this party. May be you don't know Mouvement Rodriguais well, may be you joined the team of Mouvement Rodriguais in 2000 but I personally have been a member of this party since its creation even before it started, I started the struggle for freedom, freedom from tyranny. And I was there and I have been there and I will always be there and I think most of us here and we are not afraid of struggle and you know that perfectly well. We are not afraid to fight and like you analyse everything we have been analysing on our side as well. But we are confident in our person who is going as time passes to discover the real face of some people who is preparing to get back his place as Chief Commissioner. Right now when he comes with a motion of no confidence, what is the aim of a motion of no confidence? Is to show that this Assembly has no confidence in the Chief Commissioner? And when we look at the minority side, safe for Mrs. Arlette Perrine Bégué, the respected Member who is independent, when we look at the minority side here, look and see, you are four and we are eleven. And if you want to put a motion of no confidence you should be sure that this motion is going to pass. And secondly, you are boosting about your victory in Region No. 4 – *“Eh écouter ou ti raconte zistoire taler la aster mosi mo faire mo zistoire ine arrive mo ler pu faire zistoire nou guetter ki sanla pou fini faire zistoire avant”*. You want to take my place? *Mo pas pé guette ou moi*. You are boosting about your victory in Region No. 4. What you should be proud of? What are you proud of? That you have managed to put two Members, not later than the last sitting you were not able even to talk, you left this Assembly running. Now that you have two young men, who are trying to frighten, young boy ...

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: ...where is the comparison when you talk about the fishing sector, you talk about illegal fishing. You yourself have come to the council many times talking about illegal fishing and that you can't do anything about it. You talk about machiavelism, "mafia, ou meme ou langage ou servi tous les jours, mo enn mafia moi, mo enn machiavel moi, mo kapave fer ceci, mo kapave fer cela".

Next thing you talked about our young colleague Brad Pitt, I don't know what happened in Trinidad and Tobago or whatever or so you have to tell us, talking to him as Brad Pitt.

Mr. Chairperson: I was there, nothing happened.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Nothing happened you are sure?

Mr. Chairperson: To my knowledge.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: qualifying Franceau as Brad Pitt, I know that these women have never done that and from a man, coming to say Franceau is Brad Pitt, so you must be careful my friend. We see in region number 5, you, yourself, how many times Mrs. Lindsay Castel was adviser at my Commission and all the Members here have talked about projects that when you were Chief Commissioner should be done in region number 6 and region number 3, and Mrs. Arlette Perrine Begué was elected in that region. And you came into the council and said "et oula pas gagne vote la bas, envoye sa fer...laisse mo pas dire l'expression". Region Leopold or whatever, this was your language at that time. You said "pas gagne vote dans numéro 6, pas pou fer narnien la bas, dans numéro 3 ou si pas pou fer narnien. Sel zaffaire ou ti fer c'est enn ti boutte chemin pou festival creole. Tout l'argent dans numéro 5. Ok ? ...ou meme oune dir li follow or whatever".

And today when you are Minority Leader, now you have the time to travel around to secure vote from people, you travel and you talk about region number 6, Grand Var, "region numéro 3 oune cone cote été aster", region number 3, region number 1, region number 2. "Aster tout region bon avant ti cose zis numero 5". Even, many things that you have done, you are talking about fishing that nobody knows about fishing, you know everything about fishing.

Fishing company, you have a fishing company here and then you have a parallel company, Rodrigues Seafood, when the fishing company goes fishing, Rodrigues Seafood “passé derriere quatre quatre vert tout poisson endans. Pecher gagne Rs 10? Zordi pecher pé gagne Rs 43”. How come there are a lot of debts in this Company? Where was the money? The Managing Director himself told us that you have threatened him several times, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, to throw him out if he does not do things like you wanted things to be done. And that all the accounts were stole at your office and not with the Managing Director, “après ou vine cose Darcy”.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, it is a shame, it is a shame that today...

Mr. Chairperson: Be careful when you use this word, please.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: that somebody has been ejected by his own people, you must know why, ejected by his own people in the seat of Chief Commissioner. His own people have voted that they no longer have confidence in him because of his ruleless attitude and now he is back. You should never, how dare you?

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I think that the only place that he can use to express his hate, his frustration and now his desire to “zouen le p’tit bato” is this House. He cannot go and ...you know the number of Leopold and Nicolas well. You can go and ask them if they want to instead of coming here and talking about Minole, somebody who can defend himself that you have heard that he wants to make an alliance with MR. You want an alliance, Leopold is there, after the Assembly you can talk to him outside and...

Mr. Chairperson: Please do not address people who are not in this Assembly.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: No I am not addressing him. Mr. Chairperson, Sir, “nou pancor arrive ler pou nou mort nou, toi ki pou mort, to ti cellule ine paré dan Maurice la bas ». Mr. Chairperson, Sir, people filled with conceed and self centeredness, this is why people fall down because they want to show that they are doing a lot of things when they are eating everything, bringing everything to them and then outside they are throwing small crumbs to those people, to the followers and then people follow them. But time will tell. I see what has been done, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, by the Minority Leader, who wants to manipulate information, who wants to blame the Chief Commissioner or the

Commissioner for Health and he himself in his wallet, in his head, in his refuge, how many mischief are hidden. How many things have not come out to the public? May be his plan was that he has four members elected and then “gouvernement renverser li revine Chef Commissaire”, people are not for sale here, “meme pou credit pas pou kapave gagné”, he has done it once, I think it’s wise for him before God and before man, there are some people here who say God help me, yes God should help them, I trust that God will help them because you know when I listen to this kind of person talking, blaming other saying that “MR, election pou corriger etc, etc”, I think that he is taking people for a ride. 12/0, 14/0 or whatever for the time being you are in the Minority and we are in the Majority and the Majority rules. So let things come and then you’ll talk. You know persons, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, who uses others to father his own ambition and then he is pointing his finger at the Chief Commissioner, who is a man of integrity and principle.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, since we had a new Chief Commissioner for this government in January, Mr. Gaetan Jabeemissar, we have a very good working atmosphere, relationship with others, with the international organizations have been restored, when he talked about health, “Il parle de la santé, de personnes qui vont à l’hôpital pour faire dialyse, qui vont à n’importe quell heure, mais M. le président, il a oublié dans le passé quand il est allé à l’hôpital de Mont Lubin exiger en petite tenue de rentrer dans l’hôpital et insulter la personne qui était là, parce qu’il était Chef Commissaire « li bizin rentré, li bizin craze partout » et maintenant il vient parler de personnes qui vient faire dialyse à n’importe quel heure, mais si la personne elle est malade et elle doit aller faire dialyse, laisse le aller le faire. Il parle de choses qui apparaissent sur le journal, des affaires confidentielles, etc. Mais lui-même dans son journal, hein, dans son journal, combien de fois on a vu des trucs strictement confidentiels et si on prend des actions contre les fonctionnaires qui sont responsable des documents confidentielles. On parle d’humanité, « ou ena humanité ou ? mo bien sagrin », on parle d’humanité dans cette chambre, on parle d’intégrité dans cette chambre, on parle de beaucoup de choses dans cette chambre mais M. le président, you know sometimes like my leader used to say bare truth is difficult to find and see. And it is easier to make lies go around but one day people will see the lame duck walking about with a lot of noise but an empty barrel inside. We have to be careful, you know a lot of people here and I remember when we were campaigning in region number 4 a lady told me that she is afraid of one person and I was very surprised by the way that person told me about it and she enumerated a lot of things that that person has done “couma li meme li pé dire cash, etc, intimidation” a lot. And the same person is going to throw back on this government when he himself is an adept of these things, “so bane crane dans Baie du Nord la bas”, an adept of many

practices which now he says that this government is doing this practices, in which he himself is an expert and you know we talk about language creole, we talk about how we are going to preserve our culture, our language but how are we going to preserve our values? Our values which have been spoilt by one person going around telling people a lot of lies and also making believe in things that he himself doesn't believe in.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, since this regional government, ce présent gouvernement a commence le travail en janvier, le chantier vraiment, tout à l'heure on a parlé de pêcheurs, M. le président, comment une certaine personne peut avoir le culot de venir dire que ces personnes ne méritent pas et qu'il va y avoir un burden financier et puis à coté il vient parler de « Ti Wallis, qui est une personne, poor old man ». A poor old man, et à coté, quelle contradiction, les pêcheurs, tout à l'heure Madame Perrine Bégué a parlé de beacon lights, les pêcheurs qui sont en train de faire le combat de chaque jour pour gagner un petit poisson dans le lagon pour pouvoir nourrir leurs familles et comparer pour dire que le Chef Commissaire, Monsieur Gaetan Jabeemissar est en train de mettre un burden financier sur le gouvernement régionale en envoyant ces pêcheurs avec les cartes hors lagon que lui-même à l'époque avait donné des cartes provisoires et moi-même personnellement je l'ai harcelé pour lui demander quand il allait donner ces cartes hors lagon et sa politique qu'on va devoir aller la pêche hors lagon avec les bateaux etc, « atane, politique atane, a pé garder pou gagne election ». Maintenant il vient se contredire pour dire que le Chef Commissaire donne sa pour mettre un burden financier et nous-mêmes nous connaissons combien de pêcheurs sont en difficulté et combien de pêcheurs ont envi d'aller à la pêche. Et ces personnes qui ont obtenu des cartes hors lagon, ces les mêmes personnes qui ont obtenu training avec le FRTU en tant que pêcheurs hors lagon, en tant que skippers, etc, ces les memes personnes et lui venir dire on a changé on a manipulé. C'est une personne qui n'a vraiment franchement pas de valeur. Et on parle de projet du SIDPR, pendant 2 ans, le projet a dormi, et lui-même quand il a lancé le SIDPR, « couma dire a soir li dormi, gramatin li revé, ey bizin mete sa SIDPR la en place la hein, dégazé dégazé dégazé !! Agathe ti la bas, Agathe pé mange gadiak et le lendemain aller tout machinerie en marche, c'est comme ça qui nous travaille » et puis maintenant il vient dire que le SIDPR ne fonctionne pas quand lui-même avait des difficultés pour faire fonctionner. Il n'y a pas d'argent dans le budget pour le proper mechanism of EPMU et pauvres M. Jeetoo qui est débordé de travail, qui a la responsabilité de tout ça mais quand même il essaye de faire de son mieux.

Et le SIDPR vous autres c'est un concept, c'est un document pour l'application de certaines choses pour le développement soutenue de Rodrigues et

il y a des comités, des thematic working groups qui sont en train de travailler et la vitesse de croisière n'a pas encore été obtenue et si on compare les années et les mois, il est mal-placé de venir dire que le SIDPR sous la direction du Chef Commissaire, Mr. Gaetan Jabeemissar n'est pas en train de fonctionner comme il se doit. Et on peut parler aussi de l'étude de faisabilité de l'aéroport qui a dormi dans ses tiroirs parce que justement en parlant avec les autorités à Maurice et aussi les autorités d'ailleurs qui a été gâcher par certaines attitudes d'arrogance de la part de certaines personnes, M. le président, et maintenant l'étude de faisabilité, the first inception report est déjà tombé et on attend dans le mois d'août que cette étude viennent nous dire quels sont les données pour étendre ou bien construire une deuxième piste d'atterrissage. Quand on a parlé de fraude dans la pêche, problème fraude, « fraude passe devant so la porte la même » has respected Member « mo sir poisson dan frigidaire dans ti la case la bas ». You see people doing fraudulent actions, if you really love your country, what do you do? You take the phone, you phone the Coast Guards and they go there, if you are aware of these things. When he was Chief Commissioner he himself, he has tried to setup the squad and now he is talking about corruption. Mais franchement, when he talks about corruption, the first corruption, Rodrigues Fishing Company, Rodrigues Sea Foods. And then he talks about corruption with the fisheries. So how can people say things like that when they themselves they don't believe in it? "Anniecine vole tout l'argent, to même tone vole tout l'argent!". M. le président, on parle de beaucoup de choses ici et la je voudrais parler spécialement du cas de gynécologie, cette question de gynécologie a été sur la table depuis des années qu'on n'a pas un gynécologue attaché au Queen Elizabeth Hospital et à chaque fois c'est le même problème. On a essayé, la Commissaire de la Santé en plusieurs reprises et elle est même allée à une mission à Maurice pour essayer de trouver une solution. Et la question d'une personne qui est un bébé qui va naître et qu'elle a deux bébés, même dans les plus grands pays où les services de santé sont plus évolués on n'arrive pas des fois à découvrir combien de bébé la personne a et c'est comme ci en cinq mois « tout z'affaire ine deterioré, tout ti correck kan li ti la », when the Chief Commissioner has took office there, everything has deteriorated. Mr. Chairperson, Sir, this is not true. If we have to enumerate all the activities that have been carried out by this regional government, the list is very very long and just not later than last week we have approved in our council, 96 development projects for licenses. The Commissioner for land has just given yesterday 250 leases and you talk, why don't you talk about the land leases and you talk about land permits? And these people have been waiting, and there is even a Member here whose waiting for a lease for her son since 2006 and it has not been delivered because the then Commissioner didn't ...but there are people who come one day and tomorrow, the lease is approved and there is even people who have leases and do not construct anything

and take loans from the bank and the lease has been approved and the person is in Mauritius and you say you are defending poor people. Talking about this case of lease in English Bay for Mr. Wallis, you know I have been in English Bay since I was a child and this small piece of land has been like that, he didn't even planted coconut trees there, the coconut trees were there and the small house, you are talking about CIS house, is this a house? Have you ever seen a house without doors, without windows? A house covered with a lot of plants? This is a house? Who lives there? Mr. Wallis doesn't have a residential lease at Fond La Digue? And you are defending him? And we know perfectly well what happened at Oyster Bay. And what Mr. Perrine is going to talk about later on, how you came and said "hey come I give you a piece of land, do you want it? Ok, this person, come I give you a piece of land". This is what policy you practiced when you were Commissioner for Land. And you even ordered, you took your phone you ordered that these things happened like you want it to happen. And then here you are talking about the Commissioner, "allegations", "I know a lot of people you called and told to come and take a lease", "mo ava partage un pé ek toi kan mo gagné", "to meme to pou dire tout la!", "prete à faux gagner".

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I'm not making allegations, these are facts and now the responsible Commissioner who is trying to put order in this whole mess that has been created. All files regarding projects, land leases, licenses, all were through the hands of the former Chief Commissioner, now Minority Leader and he decides whom he wants to approve, whom he wants to throw in the bin, whom he wants to block for certain reasons and now he is talking of intimidation and bad practice of this government.

The Minority Leader: On a point of Order, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. I have been listening to the Member casting allegations on me of when I was Chief Commissioner. May be she is not aware but it is of the discretion of the Chief Commissioner to seek to reasons to approve or not to approve and not to give reasons why he has approved or not approved or requested any additional information. So I will request the Chairperson to request the Member from refraining, to cast such allegations on people who have done their jobs as Chief Commissioner at a time. Ok? It is not correct to come and say that lease was given like this on the phone, this is not true. It is false and you have just reminded us at the beginning of the sitting about what can be said about corruption, etc. If you have a specific item, specific proof, you can table it or say it, otherwise I don't think that she should be allowed to cast such frivolous accusations on me when I was Chief Commissioner because it is a matter of discretion, you don't have to

provide proof or substantiate why you are refusing or requesting additional information on an application.

Thank you.

Mr. Chairperson: Anything you want to add? In my opinion the Minority Leader is right when he said that no Member can cast aspersions, allegations of corruption or alleged corruption in this House without being able to substantiate. May I remind that allegations of corruption or corruption itself are heinous crimes that are being taken care either by ICAC, by the old institution called Police and the proper place to voice it is in fact to make a declaration or information to these bodies. Secondly, we have heard the Minority Leader, in his, in order to substantiate a case against the Chief Commissioner and the Executive Council he has made many many allegations because in such motions it is quasa impossible for a Member to come along with proof that he wish to say. My ruling is that a person who cast allegations have to accept when allegations come upon him, in equity it is like this, when you say something it is quite proper and logical that you know who the person who has talked who he is. But that extent is limited to what I have just said, to criminal matters, you can't alleged that a Member has been involved in criminal matters. Thank you. Yes you may proceed.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I was not casting allegations but I know what I am saying, what I am talking about. Unfortunately when you say the truth, many people don't want to hear it and I am sorry I had to say it and I said it.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, since we've been here we have done a number of projects, may be you will recall that there were a lot of noise about the lack of money in the budget as regards to the projects. But you would know that in reference to the Programme Based Budgeting our budget is earmarked for capital projects for recurrent for up to 2012 and the amount that was received was the amount already proposed, already planned already prepared. And with this budget especially as regards to projects in regions and also as regards to many Commissions we are doing a lot of things and I am sure that by the end of this year people will see the results. Even as far as road construction is concerned we are working in close collaboration with the central government and Mr. Grandcourt will talk later about roads projects which have been negotiated and which will become a reality.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, as far as this government is concerned, we are not here to put blame on anybody but I had to say things as things have been said on this government as the Minority Leader wanted to show that since he left office nothing is being done. Unfortunately we have a time constraint if I had to mention capital projects going on and other projects going on, it will take a lot of time, may be other Commissioners over there will have more time to talk about their Commission. But so far I can tell you, even in Arts and Culture department, we have been innovating, we are on the verge of innovating, we are creating with the small amount of budget allocated to us a national group. We have had for the first time a prize called the price of Dina Arobie and one Member here has got this prize for her contribution in the development of culture in Rodrigues. We are innovating with the budget we have. In the tourism sector, we have noticed a 14.5.6% increase just for the month of May and relationship between the Ministry of Tourism and our Commission has been restored. Now we have a Tourism Enforcement Officer and what the former Chief Commissioner has not been able to do we are going to do it so that all tourism businesses be according to the Tourism Regulations. This we are doing. And we have a lot of things to say. I have prepared a very long speech but I would rather leave my colleagues so that they have time to talk about each of their Commission especially those Commission which the Minority Leader has pointed at so that they can express what is being done in each Commission despite the small amount of money we had and the short period we are in office in the different. I trust that all Members and the rodriguan population at large have confidence in this government and we are going to show it in the next election and I will invite the Minority Leader to stop talking about things that he himself is responsible of and he himself is not in a position to talk because there is a lot of wine which can be poured in his glass. But what I said I will leave the floor to my colleagues and let them express what they have done in their various Commission.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

(Applause)

The Commissioner for Water Resources (Mr. D. Spéville): M. le président, the Minority Leader has lengthily dressé un tableau noir sur le secteur de l'eau, however I would like to tell the House that development in the Water Sector is a dynamic process and now I would like to inform the House of the discrepancies and ill doings of the sector when he was Commissioner for the Water Resources.

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Number one, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, Cascade Pigeon. Barrage de Cascade Pigeon. Un puits de décomposition végétale, M. le président, à la hauteur de Rs 19.8 million. Construction time, termination in 2009 et j'ai pris la fonction en janvier, pas de connexion entre Cascade Pigeon et Crève Cœur, l'eau est verdâtre et rien n'a été fait pour élaguer les arbres qui se trouvaient au abord du barrage, élaguer et couper les arbres c'est pour ça que je dis maintenant que c'est devenue un puits de décomposition végétale et la on a travaillé en collaboration avec le Water Resource Unit pour revoir le filtre à Crève Cœur et la on est en train de traiter l'eau qui provient depuis Cascade Pigeon to feed the 1000m³ concrete reservoir of Creve Cœur. Pour Pavé La Bonté c'est pareille, disilting has not been done for a certain number of years. The sand filter of Allée Tamarin has not been refurnished for a certain number of years et la on est en train de prendre les taureaux par les cornes pour produire une eau de meilleure qualité dans la région de Baie Malgache.

Numero deux, Tseng Hing Po, a company in South Africa. Verbal intrustruction was given, ..., to by to purchase membrane to replace membrane in the desalination plant at Songes, without established tendering procedures, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, at the tune of 104,000 RAN fois cinq, environ un demi million roupies from South Africa, now no public officer wants to sign the bill and the RRA is being faced with a mise en demeure. This is what is called sound financial management of the Minority Leader, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

Number three. The concrete basement...but the public officer was forced to instruct the commodity... "wer nou pou fer enn l'enquete lor la". The concrete basement at Jeantac... «taler nou pou vine lor la, vini to pou gagné taler la. To camion aussi to pou trouvé taler la. Wer wer, tout le temps to cose chiffre toi »... The concrete basement at Jeantac was built to place glass fibre tanks, then it was decided to superpose concrete walls on the basement to built a reservoir, it's good, it's good for the villagers of Jeantac. But no study was made of the connection of the reservoir to the nearby water source which is the borehole of Grand Baie. And now my Commission is triggering to purchase one kilometer of pipes to feed this reservoir which we don't know if it is a panier crab. We are triggering procedures to buy one kilometer of pipes and now we are also looking to have right of way because the pipes will be placed on a private property, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

Next, concerning the Water Unit, here there has been a total dismantling, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. The Water Unit is supposed to deal with the Central and the Northern region, total dismantling, the workers were discouraged. There was no stock of pipes and fittings when I came into office as well as spare parts, only one

vehicle was at the disposal of the Water Unit. It was a total chaos, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

Next, concerning the quality and the preservation of the environment of our water system. No squad was put in place to preserve the environment of the water system in Rodrigues. The yard of the reservoir was in a pity state. The services de gardienage was inexistent at the water sources, this is why my Commission has now tendered for private services at Mourouk, La Source Ti gomme, Petit Brulé and other sources. Moreover a cleaning squad has been put in place, the cleaning operation has begun at the Malabar Headquarters, Creve Coeur Reservoir Pumping Station and is continuing its way at the other water sources so that people can see that we are taking a great concern concerning the preservation of the environment of our water system in Rodrigues, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

Next discrepancy, invoices from suppliers since 2009 have not been paid, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, since 2009 have not been paid. Concerning the Rodrigues Water Company since 2010 invoices have not been paid.

Next, “ ey arête cozé, factures dans ou coté pancor payer, atane mo cosé ! ». You are in sitting position. Connection, suppliers, the inhabitants, villagers have paid for the connection of water Rs 108, until now no connection has been made, they have paid their connection fee since 2009 and 2011 no connection has been made. At Tamarin, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, a contract was given to fence a water system, unfortunately the fence was made and the reservoir is found outside the fence, which is which, Mr. Chairperson, Sir? A contract has been launched to fence a water system, the filter plant is found inside the fence and the reservoir is found outside the fence. This is sound management.

Next, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, Montagne Patate reservoir was built and operated. Water was fed in the reservoir but without any source. Water fed the reservoir but no sorti towards Citronelle.

Next, développement économique, M. le président, juste pour sauter la dessus. Développement économique, indépendance économique, le motto du Minority Leader depuis 2006 à 2010. Combien Rodrigues a eu comme revenu ? Il avait mis en place son Revenue Monitoring Unit, combien le gouvernement sous la responsabilité du Minority Leader pendant ce temps là a économisée comme revenue ? Seulement Rs 20 millions. Et l'ex Chef Commissaire m'avait dit à la fin de son mandat que l'Assemblée Régionale est ingérable. C'est ingérable et tous ces compagnies là c'est ingérable, Mr. Spéville, mais qui a causé cette mauvaise

gestion, M. le président ? Qui a causé cette mauvaise gestion ? Ok. De part ces compagnies l'Assemblée régionale est devenue ingérable mais qui a causé cette mauvaise gestion ? Maintenant il a dit dans la Chambre « don't let yourself be remembered ». Qu'est ce qui c'est passé quand il a traité quelqu'un de « batiara » à l'hôpital de Mont Lubin ? He still remember you, this man. You are still being remembered by this man. Vous venez ici vous venez dire "don't let yourself be remembered", ces infirmiers qui ont été suspendu dans leur job, they still remember you. Be aware of the old man that you are talking. Vous l'avez traité de fou et de couyon dans cette Chambre. Tu as oublié.

Région un... "to ti pé rode fer enn lote gouvernement, to pas ine rési". Région un, quand il était Chef Commissaire, M. le président, dans la région trois, c'est Jacqueline Prosper et Laval Guillaume qui ramassaient tous les coups, il dit aux gens, « ces deux là ne font rien » mais ces deux là, ils ne faisaient pas parti du Conseil Exécutif, « crasse en ler tombe lor néné », il faisait tout dans la région numéro 5, region numero 3 zero et c'est Jacqueline Prosper et Laval Guillaume qui encaissaient tous les coups. Ok ? Voilà. Tout était concentré dans la région numéro 5 et région 3 zéro. Il a aussi parlé du Cadastral Office à Port Mathurin et le Bureau de Relation Publique à Citronelle. C'est pareil. Le Rodrigues Water Company s'occupe de l'eau dans la région sud mais le bureau se trouve à Port Mathurin. The main office should have been at La Ferme, for proximité des services. Ok? C'est pareil.

Maintenant, M. le président, pour affronter la saison sec de 2011, rien n'a été fait. Les mobiles treatment plants étaient laissés à l'abandon. Preparation was not made with regards to emergency plan...(change in cassette)...water tankers to feed these tankers and places to feed these tankers. And I will inform the House that 2 exercise of water delivery was done in Rodrigues for year 2011 by my Commission but all the water tankers in Rodrigues were taken on board, tous! Two exercises, I am not talking of the Rodrigues Water Company, I am talking of the Commission for Water Resources, we did 2 water delivery exercises by private water tanker and all the water tankers in Rodrigues were taken on board but when the Commissioner was here, the contract went to only one owner and we know, all, who is the owner of that lorry.

Next, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the Rodrigues Water Company it is still in place, pourquoi créer des polémiques et dire qu'on va fermer la compagnie et toujours la, les jeunes travaillent, ils nous aident. Ils coopèrent avec la Water Unit, ce sont des jeunes qui sont responsables. Pourquoi créer des polémiques pour dire, « on va fermer la compagnie, c'est moi qui a mis sa sur place, ils vont fermer ça, vient avec

moi », non c'est pas ça. On a créé des clans parmi ces travailleurs la, M. le président. Ok ? Et l'ex-Chef Commissaire il sait le problème qu'on a eu avec le Ministre des Finances à Maurice pour que cette compagnie puisse rester sur l'agenda de l'Assemblée régionale. There are no, on a gonflé les chiffres pour présenter au Ministre des Finances, on a gonflé pour l'année 2011 et dans le document du budget there are no vote item to support the Rodrigues Water Company, who prepared that budget, me ? It's you who prepared that budget. Mais nous on a 70 travailleurs on board, it is not the policy of this government "pou zette sa bane la lors la paille" it is not our policy, they will remain here but no budget provision has been made to recruit the 60 workers for the northern region. It is now that we will go to Mauritius, we will have financial cooperation, discussion pour voir comment on peut faire pour tenir cette compagnie et pour la compagnie reste dynamique. "Mais tu sais déjà le montant que le Ministre des Finances avait prévu pour l'Assemblée Régionale, pourquoi passer à l'arrière pour venir dire qu'on a fait couper le budget ? Non mo professeur, tone blié si to ti professeur toi hein, resi mars par cœur hein ! Wai correck ».

Now, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, concerning, Mr. Rajaray he has talked about Mr. Rajaray. Who tole me in the Stadium of Camp du Roi that this man should go. Il n'est pas à la hauteur, c'est l'ex-Chief Commissioner, il savait que le mec n'était pas à la hauteur mais n'empêche aujourd'hui il y a un rodriguan qui s'occupe qui act as Manager in the company. Ok ? You should be proud. He is doing his best. Ok ?

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, comme j'ai dis, comme il a dis as Commissioner, I have the full rent to renew the Members on the board. And it is not your duty to make recommendations for these new assignments. Darcet has been working in the water sector since years, these persons can give a helping hand, advice concerning continuous development in the water sector in villages. The same goes to the nomination of their chairman. And I should remind you that when you were here the chairman, you know who was the chairman, this also is a type of conflict of interest, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. You have the right. I choose my person. He remains my friend.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, next, it is a pity to hear the Minority Leader talking of Camp du Roi. What has he done to help these inhabitants to get access to potable clear water. These persons used to go to Hauteur Accacia to have potable water. We have launched a contract through proper procurement methods and you know this project has cost Rs 470,000 not through millions. Go and check. Ok? " Bassin la coute Rs 100,000 avec so banne... abé ale questionne banne officiers". The

lowest bidder is Rs 471,000. It is the lowest bidder, ok ? It is the lowest bidder who wins the contract. “Rs 19 million tone gaspiller ...”

M. le président, pour sécuriser l'île Rodrigues en eau potable il est indispensable de disposer d'une capacité garantie de l'ordre d'environ 1 million metre cube par an ce qui correspond à une production de l'ordre de 3000 m³ par jour. Nous avons eu des réunions avec la FD et je dois dire qu'il faut rétablir la confiance en ces institutions internationales par apport à Rodrigues parce qu'il y avait une rupture de partenariat de part le comportement de certains qui se croient toujours grand. Et si voyez ce que ces savants, ces grands ont écrit, ce n'est pas digne d'un Chef Commissaire, M. le président. Je ne vais pas répéter ce qui est écrit dans le dossier. Le Minority Leader il veut faire des reformes institutionnelles mais sans eau. Pas assez de fond dans la mobilisation des ressources. En ce moment on a 17 projets en chantier, certains sont en chantier et autres en cours d'évaluation et ça concerne Water Supply Development, Water Production and construction of dam and reservoir, as well as rain water harvesting. Et j'ai l'honneur d'annoncer un contrat pour environ 400 bassins en briques pour Rodrigues pour aider ces gens au bas de l'échelle, parce qu'on a cœur l'intérêt de ces gens. Et on va venir avec les dalos, et on va venir avec un contrat pour les tuyaux d'alimentation parce qu'il y a des gens, on est en train de maximiser nos efforts pour le captage de l'eau mais on voit qu'il y a beaucoup de linkage à Rodrigues. Il y a des gens qui ne peuvent pas remplacer leur tuyaux, on va les aider à les remplacer parce qu'on a à cœur l'intérêt de ces gens qui sont des rodriguais comme nous, qui ont voté pour nous et qui nous aident dans la vie de tous les jours.

M. le président, comme on dit, le chien aboi la caravane passe, moi de mon côté je vais supporter la motion qui a été présentée par la Deputy Chief Commissioner et je vais voter contre la motion contre le Chef Commissaire. Je vais pas être long parce qu'il y a d'autres qui vont parler.

Merci. M. le président.

(Applause)

Mr. J. Alex Flore: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, first I would like to express my heartfelt pride to stand in this, we can say, august Assembly to address to the House. I want to thank you, the Chairperson, for having organized this swearing ceremony today.

If I am here today, c'est pas un hazard, it is because I, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, entrusted the honor to be a candidate of the Front Patriotique Rodriguais also known as the FPR party under the leadership of Johnson Roussety under his guidance and that of the president of our party, Allan Ladd Emilien, I have won the confidence of the local region of Baie aux Huitres where I have been elected the first local Member and my colleague, John Henderson the second region Member, "Koudoum pas cone cote été!". I have decided to join the FPR party as I share the same belief and ideologies as that party. Henceforth, we in the FPR we are a powerful force to be reckoned with in the political landscape of Rodrigues. We are on all front fighting; I don't know what these people sitting in front of me, to whom these people are working but in the FPR we want to fight to have a better treatment of the rodriguan people in the republic of Mauritius.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, we can be strongly, we have strong evidence that Rodrigues is not receiving the proper consideration in the republic of Mauritius. Et la majorité contribue à ça. The annual budget speaks for itself. Indeed the budget allocated for development per inhabitant in Mauritius is very much higher than that for Rodrigues et tout le monde le sait et on reste tranquille, on discute ici, il y a des gens pauvres dehors et vous vous passez votre temps à bouffonner, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

Moreover, the fact that so many people migrate to Mauritius because of lack of job opportunities here in Rodrigues is very alarming. M. le président, l'île Maurice recrute beaucoup de travailleurs étrangers venant de la Chine, de l'Inde et même du Bangladesh. Tandis qu'à Rodrigues nous constatons que le taux de chômage est trop élevé. «Badiner même zot, dimoune pé guette zot, manzé boir diverti, dimoune pé comprend tout dehors». Le gouvernement aurait pu encourager le secteur privé à investir à Rodrigues afin que le rodriguais puisse rester et travailler dans notre pays. De plus, Rodrigues, elle-même doit être doté des facilités nécessaires de façons à ce que les investisseurs étrangers trouvent un environnement favorable au développement des entreprises, « pas nek passe le temps critiqué ». Pourquoi n'est-il pas possible d'importer notre matière première directement de l'Asie et ainsi augmenter notre pouvoir d'achat au lieu de faire « palabre couman Agathe », et qui mènera à l'industrialisation de notre île.

So far, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, there has been any party in Rodrigues and not the FPR who have been able to make a real change in the way the Mauritian people are treating us. We at the FPR, we are therefore determined to win this fight and we are sure we'll give this fight, we'll win this fight to give Rodrigues its rightful place and you will be out on the "Alizé".

Thirdly, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, we strongly believe that all rodriguans have the capacity to work together to make that change and we all should feel part and parcel of this struggle.

The Minority Leader: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, may I interrupt my friend...

Mr. Chairperson: Yes, on a point of order?

The Minority Leader: No, ...

Mr. Chairperson: Yes, your friend..do you agree?

Mr. J. A. Flore: Yes.

The Minority Leader: Because he is speaking and visitors are not respecting the House, they are laughing aloud, speaking aloud, its not right for visitors...

Mr. Chairperson: Yes they can smile but they can't...

The Minority Leader: No, they were not smiling, they are allowed to smile, they are talking aloud, laughing aloud...

Mr. Chairperson: No, this is not allowed.

The Minority Leader: I won't tell you who but I'll advice visitors to behave correctly. It is also a question of decorum for the House, especially these visitors are public officials.

Mr. Chairperson: I agree with you. I cannot at this stage address to visitors, even I know they can hear me. Visitors are allowed in this House rightfully but there is a certain conduct that they have to follow. At any stage in the proceedings, a Member if he feels aggrieved by a conduct of a visitor, he can come with a motion to remove that visitor and I don't want us to reach that stage so I would, I cannot address them, but I would understand if they could show a kind of respect, we try to keep the decorum of this House, this House is for new Members and also for Rodrigues as a whole. Thank you.

Mr. J. A. Flore: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, and the Minority Leader, Johnson Roussety. I hope that no one will disturb me while I'm talking, thank you. Irrespective of our different political belief, it would be good for Rodrigues if all of us could stand together to make sure that Rodrigues comes first in our political engagement. The FPR is willing to set the example to achieve this. As you all know, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, united we stand, divided we fall. Always put it in mind. We have no doubt that Rodrigues has the potential and aspire to independence even though some will laugh. Ayant à coeur le progrès et l'intérêt de Rodrigues et animé par de vives sentiment pour patriotique pour mon ile, j'ai pas pu résister à l'appel de m'engager au sein du FPR parce que moi je me préoccupe beaucoup de l'avenir de mon pays. Je pense à tous ces pères de familles qui doivent laisser derrière eux épouses, enfants pour aller trouver l'emploi et vous qu'est ce que vous faites ? Vous riez. De plus la précarité de notre pays me touche beaucoup et me pousse à doubler mes forces afin d'éradiquer tous les fléaux qui rongent notre société. M. le président, comment ne pas penser à ces femmes, ces mères de familles, qui s'affolent devant leur marmites vide en sachant que leur enfants sont en train de s'affamer. « Et zot zot dans bien mo coné ». D'autre part comment ne pas réagir devant cette hausse démesurée, « mo pas comment toi moi ! », du frète qui réduit le pouvoir d'achat des rodriguais qui en évidence, peine à subvenir aux besoins de leur familles.

La situation de l'eau à Rodrigues est déplorable. Il est indéniable que le manque d'eau limite le gouvernement, limite le développement économique, notamment le secteur du tourisme et l'industrialisation. L'agriculture qui reste un pilier économique à Rodrigues souffre aussi de ce manque. « Beaucoup dimoune coné mais zot pas faire narnien ». Cependant ce qui est plus choquant c'est que beaucoup de gens n'arrive même pas à subvenir à leur besoins personnelles en eau. Il y a des gens de Jardin Mamzelle et ailleurs qui n'ont pas d'eau pendant plus de 3 mois, 4 mois. Et d'autre tous les jours ils reçoivent de l'eau.

M. le président, avant tout je suis un éducateur et je me réoccupe de l'avenir des jeunes de Rodrigues par exemple en regardant ces jeunes au stade de Camp du Roi pendant les Inter-Colleges en s'amusant encore insouciant de cette sombre avenir, comment peut-on ne pas réagir à cela ? Est-ce que ces élèves savent comment sont les Commissaires ? Comment réagissent les Commissaires pendant un débat à l'Assemblée ici ? Avons- nous pensé à ces centaines d'étudiants qui poursuivent leurs études tertiaires. Qu'avons-nous à leur offrir ? Nous savons tous qu'ils veulent servir leur pays et fonder une famille. Que réservons nous pour ces enfants ? C'est inconcevable qu'à Rodrigues, la mer que nous avons, la superficie de la mer que nous avons, cette grande ressource, Rodrigues se retrouve dans la

misère. Tout le monde sait qu'en adoptant la pêche artisanale, ce sera beaucoup plus difficile d'avoir de bonnes prises. Rodrigues doit se doter de nouvelles technologies, des technologies afin d'améliorer la pêche hauturière. Ainsi la formation des pêcheurs est primordiale à Rodrigues parce que tout le monde est au courant de la surexploitation de nos ressources marines et la destruction de nos coraux dans nos lagons. Ne faut-il pas réagir avant qu'il soit trop tard. « Nek zis tire plan pou gagne élections ? ». Quand est-ce qu'on ira vers l'aquaculture ?

D'autre part on sait que nos jeunes ont la capacité de s'épanouir dans le domaine de la technologie, cependant la plupart n'ont pas vraiment accès et souffrent du manque de mise en place par les différents partenaires. Toutefois ceux qui ont accès aux outils informatiques sont très habiles, je pense que des centres d'appels aideront la création d'emploi ou ces jeunes pourront s'épanouir. Qu'est-ce que le Ministre de Rodrigues qui nous a embêté, qui nous a dit qu'il y aura le fibre optique, cable optique afin de mettre ces centres en place. Ou sont-ils ces centres ?

Enfin pour conclure, M. le président, je voudrais faire un appel au peuple de Rodrigues afin que nous puissions préserver nos biens traditionnels que nos ancêtres nous ont laissés. Nous devons à tout prix rester unis dans notre lutte pour une île Rodrigues libre. Tout le monde a le droit, toutes les familles ont le droit de se rassembler pour le traditionnel « banané » c'est pas la politique qui doit casser tout ça. Le rodriguais ne doit pas se laisser décourager par les événements du passé. On a mis à la porte le chef d'orchestre de Rodrigues qui est en l'occurrence Johnson Roussety, qui faisait tout le travail et quand les autres Commissaires dormaient. Je voudrais alors lancer un appel aux Rodriguais, qu'ils mettent leur confiance dans cette nouvelle équipe, cette équipe en l'occurrence le Front Patriotique Rodriguais. C'est un parti jeune mais en tant que politicien, notre devoir est de travailler à ce que nous laissons un héritage à ceux qui prendront la relève plus tard.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I am therefore convinced that the FPR party under the leadership of Johnson Roussety will bring a milestone contribution to the development of Rodrigues. Mr. Chairperson, Sir, it has been the context of having intervening for the debate regarding a motion of no confidence, yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the people of Rodrigues have no confidence in the majority. The Chairperson, Sir, the people of local region of Baie aux Huitres have no confidence in this majority and I am the proof of this, standing in front of you and my friend John sitting. As a young man and as a politician, I wish to deplore the attitude of some of the Commissioners and their wives during this last campaign.

Mr. Chairperson: Be careful when you say these power supply matters, what you are saying may be coming against you.

Mr. J. Alex Flore: Ok. Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. I want to deplore also the amount of money spent by the adverse team pendant l'élection pour que l'électorat puisse voter pour eux. Ça n'a pas marché dans la région 4, in region Grande Montagne, money has spoken, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, but the people in my region has not lost faith in the truth. This is why I fully support this motion which in any case is a prelude to a machine defeat of the ruling party "Ti bato".

Mr. Chairperson, Sir,...

(Interruptions)

Mr. Chairperson: Mr. Flore don't get disturbed it is like this in placed of parliament. Please proceed.

Mr. J. Alex Flore: This part is very important, this is why I want to have the attention of all Members. Mr. Chairperson, Sir, if by analogy, I would have to compare the present government leading by the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Jabeemissar, I would without any doubt relate it to a sinking ship in which water is penetrating and which has also sent its SOS and we at the FPR we got that SOS and it is of no question, it is out of question for us to respond because we don't want to sink in that boat.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

The Commissioner for Health & Ors (Mrs. L. Chan Meunier): "Bolom la pé rode enn place lor Titanic pou li dire je suis le roi du monde, li pé cause.. ». Mr. Chairperson, Sir,...

Mr. Chairperson: Please wait. I thank the Member for his speech today, he has just sworn this morning and now he is participating in debate, this is a good sign that we are going to have a healthy parliament. Thank you. Proceed.

Mrs. L. Chan Meunier: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, on the onset of my intervention, I have to reiterate my total support to the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Gaetan Jabeemissar GOSK and to all the Commissioners forming part of the Executive Council since January 2011.

As said before me I have heard and I seen intervention part à apport à cette motion de blame, whereby the Minority side does not give me the impression that there is anything to blame us about or not to have confidence in this present government. Moi, personnellement j'aurai pu ne pas intervenir parce que je ne vois pas pourquoi on devrait parce qu'il n'y a pas de substance vraiment par apport à No confidence. However, I am going to intervene because they are giving us a great opportunity to show to them that only four months in office, on a un bilan. On peut dire qu'on a fait des choses, et qu'on continue à faire des choses et qu'on continuera à faire bouger Rodrigues. So I am going to seize this opportunity for that purpose.

If I have to say, the present Chief Commissioner is a symbol, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, de simplicité, d'humilité et d'intégrité à comparer à certains Membres justement comme vous venez de dire, have just sworn in this morning itself and showing so much arrogance in this House. C'est vraiment dérangeant, c'est vraiment pour moi quelque chose qui me surprend beaucoup, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. So young persons, with so much arrogance, from my point of view, from where I sit, from the education I have received, I don't know whether the future will be much brighter. I would like to give him a bit of advice and caution, to calm himself a bit down and to be more simple and humble in his approach and stop looking at people the way he does. It's not that "guetté nou pas kapave" but there is a way to look at people, Ok? "hahahaha, very very funny!" Nous, M. le président, de cette coté de la Chambre, l'intégrité, nous on n'achète pas la conscience des gens, nous on n'achète pas les gens pour aller voter pour nous, nous on parle et on montre des actions concrètes sur le terrain et on a ce qu'on récolte, que ce soit comme défaite ou comme succès, c'est à la sueur de notre front. And we are very proud of it. We are not ashamed of losing because when we win, we win with integrity. We don't buy people's conscience parce que nous on est la depuis 18 ans et on respecte ce peuple rodriguais. On veut que le peuple rodriguais se sente protéger et sente qu'il y a un gouvernement which means business and which shows concern for its people.

On this side of the House, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, we don't have as motto "Sex power and money", we have as motto "meritocracy, fraternity and productivity", so I think that people in Rodrigues do know what we are made of and what we have in our hearts and in our mind for the rodriguan population. Qquand j'ai ecouté le Minority Leader intervenir tout à l'heure là, je n'ai pas pu m'empêcher de me dire que tout ce qui est dit il a peut être un peu raison parce que if we are in the situation that we are today, c'est grâce à lui, c'est grâce à lui parce que tout simplement comme avait dire juste avant moi, ma collègue, la

Commissaire Marie Thérèse Brault, il avait l'habitude de dire « a nous pas mette l'argent dans poche coulé ». Today, he seems to find these pockets in which he should not be putting money as being interesting et maintenant il pense meme aux enfants de Batatran et de Graviens qu'il ne connaissait même pas quand il était la, pendant quatre ans qu'il était au pouvoir, il ne savait pas qu'il existait des enfants de Batatran et de Graviens, aujourd'hui il vient nous parler de children's corner. Where is this children's corner? maintenant on va faire le children's corner. Il ne sait même pas de quoi il parle dans la région. Il n'a rien fait pendant quatre ans dans la région six et pour d'autre régions qu'on a mentionné et même pour la région quatre, these people who are talking about région quatre ne nous fait pas confiance, of course they are not going to trust in us because for four years we had a Chief Commissioner qui n'a rien fait de grand à part donner des baux sur un terrain reclaimed land à Baie aux Huitres, et puis il n'y a pas grand choses. Je suis désolé, M. le président mais si on se retrouve dans cette situation c'est grâce à lui. Quand il a dit aussi que voila la population n'a plus confiance en la majorité, en MR, en le Mouvement Rodriguais, que voilà il y a qu'une toute petite partie de la population qui nous soutiennent, moi j'aimerais dire to the Minority Group, get your figures straight and you mathematics working, you have won the election in one region so far, one region. And this might be the only region that you are going to win. Parce que par la façon don't j'entend le Minority caresser certaines personnes dans le sens du poil depuis tout à l'heure là, je me pose la question est-ce qu'il n'admet pas déjà sa défaite quand il parle de « bateau pé coulé », est ce que le solitaire ne va pas re-disparaître encore une fois? Parce que moi je vous dis quand il parle de la minorité de personne, nous on a été élue dans quatre région de l'île, région 5, région 1, région 2 et maintenant dans la région 6 comparé à eux. I don't know si 1 c'est plus que 4 mais pour moi, from where I sit the population of Rodrigues do support this government and we have the support of the population. Ce qui m'effraie aussi c'est qu'on voit un wise man talking. C'est bien, je suis contente de voir que certaines personnes grandit but the threat is bigger ahead I think. Si demain cette personne redevient le Chef Commissaire de ce pays, this is the bigger threat that we'll have to face.

We have today a Chief Commissioner, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, qui quand certain parle qu'il a construit "enn cité cote li mais enn cité avec différent bail et non pas enn château lor enn bail qui dépasse normal land acquisition ». I am already a Princess from where I am my dear friend, a queen even! You have asked us also to step down as government, what do you want? For us to step down for you to become the King of Rodrigues, so that you can take the place of the present Chief Commissioner, we will never step down, we will never surrender, but not because you've asked for it. The next step we will see what we are going to see.

The next step will be next year for the next election. The population will decide whether we should decide or not and if it is the wish of the population not to convey their trust in us, so be it. But let time come and when the time come, if we have to step down, we will step down. Mais en attendant on a encore quelques mois devant nous pour travailler et moi je pense, d'ici décembre, déjà il commence à avoir des informations erroné, il ne savent plus ce qu'ils disent, arrivé décembre il n'auront plus rien à dire because we would have shown them what we have inside. « dans sa bane ventre, zot ti pé dire ventre vide la, nou pou montré zot ki ena dans sa ventre la et ki ena dans nous la tete surtout, pas zis dans ventre mais dans la tête aussi, nous cone reflechi» and we can do proper development.

I was also very happy when I heard him talking about politics being a divisionary factor in Rodrigues. Je suis contente qu'il parle de ça parce que si on regarde ce qui c'est passé depuis janvier, les personnes qui divisent les familles, qui divisent les gens, c'est justement ces personnes qui viennent aujourd'hui, making amends, peut etre qu'ils ont réalisé cela, they are coming to make amends in this Assembly, they are coming to ask people not to make themselves be divided by politics, not to let politics come between parents, sisters and brothers and fathers and daughters and sons. Je suis contente qu'il voie les choses de cette manière, c'est tres bien. J'espère que ce ne sont pas juste des mots la en l'air ici pour appâter la galerie et puis on the field the action is different. I do hope that they continue in that direction et reselle justement le lien entre les gens à Rodrigues. Rodrigues do not need division. We need to get together and to fight what we need to fight for.

I also recall the Minority Leader talking about better atmosphere with Mauritius, I will come back to this in a minute, about the better atmosphere with Mauritius. But I do feel that, I'm not expert, but somehow I have feeling that the Minority Leader sorry need some help. Parce qu'il croit à tout bout d'champ que tout ce qu'on fait is against him. Sais pas, psychological help, I don't know. Il n'y a rien de ce qu'on fait, qu'on est en train de faire contre lui. If Mr. Perrine has taken away a piece of land, « ah it's because the man is in the FPR ! Ah it's because it was the Chief Commissioner who started it, we don't want to continue it, ah it's because it was me!" Le monde n'est pas centre sur vous, vous n'êtes pas le nombril du monde non plus. Si on continue à faire ce qu'on fait, what we are doing is simply as you, yourself said it earlier on, it is because we are following now the programme. Le manifeste electoral, tout ce qu'on avait pensé et dit dans notre manifeste electoral, on est en train de travailler dessus et on est en train de les realiser. May be this is what is getting into his way, il n'est pas très content parce que lui quand il était la il n'était pas trop d'accord pour accomplir le programme

set by the party but the programme set by himself. Il est définitivement aussi, moi je crois, en perte de vitesse par apport à tout ce qui concerne la santé, je vais y revenir dans un instant. I would like to invite him to come to my Commission on a weekly basis. And I will give him a full report of what we undertake and what we achieve to do within a week. So he can be updated because the information that he has given about the health sector, pour moi ce sont des information erronés, ça date depuis janvier et pour moi depuis janvier il y a pas mal de choses que nous avons accomplish, so he should keep himself updated.

I would like also to react upon something that the newly elected, sworn in Member said par rapport aux investisseurs, pourquoi on ne fait ci, pourquoi on ne fait pas ça. May I recall him that his leader today was the Chief Commissioner of this country, great economist but unfortunately for four years, he has not been able to seduce and bring investors to Rodrigues. Seduire, seduire vous qui savez tellement seduire les gens. Oui ça se dit seduce in English my friend, if you don't know. Maintenant vous venez nous dire d'amener des investisseurs, en quatre mois ? Le temps viendra ou les investisseurs viendront parce que tout simplement ils vont voir que dans ce gouvernement la ils vont pouvoir faire confiance, personne ne va essayer de leur mettre la main à la gorge avant même qu'il n'arrive à Rodrigues. When he talks about to curtail the drain of people going to work in Mauritius, estce qu'il est au courant le Membre que nous avons été critiquer pendant quatre « bel banané » because of this exode ? Et aujourd'hui il vient nous dire que voila on ne fait rien ? Qui n'a rien fait? What we are doing and we are going to do it. We will create things in Rodrigues to bring these people back, unlike some people who were there and who has not been able to do anything. What I also hope, because some people seemed to have been forced to come and sit in this Assembly, ils ont été forcément élus et ils se débattaient pour venir à l'Assemblée parce qu'ils préféraient être en dehors, parce que dehors il y a des gens qui crient, il y a la pauvreté et tout ça. My wish is that very soon I hope I can hear that Members from the Minority side will be donating their salaries to poor families to ease their poverty. I hope so.

Now let me come to the Health Sector, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. I've heard the Minority Leader earlier on stating some things about the health sector. First, bad smell at the hospital. Maintenant il realise that there is a bad smell at the hospital? It means that it is only now that he has taken the time to go there because this smell that he has had, either he has had the opportunity or someone has reported to him, exist depuis belle lurette! And now since my taking of office in January, because I am regularly there at QEH, I have also noticed that there is a march behind the dental section and I have attended to it and now we can say that the smell no longer

prevails. And we are watching it very closely to do everything necessary on rainy seasons whenever the water is stagnating there to take all necessary measures in order to reduce this bad smell. Mais il y a des gens qui ont été là, comme là si bien dit quelqu'un qui dormait, et qui n'avait rien senti de cette mauvaise odeur. But we are going to deal with it. And we have also to mention that there is a big problem of sewage at the hospital but it is a big project which has already been submitted in the past but rejected because of its high cost and now we are going to resubmit it but in a phase wise manner in order to get the financing so to get ahead with the sewage issue at the QEH, Creve Coeur.

He also talked about cancer and research, what is being done. We all know that to carry out a research de cette envergure, il nous faut pas mal d'argent. Donc, l'Assemblée régionale déjà on n'a pas suffisamment d'argent pour le faire. On est en train de faire des pour parler pour voir comment est ce qu'on peut avoir le financement to go ahead with the research to find out the reason for such a high incident....(*change in cassette*)...working on it so that very soon, we can start on the research to find out the reason why there is this incidence of cancer. But I've earlier mentioned in my statement, we are taking necessary measures concerning cancer patients in the mean time where they have to be sent in Mauritius and we are also trying to find whether we can have someone here, posted here, un oncologue, de façon a ce que les gens puissent avoir les traitements à proximité.

There have also been reflections being made on health of women. Par apport à la gynécologie, etc. Laissez moi informer la Chambre que je suis aussi consciente, je suis une dame moi aussi, je suis maman. I know what it is to see gynecologist every month, it's not very nice and it is not very securing for a mother also to see 9 gynecologists during her pregnancy. I have undertaken necessary discussions in Mauritius when I was there for my mission and very soon we hope to have a gynecologist on a longer tour of service in Rodrigues. So we are just finalizing some administrative issues and very soon we will have gynecologist on a longer tour of service here instead on a monthly basis. We are trying to put, à la portée des dames, tout ce qu'on peut pour essayer de rendre leur période de maternité beaucoup plus secure et aussi convenable. Mais il y a des choses, c'est vrai qui sont au-delà de la capacité d'un Commissaire, of a Commissioner and of the Commission. Mais on ne laisse rien de coté, we are well aware to these problems that the Minority Leader has been talking about this morning but this is the past, I can reassure everybody about that, what he mentioned in his speech, these are past issues, we have gone over these and now we are moving ahead towards other forthcoming development concerning gynecology and the health sector.

There has been since my taking into office since January a series of projects which have been undertaken upon achievement. We have had the new maternity block where we have the gynecology, orthopedic surgery and the pediatric ward where the maternity ward has been converted into these three blocks and we intend to improve the situation there as we go on. There is also the covering of alleys which the Minority Leader mentioned about. I think he should be happy to see that during the course of works if there are things which are not going as it should be the Inspector is there to control the work. Si il y a des colonnes qui sont détruites et reconstruit, it is for the benefit of the Commission parce que c'est pas après quand on a fini de construire et puis quatre ans après or the next person who will come after me, then the person will say this has not been constructed properly. Pour moi ce qu'il a dit concernant les colonnes for the covering of alleys in front of the male ward is a positive thing. It means that the works are being supervised as it should. It is for me something very positive.

We have also since January moved and facilitate the work of the Laundry Attendant because they have moved now to a new laundry section but unfortunately I have to say that when I took office there were also a lot of things which were left to me as an heritage from the past. But I have dealt with these issues, j'ai été à maintes reprises été sur le journal, etc. Mais these issues have been dealt with, par exemple il y en a qui nous ont critiqué, there is a big hole behind the laundry pour x raison, certaines personnes ont fait un travail qui ne fallaient pas mais tout ça, c'est du passé, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. These are old past issues so we should look ahead, that's I said the Minority Leader should come every week so that I'll let him know where we are with these different things.

He also mentioned dialysis patients, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. And I heard him at sitting position mentioning information about one dialysis patient. Let me inform the House the procedure for dialysis patient and I just hope that nobody in the close relative of the Minority Leader ever have to undergo dialysis in his life, this is my wish to him because it's not something easy for the person and the immediate family of the patient, and for me it is an insult to say that there is one dialysis patient who have VIP treatment. There is no such thing that exists right now, there is simply a system whereby all dialysis patients do have a transport facility to fetch them from their place, from their home to the hospital and after their dialysis session, they have a transport facility to take them back home. I don't think that there is anything VIP. But I have to inform the House that I was not really pleased with the way that these transfers were being done and I have asked the necessary officers to bring the necessary solutions so that the patients do not

have to wait for long period following their dialysis session. For me when he talks about VIP, I recall that some years back there were people who wanted VIP treatment at the hospital but thanks to “des gens éclairés et de bon sens qui ont su arrêter ça à temps pour que certaines personnes quand ils allaient à l’hôpital, ils recevaient un VIP treatment”, there is no such thing right now at the hospital. Every patient is a patient and I am doing everything possible with the officers of my Commission, with the Departmental Head to see to it that all patients do not have to wait for a long time, waiting in queues for their time for appointment or for any other services. So, I would like to Minority Leader to get his information straight when he talks about a VIP patient at the dialysis centre.

He also mentioned the SMU, where is the construction of the Specialised Medical Unit. But Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I was of the person last year during budget time who was really amazed and happy, content to hear to hear the Commissioner for Health mentioned that we have had Rs 50 million to from the Lotto Fund to construct the SMU. When I took office in January, I wanted to know where matters stands, to my great surprise, the SMU has been, the consultant has made the plan and everything but no project as such was been sent to the PPC in Mauritius, to the Project Committee for them to evaluate and then to send it the Ministry for Finance. And in the meantime also, unfortunately the lotto fund has just lapsed and we have receive zero rupees, Mr. Chairperson, Sir. What can we do if we don’t have the fund to construct this new unit. I am sorry but we don’t have the money right now to construct this unit. What we are doing now, the lotto fund has phased out, “péna relation, pas relation la” le travail n’a pas été fait comme il le fallait. Now we are reworking the SMU project so that we can send it to the PPC and include it in our budget so that we can start working on that project. So, if people don’t do their work as they should, we are not supposed to take the blame for it. But we are going to go ahead with the project so we have to rework it out, in order to get the financial clearance. I also have to mention that since I took office in January, I have laid a lot of emphasis on cleanliness at the hospital and quality service at the hospital which I believe is getting in the current mindset of everybody working there and everybody is happy. Feedback that we are getting from the health sector is that everybody is happy.

I would like also to point out, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, when earlier on when Mr. Daniel Spéville was speaking about reservoir having inflow of water and no outflow system, I have to say that we have something like that in the hospital because now we are working on this project also, there is a lot that we have been doing during these four months. There is a rain water harvesting system existing at the QEH but unfortunately there is only inflow of water and no outgoing system

for the water. Secondly, the reservoir is linking, so we have to repair it. There is also a reverse osmosis system to treat the water, this also because it has not been used for several years and the membrane has to be replaced before we can use this system. So there is a lot that we have been doing, I have also to point out that we have been having acquisition of new equipment also at the hospital. And we are going to acquire others very soon. So all these, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, these are amongst others because there are other things also, but amongst other things that at my level, at my Commission we have been doing since January. And I know that other Members also in this Assembly, other Commissioners, they are working hard to get things done and the Chief Commissioner is there to guide us and to lead us in the right direction. Being a newly elected Commissioner, very often, when I talk in the Executive Council, my colleagues tell me you are lucky. Whenever I want to speak and they don't give me the opportunity, they say "you have to consider yourself lucky, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, because if you are here during the time the ex-Chief Commissioner was here, may be you wouldn't have the opportunity to talk at all because it was a matter of one person speaking in the Executive Council and no opportunity for others". So today, in the Executive Council, we have a Chief Commissioner who allows everybody, gives everybody their chance to talk, to say what they have to say and we discuss to find ways and means to make development that are needed in the country and for the population, and I have no doubt and before I end, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I'd like also to point out, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, that regarding the five fishing boats that the Minority talked about, God willing in September they will be here and the cooperatives, presently we are working with the cooperatives so that they can get the necessary training, empowerment so they can better manage these boats when they get here. So you see we are not sitting in our offices and just as they believe it, "comme si zis profite l'argent, non." We are working for this population. And as I have said earlier on, until December, the population will see and they will judge and the judgement day will come and we will see what is going to happen. With these words, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I do convey my total confidence in the Chief Commissioner and in all the Executive Council, in all the team that is working today for Rodrigues and for the Rodriguans, I thank you for your kind attention.

(Applause)

The Commissioner for Agriculture & Ors (Mr. L. A. Perrine): Mr. Chairperson, Sir, allow me to make a brief intervention and last night I was thinking about a title to be given to my intervention and the title is the Rise and the Fall of Big B.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, from the beginning I would like to make a citation from William Shakespeare and this, I think is appropriate of the situation which we are facing. It is Brutus who made this dialogue when he was discussing with Cassius in Julius Ceasar, a book written by Shakespeare, and they were discussing about a strategy to win a battle against Marc Antonius. I quote “there is a time in the affairs of man which taken at the flood leads on to fortune, omitted all the variage of their lives is bound in swallows and in miseries, on such a full sea, as we know float and we must take the current where it serves or lose our ventures for our lives”. Mr. Chairperson, Sir, there is a time in the affairs of man means that power is a force that helps and flows in time and one must go with the flow. We were a strong team and the ratio of forces was most advantageous to us. The heading off of some persons may allow power to pass it crest and begin to up and some may find themselves stranded in miseries and that for their lives. Gone forever, gone with the wind.

M. le président, gone with the wind, en politique la vision doit être inscrit dans une longue durée et la soumission à l’immédiat, sans dialogue et sans une approche participative est synonyme d’échec, c’est ça la politique appliquée par l’ancien Chef Commissaire, c’est pourquoi aujourd’hui il est là ou il est, et je pense que ce sera très difficile pour lui de retrouver sa place au niveau de notre équipe, je pense que maintenant il parle de l’homme du passé, je pense que lui et l’homme du passé se retrouveront dans la poubelle de l’histoire. En voulant tout faire, tout contrôler, l’ancien Chef Commissaire a tout perdu et ça ne sert à rien de venir aujourd’hui tout dénoncer tout ce qu’il a approuvé hier.

M. le président, je ne vais pas être long, je vais être bref parce qu’il y a d’autres intervenants et je ne vais pas répéter ce que les autres orateurs ont dit avant moi mais je voudrais réfuter quelques points, quelques critiques qui ont été formulé contre les secteurs qui tombent sous ma responsabilité. Premièrement je voudrais dire quelques mots sur l’agriculture. Sous l’ancien Chef Commissaire, l’agriculture pourtant un secteur clé n’a pas eu l’attention, a en jugé par la dotation budgétaire accordée à l’agriculture année après année. Pourtant l’agriculture est à la base de notre économie. Tout ce que l’ancien Chef Commissaire nous disait « donne dimoune permis, incluant lui-même. Li même dire donne li même ». Je cite un rapport de la FAO, vous savez, M. le président, à l’Assemblée on ne peut pas venir dire n’importe quoi, je dis ça pour les nouveaux Membres, je cite un rapport de la FAO qui fait cette remarque concernant l’allocation budgétaire concernant l’agriculture, je cite « therefore, for a sector that employs 23.7% of the active population, crops and livestock, agriculture with only 3.9% of the budget is grossly underfunded ». C’est pas moi qui le dit, c’est le rapport de la FAO qui

constate que l'agriculture n'a pas eu l'attention voulue et n'a pas eu le soutien qu'il fallait pour démarrer. Et pourtant le motto de notre parti politique c'est l'indépendance économique. Comment voulez-vous qu'on atteigne l'indépendance économique si les secteurs clés n'ont pas eu l'attention voulue de l'Assemblée Régionale, du Chef Commissaire qui était responsable du secteur financier. A part cela, M. le président, c'est grâce a notre relation que nous avons pu négocier avec le gouvernement centrale pour que sous le Food Security Fund on a pu avoir Rs 180 million pour développer l'agriculture et c'est grâce à l'argent que l'agriculture est la ou il est aujourd'hui. Malgré tous les critiques, mais vous savez il n'y a pas plus aveugle que celui qui ne veut pas voir. Tout le monde, vous allez n'importe où, on va vous dire que l'agriculture est un secteur qui a beaucoup progressé durant les dernières années. Moi quand je suis arrivé en 2006, c'était un secteur en ruine. Tout foutait le camp, excusez moi. Et on a du commencé à zéro. La surface cultivée à Rodrigues était tombé à 183 hectares. Aujourd'hui c'est arrivé à 600 hectares. La production de plusieurs produits ont augmenté et ça aussi je ne veux pas dire n'importe quoi, comme ci venir « to blow my own trumpet » comme on dit. Mais je me base sur des rapports. Vous savez avec l'argent qu'on a eu avec la FAO, j'ai commandité une étude par la MSIRI et le consultant a soumis un rapport. Je vais vous lire a short piece of that report pour que vous puissiez être au courant de ce qui se fait dans l'agriculture. Et c'est pas venir dire des paroles en l'air mais ici on parle sur des faits. I am going to read the report, one paragraph. « Achievement under the Food Security Programme 2008/2011. In contrast to livestock activities, the growing of staple and cash crops has the ability to generate both food and income very quickly. In this context, the main and immediate task of the Commission for Agriculture has been to revive crop production, this call for the rehabilitation of some 310 hectares of land. This process which covered plots that were already out of production and abandoned, will be fully completed by this year. The total number of planters concerned by land rehabilitation is 753. Today positive and tangible results have been obtained. With the clustering approach for the delivery of assistant package, today production of maize, onion, beans which were below 1200 tons in year 2007 and 2008 have been jumped to 15,000 tons in 2009. It is expected that with the completion of main harvest the total production in 2010 will be at the same level as the previous year. Ecoutez ça, for onion, production in 2010 is more than twice in 2007. Et venir ici dire qu'on ne fous rien dans l'agriculture, c'est pas vrai. Et cette année-ci, M. le président, nous comptons produire 1000 tonnes d'oignons ce qui va suffir pour fournir le marché mauricien pour un mois. Vous savez, Maurice a besoin de 12,000 tonnes d'oignons par an. Et nous nous pouvons cette année-ci produire 1000 tonnes pour satisfaire leur marché pour un mois et avec d'autres soutiens on peut augmenter la production. Nous allons continuer avec l'installation des villages agricoles, nous avons de

nouveaux types d'oignons qu'on va introduire à Rodrigues, des semences, par exemple comme la Bella Rose pour augmenter la production. Nous allons donner aussi beaucoup plus de support d'encadrement pour la production, moderniser, par exemple, nous avons acheté une machine pour planter l'oignons et la production d'oignons peut être mécanisé depuis la semence, la récolte et l'emballage, on peut tout faire mécaniquement, c'est cette facilité qui va baisser la pénibilité de produire l'oignons, à ce moment la on va commencer à augmenter la production. Et je dois dire que coté l'élevage j'étais pas la mais j'ai entendu le Minority Leader parler de l'exportation de porcs vers Maurice mais justement nous pensons qu'avec le nouveau abattoir de Baie Diamant ou il y aura la transformation, la découpe, à ce moment la, la possibilité vers Maurice va être beaucoup plus grande parce que à ce moment la on peut exporter en découpe, en carcasse au lieu de transporter des animaux vivants sur Maurice. Pour l'abattoir, nous pensons que d'ici la semaine prochaine tenders will be floated to Mauritius, à ce moment la nous allons commencer, hopefully la construction d'ici Septembre. Et cette abattoir va être un outil de développement, va être le salut même si vous voulez pour le secteur de l'élevage, parce qu'à partir de l'abattoir, nous aurons la possibilité de développer l'élevage et sur une grande échelle peut satisfaire le besoin de l'abattoir et aussi pour satisfaire le marché mauricien. C'est dans ce contexte qu'on est en train de discuter avec la FAO pour que nous puissions avoir un consultant pour venir à Rodrigues pour planifier le fonctionnement de l'abattoir, ça veut dire en avals et en amonts, nous avons à préparer l'élevage pour qu'on puisse avoir des animaux à abattre et aussi trouver un marché, comment on va faire pour l'exportation et je pense que Monsieur Jeetoo va terminer le terme of reference très bientôt pour qu'on puisse avoir l'assistance voulue de la FAO.

Maintenant il y a un dernier point que j'aurai voulu aborder sur l'agriculture avant de passer aux terres de l'état. Vous savez tout le temps depuis que je suis la, le leader du passé aussi parlait de ça, produits de terroir, produits rodriguais qu'il fallait comme-ci trouver un label et qu'il fallait développer, mais jusqu'à maintenant rien n'a été fait, tout le monde en parle mais on ne fait rien, c'est comme roudule hardus tout le monde veut faire quelque chose mais personne ne sait comment le faire. C'est pourquoi avec l'aide du SIRAD de la Réunion, nous faisons en ce moment ci, un IGP pour le piment. L'IGP, c'est Identification protéger c'est-à-dire le produit aura un label IGP qui est reconnu par l'Union Européen et pour vendre le produit il faut qu'il y ait ce label sur le produit. Donc ça va contribuer à faire le ti-piment trouver un marché, un marché riche et aussi développer le groupement pour les transformations sur la typicité de ce produit, c'est un peu et aussi faire le ti-piment participer à la reconnaissance internationale du savoir faire rodriguais et de l'excellence de ces produits. On va commencer,

c'est-à-dire interdire aussi l'usurpation de nos petit piments de Rodrigues par d'autres produits cultivés ailleurs. Nous considérons que le ti-piments est un produit du terroir et il faut limiter à Rodrigues parce qu'en ce moment qu'est ce qu'on voit dans les marchés à Maurice, un petit pot avec une carte de Rodrigues et piments de Madagascar dedans, tout ça il faut cesser. Lorsqu'on va venir avec le UGP c'est-à-dire définitivement les gens ne pourront pas utiliser le label rodriguais pour vendre leur produits. Nous allons commencer avec le petit piment, on ira avec le miel, l'haricot et d'autres produits de Rodrigues. C'est comme ça que nous aurons accès au marché international et aussi protéger les produits du terroir que nous avons à Rodrigues.

M. le président, permettez moi maintenant de dire quelques mots sur la gestion des terres de l'état à Rodrigues. Vous savez, M. le président, en prenant en charge cette gestion j'ai commandité un audit par le Ministère des Terres et de Logement et le Deputy Chief Surveyor est venu à Rodrigues et a fait un rapport d'amines. Et je pense que ce rapport doit être transmis aux autorités pour des actions. La gestion des terres à Rodrigues est catastrophique. Et si on ne prend pas des actions immédiates, les rodriguais risquent de devenir étranger dans leur pays. Notre patrimoine foncier est en danger, j'ai tiré la sonnette d'alarme en faisant un statement dans le parlement. Si nous n'agissons pas maintenant, demain sera trop tard, nos enfants ne pourront pas trouver une place à Rodrigues pour construire une maison. On est en train de pleurer des larmes de crocodiles sur le cas de Wallis Young Yang Yin mais il y a d'autres cas dont je vais venir en temps et lieu. Quand j'ai pris ce secteur, ce dossier le bureau dont le Monsieur a parlé, il y avait trois étages, etc, c'était un caverne d'Alibaba. Tout le monde était des intermédiaires. Un cartographe, lui-même il a accueilli des investisseurs à l'aéroport, les montrer les sites, prendre leur letter of intent, leur donner. Et je vous dis, c'est pourquoi quand j'ai parlé, j'ai entendu des gens parler des personnes qui partent sur Maurice. Je dois leur expliquer que nous avons 30 projets d'hôtel. D'ailleurs dans nos rapport ils ont fait ressortir, je vais citer « we further gather that in many cases, the approval of the Executive Council was not sought for projects ». C'est à dire nous dans le Conseil Exécutif, nous ne savions pas qu'est ce qui se passait. On donnait, on vendait, nous n'étions pas au courant. C'est pour ça on est en train de faire un relevé pour savoir combien de permis d'hôtel on a donné à Rodrigues que nous au Conseil Exécutif nous ne sommes pas au courant. Et dedans, mon raisonnement, M. le président, c'est que nous avons 30 projets d'hôtels à Rodrigues donné depuis en 2005 depuis avant même l'homme du passé mais jusqu'à maintenant il y a seulement deux, non pas deux, un hôtel et demi construit. Et quand vous regardez le dossier tous ces projets d'hôtel, ils vous parlent de Rs 6 millions d'investissements, 300 emplois crée. Si on avait crée ces emplois, 30 par

300, les jeunes de Rodrigues n'auraient pas du aller travailler à Maurice, ils auraient pu travailler à Rodrigues. C'est pourquoi on a pris la décision dans le Conseil Exécutif sous le leadership éclairé de mon ami Jabeemissar que tous ceux qui ne respectent pas les conditions dans le bail, on va reprendre le terrain. Que ce soit Wallis Yong Yan Yin, que ce soit Johnson Roussety, que ce soit Mr. X, le gouvernement a la volonté politique de mettre de l'ordre. Je vous donne un autre cas, vous savez à Rodrigues il y a 8000 baux, il y a 4000 de dans qui n'ont pas construit. Il y a des gens qui sont en Australie et qui payent leur bail à Rodrigues. Il y en a qui sont encore mineur et qui payent leur bail, pendant ce temps il y a 7000 rodriguais qui attendent leur bail depuis belle lurette. Mais c'est pas possible, on est un gouvernement, on doit gouverner. On va prendre la décision. Vous ne pouvez pas traiter un bail comme un dépôt en banque. C'est-à-dire quand vous avez des difficultés vous vendez ou vous hypothéquez pour gagner de l'argent. Vous prenez un bail pour construire, vous avez neuf mois pour commencer la construction et 18 mois pour terminer, si vous ne le faites pas on va reprendre le terrain, on ne peut pas faire des spéculations avec le terrain du gouvernement, on va décider ce qu'on va faire.

Je vais venir maintenant sur, je vous raconte une histoire, enfin pas une histoire, j'étais au bureau, une dame est venue me voir, je raconte ça partout, une histoire vraie. Une dame est venue me voir, elle me dit vous savez depuis 2006 j'attends un document pour aller au Trust Fund pour avoir ma maison, voilà on m'a donné un plan. Elle me dit on a fait « yoyo » avec moi, on m'a envoyé au Cadastre, à l'Administration, « yoyo ». Elle me dit pendant 5 ans pourtant j'avais 4 enfants pendant que je faisais la navette j'ai eu un cinquième enfant, maintenant j'ai cinq enfants. Je ne sais pas si elle a eu l'enfant au Cadastre ou à l'Administration. Mais comment ça ? Nous nous donnons l'attention, donner la considération aux gens au bas de l'échelle, aux gens pauvres. C'est pourquoi dans cette même optique quand je suis arrivé, on parle de letter of intent que l'on donne qui ont été préparé depuis longtemps, en tout cas jusqu'à maintenant on a donné plus de 900 de letters of intent et à partir d'hier on a donné 250 baux, pas letter of intent mais des baux qu'on donne comparé en quatre mois on a donné plus de 900 letters of intent plus de 200 baux et on va continuer aussi, que ça plaise à certaines personnes, semaines après semaines on va donner. Et ce qui me fait beaucoup plus plaisir, on a eu 354 demandes pour le Trust Fund et la j'ai le plaisir de dire qu'on a terminé les 354 et la délégation qui arrive la semaine prochaine, tout le monde aura leur letter of intent pour commencer leur petite maison. Le droit à un logement c'est un droit des Nations Unis, tout le monde a droit à ça et on va veiller à ce que tout le monde petit qu'il soit puisse avoir un toit pour lui.

Pour revenir à l'aménagement du territoire j'ai entendu beaucoup de discours dessus, même l'homme du passé aussi a parlé de ça, l'aménagement du territoire, M. Franck Casimir, etc. C'est du travail bâclé, du travail bidon, qu'on va revoir. On va revoir une demoiselle, UN habitat, va venir et il y aura des discussions. Vous savez la première chose que j'ai faite, « écoutez, atane », j'ai rencontré les 40 présidents de villages « c'est toi qui est le plus grand bluffeur, Big Boss, moi aussi mo pé atane toi ». CE que j'étais en train de dire c'était, nous allons faire venir les consultants, nous nous avons fixé notre agenda. Quand les consultants sont venus, ils allaient, ils venaient, ils font leur show, nous nous avons décidé qu'est ce qu'il faut faire pour Rodrigues avec la participation de la population. La première chose que j'ai fait quand j'ai pris le dossier de la Terre, j'ai rencontré tous les présidents de villages, on a discuté et on va mettre en considération tout ce qu'on est en train de dire. C'est ça qu'on va faire et on va travailler avec la population. Je vous dis il faut être aveugle pour ne pas voir, voyez ce qui se passe à Baie aux Huitres, soit disant Industrial Site à Baie aux Huitres. Vous autres, je regarde tout le monde la, M. le président, il y a à Baie Lascars aussi, regardez moi ce qui se passe à Baie Lascars. Vous savez qui a fait le plan ? C'est un cartographe. Un cartographe sur son computer peut faire l'aménagement des plans pour le site industrielle pour le site comme Port Mathurin, à Baie Lascar et à Baie aux Huitres. Tout ça on va revoir, il y a un Planner qui va venir, il faut avoir des accès, il faut avoir des services essentielles, c'est pas comme ça, et on va aider aussi ceux qui ont eu un permis financière pour qu'ils puissent commencer leur travail. C'est ça qui va crée de l'emploi et vous savez à Baie aux Huitres, si vous lisez le masterplan de Port Mathurin, Baie aux Huitres, ce site a été recommander pour désenclaver, comme ci pour retirer le boutiques et warehouses de Port Mathurin on peut le mettre à Baie aux Huitres. Maintenant ce qui se passe à Baie aux Huitres, excusez moi, M. le président, c'est un « galimatia ». On va revoir tout ça et dernièrement je voulais aussi parler sur...

(Interruptions)

Pour terminer, M. le président, mon dernier point, je voudrais parler des morcellements à Rodrigues. Vous savez ces morcellements grignotent les terres agricoles et les pâturages communautaires. On a fait des morcellements, M. le président, un peu partout sans prendre en considération les villageois, les éleveurs, les agriculteurs. Il y a un morcellement à Anse Nicolas, maintenant si vous avez un bail, vous ne pouvez pas aller la bas, parce que pourquoi, c'est un pâturage pour les éleveurs maintenant pour aller la bas il faut être armé ou bien escorter par la police pour pouvoir trouver un terrain. Vous avez à Montagne Chéri, pourquoi je vous dis, l'anarchie, à Montagne Chéri il y a un morcellement, il on bloqué l'accès,

ils ont mis une maison sur l'accès et il y a des habitants qui habitent au bas, il y a une vieille dame, il y a le médecin qui doit venir tous les semaines pour voir cette dame mais malheureusement on a mis une maison lorsqu'on discute on dit écouter c'est un plan de morcellement. Qui fait ce plan de morcellement on ne sait pas. Il y a aussi à Terre Rouge un plan de morcellement dans « enn caro pikan loulou », il n'y a pas d'accès, il n'y a pas d'eau, on ne sait pas, two imaginary roads, ça c'est pas du travail sérieux. Tout ça M. le président, on va le faire d'après nos moyens et on gagne, on perd les élections pour nous ce n'est pas un problème. Nous faisons la politique comme une vocation, nous ne faisons pas la politique pour gagner de l'argent ou bien pour devenir puissant. Moi ce que je souhaite c'est que l'équipe qui est en place sous la direction de Monsieur Jabeemissar continue à faire du bon travail et le Rodriguais reconnaît le bon travail. C'est pas en parlant, en papotant qu'on va convaincre les gens, c'est en montrant des actions qu'on peut le faire. Alors ce que moi je dis, je mets tout mon soutien, j'apporte tout mon soutien à l'équipe qui est en place, au Chef Commissaire pour qu'on puisse faire un bon travail et gagner les élections qui vont venir.

(Applause)

At....the Assembly was suspended for one hour.

At...the Assembly was resumed with the Chairperson in the Chair.

Mr. John Henderson Raffaut: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, it is with great honor that I am addressing the House today on this special occasion. "Arete veille mo la main". First I would like to congratulate my colleague Alex Flore and my leader who spoke before me in this House, I also like to thank and express my deep gratitude to my leader Johnson Roussety and the president, Allan Ladd Emilien for their faith in me, by giving me the opportunity to serve my country as a Member of this honorable House. I take this opportunity to thank all the people who have stood before me during these by-elections.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, on the 12th of June 2011, the citizens of Rodrigues sent a clear message that they want the Front Patriotique Rodriguais, the FPR, to govern this country. A ce point je voudrais remercier, l'électorat de la région de Baie aux Huitres d'avoir réussi à voter avec intelligence, d'avoir su discerner de la bonne graine, des personnes capables comparé à certaines autres personnes. L'électorat a clairement exprimé son souhait de voir le FPR comme le futur parti formant le gouvernement dirigeant.

M. le président, la voix du peuple a été entendue et je suis certain qu'on saura nous montrer digne de la confiance que l'électorat a placé en nous. « pas per toi li pou vini après, ça nous réserve li dans six mois ». Je voudrais faire ressortir que cette confiance placée en nous et en notre parti, le Front Patriotique Rodriguais n'est pas pour seulement ces six mois à venir comme certaines personnes peuvent prétendre, et je sais que certaines personnes prétendent cela. Les Rodriguais, les jeunes, les familles rodriguais ont très à cœur le développement et l'avenir de leur petite île Rodrigues et on sait tous que l'argent a parlé du côté de l'actuel gouvernement en place à Rodrigues durant cette présente campagne électorale. Qui ne se souvient pas de ce petit homme ridicule portant un bonnet et un gros jacket qui distribuait des vêtements dans plusieurs parties de l'île. Ce n'est ce maigre billets distribué à tout voix par certaines personnes dans la région 4 et 6 qui vont aider les rodriguais et je dois féliciter une fois de plus les électeurs de la région 4 d'avoir pu discerner cela et de n'avoir pas céder au chant de ces billets là. Ce petit homme qu'on sait tous, il se reconnaîtra j'en suis sûr, tellement il y avait des vêtements dans son véhicule que ça pouvait excéder le *der weight*. Donc les gens de l'île pensaient qu'un magasin faisait du *late night shopping*, je sais pas. Le petit homme se reconnaîtra. Oui c'est un petit homme. Donc les électeurs ont clairement fait savoir qu'on n'achète pas leur dignité, qu'on n'achète pas leurs âmes pour quelques billets. Oui, M. le président, les rodriguais ont fait ressortir si je peux me le permettre « nous pas lé MR encore la nous ». Bien que le FPR a été lancé tout récemment en février de cette année, le peuple de Rodrigues a su trouver dans ce pays et ces dirigeants à travers les trois grandes idéologies mentionnées par mon colistier Alex Flore pour que la stabilité et l'avenir... *(change in cassette)*...tous les rodriguais, les jeunes et les âgés soient parties prenantes et participent activement dans le développement intégral et soutenu

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Rodrigues ine lere mo déboute lor to deux li pieds. Cette petite phrase m'a tellement marqué quand je vois qu'aujourd'hui que Rodrigues est à genoux par la faute de ce présent Gouvernement incompetent. Mr. Le Président notre très respectueux Leader Johnson Roussety et notre Président Allan Ladd Emilien ont contribué grandement dans beaucoup des secteurs clés et productifs à Rodrigues. Notamment la pêche

Mr. Chairperson : Order please, I have to give you a note, we are not here to debate about election, political party, But we are here to debate about the performance of the present Executive Council. I don't want to stop you but I am giving you a note. Thank you.

Mr. J. Raffaut: Entant qu'éducateur et personne responsable, je constate que ses secteurs clé, la pêche et L'agriculture par exemple qui peuvent vraiment devenir le pilier de notre économie sont très souvent laisser pour contre par l'actuelle Gouvernement a Rodrigues. Donc notre ile possède, je vais revenir sur sa comme mentionner par mon collègue Alex Flore. Notre Ile possède la plus grand superficie maritime parmi les Ile des Mascareignes et il est primordiale que cette atout majeure que nous dispositions puisse être mis a la contribution pour le développent, l'avancement et le bien être des Rodriguais. On a un Ministre Leader du MR qui se ventent que le poisson a dépasser le sucre dans l'économie de Maurice. Se qui est totalement faux mais si sa s'avère c'est le cas. Maurice comparer avec Rodrigues la superficie de la mer a Rodrigues on se demande ou sont pécher ses poisson la, C'est principalement, Donc on se pose des questions, bien sure il est plus que temps Mr. Le Président que nous nous rendons a l'évidence que se ne qu'avec un planning sérieux et approprier englobant tout le partenaire engager dans se secteurs que Rodrigues sortira gagnant. Oui, Mr. Le Président, l'équipe actuel dirigeant satellite et safaire qu'a mettre les bâtons dans les roues de tout les projets qui ont été enclencher par notre Leader Johnson Roussety. Chaque jour qui passe on entend et on vois que se projet la telle est telle telle projects, cette structures la va être démanteler comme on peut en témoigner le flying squad du département de la fisheries.

Donc, il est clair Mr. Le Président que Rodrigues ne montre pas des terre fertiles et nous au FPR croyant fermement que Rodrigues peut se placer sur le même tramer que certain pays en vue de devenir autosuffisante en produit agricole. Donc, le Commissaire de l'agriculture voulait dire tout ta l'heure que les plans actions vont être développer a Rodrigues Donc on attend toujours on sais tous il y a des produits comme en manque bien souvent sur le marcher donc on pense souvent a les carottes il y a une certain période de l'année il n'y a plus de carotte, de tomates sur le marcher mais on espère que se plan d'action qui va être lancer par se Commissaire peuvent contribuer a résoudre se problème la. Mais je ne suis pas certain que sa va marcher, connaissant le Gouvernement qui est en place je ne suis pas certain. Comment démontrer certain indicateur mondiaux concernant la security alimentaire il est plus important aujourd'hui de mettre l'emphase sur la production du terroir pour atteindre cette auto suffisance que nous prenons.

Mr. Le Président il est vital que des grande manœuvre sont enclencher en vue d'améliorer pour beaucoup de secteur notamment le secteur de l'eau a Rodrigues. Se secteur a mon humble avis demeure la pierre angulaire pour favoriser, soutenir et maintenir le développement de beaucoup d'autre secteur notamment donc le grand secteur qu'on a l'agriculture. As we all know if you want

implementation of industries in Rodrigues like food industries, these particular industries will rely a lot on the availability on this precious liquid what is water. Que vois t'on a actuelle a Rodrigues Mr. Le Président le Project de désaliénation de l'eau de mer en vue de promouvoir l'île en eau potable et complètement ignorer du a l'incompétence et le manque de vision de l'actuel Gouvernement MR. On place des gens gausseurs des certificat es a la tête des grande compagnies. Il est très chagrinant Mr. Le Président qu'en 2011 de constater que dans certain région de l'île des gens utilisent et boivent de l'eau saler et en résulte de se project qui et mal gérer qui ne fonctionne pas comme il se doit. *Dimoune ine dire pas nécessaire mette du sel dans manger de l'eau la asser.* Pas nécessaire.

Un autre secteur qui me tiens tres a cœur Mr. Le Président c'est le sport. Justement on a un Commissaire des sports avec nous aujourd'hui je ne veux m'empêcher de penser a Frison Perrine et James Agathe des fils du sol qui ont une fois de plus étaient nos digne représentant dans leur discipline sportive et qui ont fais porter haut l'honneur le courage et la fierté de Rodrigues. Rodrigues, Mr. le Président comme vous savez été considère comme la pépinière de Maurice dans le domaine du Sports. Le Gouvernement actuel a travers le Commissaire des Sport ne fais rien pour faire promouvoir le développement de se domaine. Au contraire, il profite de la situation pour s'accaparer tout les l'oreiller, les médailles et la gloire pour le travaille effectuer par ses athlètes la. Le Sport a Rodrigues Mr. Le Président sous l'egis du Commissaire présent actuellement dans notre illustre Assemblée est devenu qu'un outil de boycottage. Nous aux FPR on peut en témoigner combien des fois notre partis a été injustement victime de se boycotte. Je pense a tout ses rassemblement et meeting que nous allons souhaiter organiser dans différente de régions de L'Île mais qui nous ont été injustement refuser parce que justement a cette même moment une certain personne va organiser un tournois de football ou autre événement sportif. Justement a se moment précis dans ses régions la. Soyons réaliste Mr. Le Président tout les moyens du bord ont été utiliser pour boycotter notre partis. Le parti dont l'actuel Gouvernement MR a tellement peur nous nous souvenons même de ce déjeuner que cette personne il se reconnaitras j'en suis sure a organiser que dans l'optique pour pouvoir refuser au FPR se droit que tout partis digne de se noms dont organiser une rassemblement. Au lieu de s'occuper de la piste synthétique qui tombe en morceau en stade de Camp du Roi. De s'occuper des terrains de football qui ressemble a des piscines. Donc on a plusieurs piscine a Rodrigues. Plusieurs piscine a Rodrigues dépassant les limites des piscines olympiques au chine. Pour terminer Mr. Le Président, je tiens a dire que oui le peuple de Rodrigues en a assez de l'équipe dirigeant actuel. L'Assemblée est le peuple n'a plus confiance en se gouvernement qui mienne Rodrigues a la faillite, a la détresse a la misère Oui le peuple en a asse de

se tirant, de ses dictateurs de ses oppresseurs, de se ... antidémocratique de se gouvernement illégitime qui fais tout pour emprisonner la liberté, le courage et le mérite des Rodriguais.

Donc, je voudrais raconter une petite histoire. c'est celle de singapour ou the policies putting the right people at the right place. Every country tries to adopt this Policy putting the right people at the right place except in Rodrigues avec le présent Gouvernement qui est en place ou des fesseurs des certificate es occupes des place tres important a la tête des compagnies. Des chauffeurs de bus a tête d'un haute compagnie. Putting the right people at the right place

Mr. Chairperson: Order please

Mr. J. Raffaut: Le Mr. Je dois dire que a besoin de se concentrer sur développement du pays mais que vois t'on c'est le cao ici a Rodrigues Il s'occupe que de mettre les bâtons dans la roue des autres partis politique.

Pour conclure je suis sure que chaque membre de cette Auguste Assemblée est d'accord avec moi que nous avons une grande équipe digne de se noms le Front Patriotique Rodriguais sous le grand je dis bien le grand Leadership de Johnson Roussety avec a ses cote Allan Ladd Emilien notre illustre Président.

Thank you for your attention and long leave for the FPR. Thank you.

(Applause)

The Commissioner Grandcourt: Mr. Le Président, je ne sais pas si je dois féliciter le Membre pour son maiden speech, mais n'empêche je préfère en tout humilité en toute modestie quand même si je prend pas en compte la contene de son discours je vais quand même le féliciter. Mais Mr. Le Président sa me fais rappeler lorsque j'ai regarder, écouter les interventions ici sa me fais rappeler qu'a Rodrigues aussi nous avons un parti malin.

Mr. Le Président j'aimerais apporter mon soutiens au Chef Commissaires. Nous avons un chef Commissaire ou il y a des dialogues il n'y a pas un one man show. Nous pouvons discuter en toute franchise lorsque nous avons parle au chef Commissaire nous lui avons dis se que tu dois faire c'est que nous aider. Etre un motivateur, ne pas être quelqu'un qui cris qui ne respecte pas le Commissaire. Et moi je tenterais de dire si Nicolas Vonmally, Le Leader du MR a donner le poste le plus honereux a Johnson Roussety qui le traite aujourd'hui le roi bakoi qu'est ce

que vous vous aller pouvoir lui offrir pour qu'il vous respecte. Qu'est-ce que vous aller pouvoir. Mr. Le Président se motion of no confidence c'est pour venir exprimer le Minority Leader ses amertumes en même temps Mr. Le Président cette tentative de rapprochement avec ses anciens collègue. Il a parler de réparation, de fraternité oui Mr. Le Président nous savons tous il s'est fais passer pour un victimes. Qu'est-ce qui c'est passe. Il a fais un peut historiques au départ moi aussi je vais tenter de faire l'historiques. Johnson Roussety avait un hidden agenda depuis longtemps a un certain moment dans le partis il y avait Johnsonist et suivant ses dire Bobe Marlay disait tout le temps il ne faut pas mélanger l'or et le cuivre. Nous n'avons pas compris Mr. Le Président a cette époque.

Mr. Le Président je trouve un peu drôle en 2006 apes la proclamation des résultats Johnson Roussety viens dire je viens prendre avant même concerter le partis former le conseille Exécutif il a déclarer a la radio je me rappelle très bien je viens prendre Gaetan Jabeemissar le Chef Commissaire adjoint . Et aujourd'hui il viens mettre un motion of no confidence sur contre cette personne que lui-même lui il a choisi Mr. Le President. Mr. Le President on a parle de ti dimoune. Ti dimoune vous savez qu'est-e qui c'est passer Mr. Le Présdent aller demander a un certain Mr. Marley Genave a Grand La Fouche Mangues qu'est-ce qui c'est passe. Se type la aller avoir un bail a coter de Johnson Roussety a Anse Nicolas. Qu'est-ce qu'il a fait, qu'est-ce qu'il a dis Mr. Le Président. Ou se trouve le bail de se Marley Genave Mr. Le President. Il parle de ti Wallis mais se petit Marley Genave substantiate pauvre ti Marley.

Mr. Le President beaucoup ti dimoune on a parler de track road. On a parler ici la bas. Passier la bas. Il y a quelqu'un qui est alle chez Passier a Creve Cœur il a dis a Passier tu sais j'ai toujours dis au Commissaire Gandcourt concernant de ton track road il n'a pas fais. Vous savez au se trouve le tack road de Passier Mr. Le President. Vous savez un jour je suis arriver a mon bureau mon Departemental Head trembler le Chef Commissaire quelq'un m'a telephone et il m'a dis quand est-ce que j'aurais mon track road. On parle de ti dimoune Mr. Le President. C'est la politique....

(Interruption)

The Commissioner Grandcourt: Mr. Le Président, laissez moi finir je vois des gens un peu mal a l'aise exciter. Qu'est-ce qui c'est passer il y avait un politique se servir sois même. On peut dire que j'ai transporte tant tant qui tout a fais fictif. Mr le Président la politique de se servir sois même. Mr. Chairperson, Sir allow me to complete my speech. Mr. Le Président on a parler de SIDPR on a

voulu parler des autres projets. Mais tout est une question d'argent Mr. Le Président a cette époque qui avait de l'argent en sa possession. Qui c'est qui faisait comme si rien été. Pour le Housing je me souviens très bien Mr. Le Président je voulais faire des maisons on a built and run basis a va le faire la heureusement. On voulait construire ses maisons la Lorsque j'ai demande l'argent. L'argent est partis on a fais des réallocations. Take over sans que nous sachions. Il y avait une atmosphère ou il y avait un non respect nous étions tous des P.. ou bien des bouffons parmi les Membres du Conseil Exécutif. Nous étions tous les gens qu'on ne respecter pas. Mr. Le Président dans son discours du budget il a parlé une ruche pour chaque famille. Est-ce que Perrine a pu réalisé se project. On prend et puis rien, pas d'argent pour faire une ruche par famille qu'est-ce qu'on volait faire on voulait remplacer enne réchaud pou chaque famille. Heureusement que nous avons défendus*To pe cause mo pe cause to pou bizin ecouter,*

Mr. Le Président, nous avons toujours parler au Chef Commissaire d'alors. Nous lui avons dis il faut qu'on puisse se concerter c'est sa Mr. Le Président qui a emmener a cette cassure du Gouvernement Régionale. A one man show quelqu'un qui money, power et les autres se son de kamasoutra mais j'aimerais inviter, Mr. Le Président a tout le monde au Membre de l'autre coté de la chambre. Au Membre de l'autre cote de la chambre d'être plus respectueux de na pas se faire inspirer comme quelqu'un qui a dis la dernière fois que l'inspiration viennent du fond de la bouteille il faut faire bien attention. Je les invite cependant Mr. Le Président aller a prendre de bonne chose. Il y a certain qui peuvent dire que je fréquente des prêtes je fais ici je fais la bas. J'ai mes faiblesse je suis un pécheurs comme tout le monde. Aller découvrir la passion du Christ, allez apprendre la doctrine le l'église. Et allez de prendre connaissance de la conversion de saint Augustin. Et vous allez comprendre. Je vois des gens parler ici en toute arrogance, il faut m'écouter je parle Vous avez parler pendant plusieurs minute mais écouter. Cependant, Mr. Le Président, nous sommes une équipe solide, fort, compétent mais je dirais tous ensemble imbattable. C'est sure, Mr. Le Président je connais mon colistiers, qui est le Chef Commissaire, je le connais depuis dix ans qu'on se côtois sur le terrain. Il a son style, il a sa personnalité, il a sa façon de faire mais Mr. Le Président il faut pouvoir respecter les autres. C'est sa le problème on a pas su connaitre qui est Gaetan, qui est Marie Thérèse, qui est l'autre lorsque nous étions ensemble c'est sa le gros problème.

Mr. Le Président je dirai tout le temps je l'ai dis une fois, c'est contre le vent que le chef volant va pas prendre son envole. Certe, Mr. Le Président, cependant Mr. Le Président. Le vent peut être un peut plus violent, mais qui dis violent sa va faire monter le chef volant plus vite est plus fort. Et en cette direction

Mr. Le Président que nous nous allons, c'est dans cette perspective que nous allons travailler tous ensemble. Mr. Le Président il y a eu des élections bientôt. Nous avons eu les résultats très bien, mais nous allons travailler beaucoup plus et nous savons le faire tout le monde ici onze personnes. Nous allons travailler main dans la main et la raison pour laquelle on va pas accepter que n'importe qui que se soit venir toucher le Conseil Exécutif et venir attaquer le Chef Commissaire et venir attaquer n'importe quelle Commissaire. Vous pouvez dire n'importe quoi sur n'importe qui. Vous voulez parler on va vous écouter il n'y a pas de soucis.

Mais Mr. Le Président, je réitère mon soutien au notre Chef Commissaire et ça a été très difficile pour nous. On a vécu cette année si des moments très difficiles. The worse is to come C'est pas un problème nous sommes des politiciens. Nous avons la grandeur d'esprit nous sommes tous les adultes nous savons ce que nous faisons. Mr. Le Président je réitère mon soutien au Chef Commissaire et je pense que cette équipe nous allons emmener le Mouvement Rodriguais vers la fin de son mandat et je pense que la prochaine fois FPR ne sera plus parti aller faire votre Mathématique. J'arrête ici Mr. Le Président, je vous remercie tous et on attend la suite.

(Applause)

Commissaire Agathe: Mr. Le Président, tout d'abord je dois saluer les quatre Membres qui ont prêté serment ce matin je dois les saluer. Tout d'abord je dois remercier les deux Membres qui venaient de faire leur maiden speech mais quand même malgré il sont attaqués un peu ti peu mais quand même c'est le début ça va venir après je vous souhaite bonne chance.

Mr. Chairperson, Sir, after 4 months in the office the Chief Commissioner today has in front of him a motion of no confidence on the part of his friend, the Minority Leader. Fortunately, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the Deputy Chief Commissioner has placed a motion of absolute confidence in the Chief Commissioner and I am sure Mr. Chairperson, Sir that everybody on this side we say together comme une équipe qu'on a absolute confidence in the Chief Commissioner. Dans une équipe la solidarité collective doit primer sur toute autre considération.

M. le Président, Je voudrais soutenir et réitérer ma confiance envers le Chef Commissaire qui grâce à sa maturité c'est ça qui est important Mr. Le Président c'est la maturité d'esprit et sa capacité d'écoute. Nous travaillons actuellement

comme une vraie équipe soudée avec des réalisations sans précédentes depuis qu'il a pris la direction du Conseil Exécutif.

Dans le passé ou chaque peccadille Mr. Le Président on entend « *mo donne mo démission mo aller* » quotidiennement Mr. Le Président.

Heureusement par contre, le Chef Commissaire actuel a opté pour le dialogue vis-à-vis de nos partenaires et le gouvernement centrale. Aujourd'hui il y a une meilleure entente entre Ile Rodrigues et La République de Maurice. Heureusement que le nouveau Chef Commissaire qui viennent d'être décorer d'ailleurs je vous félicite Mr. Le Chef Commissaire. Au nom de la population de Rodrigues pour cette décoration. Comme G.O.S.K.

En matière du développement du sport, nous avons l'objectif non seulement de briller sur le plan national au niveau des compétitions, mais aussi d'émerger sur la chaine internationale.

Pour nous permettre d'atteindre cet objectif nous avons à adopter des méthodes de travail en consolidant les structures sans oublier les infrastructures appropriés.

Mr. Le Président, il y a un Membre qui viens d'être élus dans cette Assemblée il a parler de l'état de la piste de synthétique de Camp du Roi. C'est vrai, on est tous unanime a dire que avec le temps la piste de Camp du Roi est abime. Et nous au niveau du Conseille Executif et eux aussi nous avons mener un combat assez longtemps pour pouvoir retaper le stade de Camp du Roi. Parcequ'on connais qu'a Camp du Roi il y a pas mal d'athlètes qui on émerger sur son terrain et nous j'ai comparer les dotations budgétaire depuis 2002 a 2 011. En 2002 Mr. Le Président, l'ancien Commissaire de la jeunesse et des sport recevez Rs.75.5 million roupies comme projet capital comme dotation capital pur le domaine du Sport a Rodrigues. Mr. Le Président quand on pris la direction du Sport, le chiffre Mr. Le Président c'est dégringoler pour arriver a 2.5 m Mr. Le Président. Mr. Le Président comment voulais vous Mr. Le Président avec Rs.2.5 m je peut venir de l'avant avec le revêtement de la piste synthétique de Camp du Roi qui nous coute Rs.20 million Mr. Le Président. Comment est-ce possible Mr. Le Président. Heureusement Mr Le Président je viens sortir de la Martinique et en arrivant a Maurice j'ai été voit le Ministre de Finance pour regarder ou on en est avec la piste de Camp du Roi. Et je peux dire Mr. Le Président que le vice Premire Ministre et Ministre des Finance ont pris bonne note et il a appeler sa secretaire pour voir ou

on est arriver avec la piste de Camp du Roi. Et j'espère pour l'avenir du Sport a Maurice c'est très bientôt le revêtement de la piste de Camp du Roi sera fais.

Mr. Le Président, il parle aussi de boycottage Mr. Le Président, Il a demande pou faire des meeting patati, patata Je vais lui demander nommer moi un seule exemple lui le Membre. Un seule exemple ma Commission a refuser le FPR qui aurait du être avion mais qui est devenu le Solitaire. Nommer moi un seule exemple Mr. Le Président ou j'ai refuser l'accès autre infrastructure sportive. J'ai regarde Mr. Le Président, j'ai en fasse de moi un extrait mais pour vous dire Mr. Le Président j'étais en colère avec la dotation budgétaire. ***Mais il y a un dicton que j'ai retenu en politique qui dit « un politicien sa ferme sa bouche ou s'en va ».***

Mr. Le Président, le Chef Commissaire, contrairement au précédent a cru en la jeunesse et dans leur capacité de briller dans le domaine sportif ou autre pour faire briller Rodrigues et la République de Maurice.

C'est pourquoi comme le Membre est fier la population de Rodrigues est très fier. C'est pourquoi même avec le très peu de moyen financier légué en six mois déjà, nous avons atteint l'objectif fixé avec la consécration de deux Rodriguais Champion du Monde en Kickboxing en l'occurrence James Agathe (Double Champion) Champion de monde et Facson Perrine pour la première fois. Et nous aurons encore pas mal de Rodriguais qui brilleront au niveau internationale. Nous aurons encore.

Mais dans quelque jour Mr. Le President le récolte de médailles pour les Jeux des Ile de L'ocean aura encore un impact grandissante avec les Membres de Rodrigues avec les sportifs de Rodrigues. On est fiers de sa Mr. Le Président et tout sa Mr. Le Président c'est avec un travaille d'equipe est mais aujourd'hui on peut dire qu'on est fier de notre sportif on est fier de nos jeune de Rodrigues. Je suis ravi de travailler sous la direction de deux Chef Commissaire. Je peux aussi faire la différence, faire la comparaison. Chacun a sa qualité, chacun a ses défauts mais heureusement Mr. Le Président avec l'actuel Chef Commissaire la maturiter prime et je ne eux pas étaler sur d'autre chose encore Mr. Le Président. Mais l'importance de tous sa Mr. Le Président aujourd'hui on fais on débat une motion de no confidence Mr. Le Président mais l'importance dans tout sa c'est quoi c'est la population Mr. Le Président we care for the people of Rodrigues et je vais vous renumerez quelque exemple ou nous le Conseille Executif a travers la moajoriter ici Mr. Le Président on a entrepris pas mal de projets qui va venir soulager la vie de la population Rodriguaise.

On parler tout a l'heure le SIDPR au niveau IDP Mr. Le Président. Moi-même je suis responsable de la région 2 malheureusement mon colistier est parti est je suis la je travaille pour nous quand même mon frère. Alors la participation il y a la participation démocratique au niveau la Région 2. Au tout début l'année Mr. Le Président j'ai organisé une rencontre où le Membre de la Minorité était présent. Nous avons énumérer tout les travaux qui vont être entrepris pendant l'année pour la région 2. Et je peux vous dire Mr. Le Président que les travaux sont en train de faire maintenant dans la région 2. La première chose nous avons eu un gang qui sont poste depuis juillet 2010 pour faire des petits travaux soit sur bordure de route il y a pas mal de chose que ses vingt général workers sont en train de faire dans la Région 2. Oui Mr. Le Président, nous avons construis pas mal de terre de jeux qui sont en construction actuellement surtout a Tamarin, Ile Michel, Papayes, Quatre Vents, sans oublier des Children garden qu'on va faire a Mangues, Marechal aussi bien des espaces verts. J'ai demandé à mon Departmental Head Mr. Le Président de placer des boards transparent surtout pour la pratique du Basket Ball de placer des boards transparent sur tout les nouveaux infrastructure qu'on va construire dans tout les régions de Rodrigues. Et sa va rester même pour sa va pas être abimer avec l'effet de ... Il y a aussi Mr. Le Président en ce moment même la où je vous parle même a minuit les tracks road qui sont en train de construire a travers la région pour soulager une petit peu la souffrance de la population surtout la Région 2. On a commencer dans la région 1 je crois c'est terminer dans la région 1. La on est arrive dans la région 2. Et il y a une chose qui me touche Mr. Le Président on parler tout le temps de la route de l'axe Nord, Sud, Est, Ouest Mr. Le Président auparavant se sont que des paroles Heureusement que le Ministre de Rodrigues avec le Conseil Executif Mr. Le Président tres bientôt on aurait l'axe Nord, Sud, Est, Ouest et tres bientôt Mr. Le Président la route Citron Donis – Tamarin, Grand Baie – Baladirou, St. Gabriel – Port Sud Est et je vais m'arrêter la même Mr. Le Président . Asser pou zote.

Visite de Martinique Mr. Le President, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I am proud having been there Mr. Chairperson, Sir and I am thankful to the Group « Soleil levé » who has defended the island of Rodrigues very well. I am proud of this group and I am thankful (change cassette) who has been among the best. Among there best Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Even Rodrigues was untraceable on the world map through the preservation of our culture Rodrigues is recognized worldwide. "Soleil levé" group has once more raised high up the Rodriguan Coat of Arm for the *International de Gadrill a la Martinique* Mr. Le President.

Mr. Le Président, I express the wish to go to Tobago and fortunately Mr. Chairperson, Sir, Tobago is not so far from the Martinique I have been able to see

Tobago thought the plaine Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Qui me fais mal Mr. Le President un jour l'ancien Chef Commissaire me disait. Je disais il faut je par pour Tobago dire I will repeat the word as is Mr. Chairperson, Sir verbatim dire moi "*dimoune noir bondie ti pe amener pou all touyer demon dire quitte la meme pou gagne compagner*" Mr. Le Président un Membre a parle de centre appelle oui on crois on est sure que le centre d'appelle Mr. Le President deviendra un pillier important pour la creation de l'emplois surtout a Rodrigues. Nous avons tout fais Mr. Le President et meme le projet de cap fibre optique fais belle est bien mentionne dans le discours programme de President de la Republique. Veux dire la volonter du Gouvernement et du Conseil Executif de la majorite. Sa fais belle et bien parti de notre projet comme si pour developper notre ile a un ciber café Mr. Le President, Ciber cite, Ciber Ile, tout ICT Island. Mr. Le President actuellement nous avons le projet vulnumerique, village numerique Mr. Le President qui point a l'horizon et on va demarer le projet pilote a Rodrigues. On a choisi Rodrigues comme projet pilote et on espere que le projet vulnumerique va venir donner un boost up au niveau ICT et sa peux creer pas mal d'emplois a Rodrigues. Et on espere bien, bizin enan la foi dans la vie Mr. Le President. Si on a la foi Mr. Le President toute chose peut se faire Mr. Le Président.

Je voudrais profiter de cette occasion pour exprimer ma tres grande satisfaction et appréciation au travail abattu par les officiers de l'Assemblée Régionale dans son ensemble Mr. Le Président sans oublier ceux travaillant à ma Commission et les autres partenaires comme la société civile et la population en générale.

Avant tout, il faut dire que c'est grâce au leadership du présent Chef Commissaire qui a su, de par son écoute, sa maturité et son sens de principe et de discipline, nous démontrer que, même avec de très peu de moyens, on peut arriver a de grande chose.

Pour conclure, M. le Président, je dois remercier, féliciter le Chef Commissaire pour le travaille abattu et le travaille qui va être fais. Et je dois apporter tout mon support au Chef Commissaire a notre équipe tout le monde ici de ce cote de la chambre pour continuer le travaille et j'en suis sure et j'en suis convaincu Mr. Le Président que le travaille vont être fais . Mr. Le Président je support avec force le Chef Commissaire Mr. Geatan Jabeemissar.

Merci, Mr. le President.

Mr. Emillien: Mr. Le Président, je ne suis plus très jeune, je me sens vraiment fatigués de se faire que je ne vais pas être long. First and foremost Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I wish to congratulate the four newly elected Members and specially my friends Johnny and Alex for their maiden speech. And I wish also to congratulate my friend Commissioner Agathe and Commissioner Grandcourt who have according to parliamentary practices congratulated the newly elected Members. Mr. Chairperson, Sir after hearing all these people who have intervened in this Assembly today. I get a feeling that a couple who have been together for years without seeing any fault in each other and for whatever reasons may be there is a separation and at that time the wife says connais qui misère line faire moi sa, to connaitre quand tu te vagabondes là tu vagabondes sa, ou connaitre quand tu te misères rien là pas donne nous. Et le mari dit ou connaitre quand tu te désordes là tu étais sa. Ou connaitre quand tu te misères là faire moi sa. Comme si on voit mal partout mais par toutes ses années ou on a été ensemble tout été dans le meilleur des mondes. Ça fait un peu triste mais après avoir entendue certaine intervention ça m'amène Mr. Le Président à devoir réagir parce qu'il a écouté certaine personne dans cette chambre tous qui est positif a été fait pendant les quatre derniers mois et tout ce qui est négatif on a hérité mais ça irrite un peu parce qu'on ne peut pas irriter tout ce qui est négatif et proclamer la pérennité de tout ce qui est positif. Allons prendre quelque exemple Mr. Le Président. Tous à l'heure je vais prendre le secteur de l'eau qui est un secteur clé pour le développement de Rodrigues comme la si bien dit mon ami un peu plus tôt parce que tout développement soutenu de Rodrigues que se soit en terme de tourisme en terme d'agriculture ou autre dépend de l'eau. À mon humble avis Mr. Le Président, il y a une certaine mauvaises fois. Quand on vient parler d'un réservoir qui n'a pas de sorti. Dans aucun pays au monde je pense on trouverai un truque pareille. A reservoir with inflow water without any outlet. In fact Mr. Chairperson, Sir, the outlet of this reservoir is found at Mt. Patate is found underground and it is gear towards the village of Baladirou. So, I think that it is unfair without verifying things to come in this Assembly because we have the right to speak and to say whatever nonsense we want to say. This is not according to ethic because I think that a parliamentary has some responsibilities towards the mandates, towards the decorum of this House Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Aujourd'hui nous débâtons une motion of no confidence in the Chief Commissioner et une autre motion émanant de l'adjointe le Chef Commissaire qui apporte leur soutien indéfectible au Chef Commissaire. Mais après avoir entendu les différentes interventions on a l'impression que il y a une Motion de blâme contre le Chef de la Minorité. Mais Mr. Le Président il a des choses qui ne trompent pas en et il y a des signes précurseur qui ne trompent pas en politique et les amis de deux cotes de la chambre le savent pertinement bien qu'en politique il y a des choses qui sont irréversibles la confiance des gens Mr. Le Président. On peut venir avec de l'or

avec n'importe quoi pour essayer de soudoyer les gens s'ils n'ont plus la confiance en vous vous n'allez pas pouvoir récupérer la confiance perdue dans ses gens que vous venerer d'un certain façon a un moment donner. J'ai entendu mon amis le Commissaire Perrine parler de la recolte mille tonne d'oignon je salue l'initiative du Commissaire de l'agriculture qui veut accroitre la production d'oignon. Mais une chose qui a mon avis de tourne pas rond se que il vise l'approvisionnement du marcher mauricien pour un mois. C'est bien de viser le marcher Mauricien mais quand et-i ; du marcher Rodriguais. On vend nos oignons nous exportons toute notre recolte d'oignon vers Maurice et ensuite on achete tout notre oignon venu de l'inde de je ne sais ou a deux trois quatre fois le prix donc pourquoi il a parle des appareilles qu'on acheter pour garder l'oignon des le petit plan jusqu'à la recolte et meme pour l'enpackage et pourquoi pas donc n'aller plus loin aller plus loin en proposant un système de stockage c'est mille tonnes oignons si on peut les écouler sur notre marcher sera un gain non negligeable pour nos consommateur pour la population en generale. Et moi je pense pour des choses comme sa on devrais y penser et non seulement y penser mais aller dans cette direction Mr. Le Président. Mr. Le Président en parlant de la récolte d'oignons sa me fais revenir a un autre projet agricole. Il y avait un projet de clôturer les terrains agricole on a commencer d'ailleur dans beaucoup de region on a commencer. Mais malheureusement Mr. Le Président, j'ai déjà soulevé la question a mon humble avis rien n'a été fais pour résoudre se probleme il y a des actes de vandales. Les gens qui enlèvent les grillages, les poteaux et aussi dans certain cas Mr. Le Président on donne l'impression quand on regarde je ne sais pas a qui attribue la faute comme si on a cloturé, au lieu d'avoir cloturer les terrains agricole on a clôturé des carrieres de roche. A qui reviens la faute peut être a la Commission de l'Agriculture de voir dans certain cas si vous voulez des exemple je peux vous le donner. Donc pour retourner a se que je disais un peu plus tôt Mr. Le Président on veut avoir la periniter de se qui est positif et rejeter la faute se qui est negatif sur qui ete la avant. Je prends pour exemple la Commissaire de la sante a parle d'équipement. Les équipement medicaux Mr. Le President this is something which has been always been ongoing. The purchase of medical equipment has always been ongoing. Its not right now to come as if we have invented the wheel to say that we are buying equipment etc. For the covering of alleys this is a projet Mr. Chairperson, Sir, which was initiated when I was Commissioner for Health but now when I have the look at this projet, when I have look of these pillaws that have been installed there. Thankly je regrette d'avoir donner mon avale a se projet parceque se n'est pas sa du tout. C'est comme si il y a des vagues et quand mon amis le Chef de la Minoriter parler des pilonne qui one été casse c'est éparpiller dans la cour d'hopital. C'est bien comme a dis la Commissaire quand c'est pas bon on casse on corrige mais il y a what we call eyeshores in the vicinity of the

hospital. I have been there at the Queen Elizabeth hospital these few days back and believe me there is a very acute problem concerning these pillors. Its not straight its in and out. This is not a good projet Mr. Chairperson, Sir and one thing that I personally don't appreciate Mr. Chairperson, Sir is that for petty things like Les dons de glucometre venir a la radio pour dire voila qu'on a resu. Glucometre on rescois sa longueur d'annee dans differente association venir parler a la radio pour informer la population qu'on a resu quelque glucometre Je trouve que c'est enfantin. Mr. Le Président le Commissaire la Sante a évoquer le probleme de geneologue . C'est un probleme il est vrai qui date depuis longtemps. But as far as when Mr. Satish Faugoo was the then Minister for Health I negociated personally with him and Mrs. Veerapen the then Senior Chief Executive of the Minister Heath and quality of Life to have geneocologist and other specialist staying for longer period in Rodrigues. But you know in Mauritius and I wish her good luck she is stated in her intervention that very soon she is having Gynocologist for a longer period. In Mauritius specialist Mr. Chairperson, Sir they don't want to come to Rodrigues because in their private practice they get much more money than what they get as their salary with the Government. And they have tall the Officer of the Ministry if you insist on me to have a tour of service in Rodrigues I prefer resign because some people think of money first its like that. And at times you may have volunteers who want to come here for one year or more. There have been cases in the past where Gyneocologist and other specialist in other fields have shown interest to stay in Rodrigues and they infact came to Rodrigues and state for six months and one year or even more than that. But saying now I have negociated and very soon I am going to get it good luck to you Mrs Commissioner. Another thing Mr. Chairperson, Sir, that I would like to comment is that somebody has talk about notre reussite des Regions 1, 2 et 5 je crois si je me rappelle tres bien et si ma mémoire de fais pas defaut que c'était Madame Clair Brault donc je disais bien que ma mémoire pouvait me faire defauts. Notre reussite dans des Regions 1,2 et 5 et maintenant La Region 6 Mais il faut se rendre a l'evidence mais les circonstances de ses elections du 12 juin dernier ne sont pas les situations réelle et des enjeux electoraux que nous avons connu dans le passer. Il ne faut pas croire que ses élections peuvent refléter une image telle qu'elle la situation géopolitique a Rodrigues. Il faut se rendre a l'évidence et il faut pour éviter des déconvenue. Il faut etre prudent et analyser ses resultats dans leur contexte précis Mr. Le Président. Quelqu'on ont parler de Cerf volant qui prend son envole. C'est dans le vent que le cerf volant prend son envole c'est contre le vent. Mais si dans le vent aussi que la fiscelle du cerf volant se casse. C'est pourquoi je dis il faut considerer les resultats de ses elections dans le contexte precis. C'est bon tout le monde disent que sa va passer comme sa que sa va pas se casser. Mr. Le President tout a l'heure il y avait une question sur l'introduction du créole a l'école dans le curcise

scolaire Mr. Le Président je voudrais revenir sur ses projets parceque j'ai senti qu'on a traiter se projet, cette question avec beaucoup de l'egereter parceque notre langue fais partis de notre vie de notre culture l'heritage que nous avons resu de nos encentre. Malheureusement nous perdons chaque jour une partie de notre richesse culturelle a travers le language parceque notre langue est influencer par le créole Mauricien et influencer par le francais et meme il y a l'anglais qui commence a influencer notre si belle langue créole. Mais de la a venir dire des choses si banale comme si on va apprendre comme sa on va ecrire d'une autre fason je trouve que c'est pas serieux. Sa c'est pas serieux du tout parceque notre creole et un tres bon language, mais aujourd'hui quand quelqu'un est partis pour Maurice je n'est rien contre le créole Mauricien. Quand quelqu'un est partis a Maurice pendant quelque semaine lorsqu'il reviens woi ta, qu'ariver bonnome la, quest-ce qu'il vont dire encore ar toi, mo papa so sœur so cousin so neveu aller comprend dans sa lalliane li chou si ou comprend quitchose. Moi je trouve que c'est une aberration que moi je trouve Mr. Le Président que nous passons a coter de la plaque si on ne fais pas se qu'il faut maintenant les générations avenir vont hériter de quelque chose de vraiment dangereux pour notre identiter culturelle. Un peuple qui perde son identité c'est un peuple mort Mr. Le Président c'est un peuple mort Mr. Le Président, il faut avoir du courage. Le Chef de la minoriter qui été Chef Commissaire d'avant a dis tout a l'heure quand il faut prendre des decisions il faut les prendre mais il faut de prendre et a qu'elle moment les prendre. Tout a l'heure on a parler du hidden Agenda. Il y a beaucoup d'incohérence Mr. Le President parceque nous avons entendu se soir dans cette Auguste Assemblée, comme pas exemple le Chef Commissaire d'alors avait un agenda cacher. Quelqu'un qui viens apres est une personne a appuyer ses dire en disant depuis 2007. Et une autre personne qui est venu dire c'est le one man show de l'ex Chef Commissaire qui a emmener la cassure que tout le monde connais de Janvier 2011. Donc quand on dis quelque chose moi je pense que on devrais ... ses choses la avec beaucoup de serieux et surtout appuyer par des arguments solide. Mr. Le President, Rodrigues est Ile ... Rodrigues est qualifier comme la region la plus pauvre de la republique de Maurice et mon ami le Commissaire Perrine la déjà mentionner ici même dans cette Auguste Assemblée a plusieurs reprise. Mais il y a beaucoup d'argent qui est gaspille a Rodrigues, gaspiller de differente fason. Pendant la campagne electorale j'étais emmener a travaille dans la région de Graviers pendant quelque jour et la Mr. Le Président j'ai été estomaquer de voir de centaine de millier de limon qui pourrissent sous les limoniers. Je vous dis des centaines de millier il faut les voir pour croire pour ne pas dire des millions. A Graviers des centaine de milliers de limon qui pourrissent sous les limoniers et des centaines des milliers qui sont dans les branches qui vont tomber. Et il y a un effort qui est fais je ne dis pas Je vois pas que toute est en noir il y a un effort que le

Trade Marketing Company fais pour l'achat de ses limons lorsque j'ai parle a ses planteurs il me dis vous savez manière qui banne la acheter sa la enne to griffer comme sa zotte pas le prend envoie promener les pourri. Moi je trouve qu'ils sont perdant oui pourquoi de ne pas trouver une formule il y a des compagnie, des gros boites qui produise des jus comme sunny, comme autre boites eux il ecrase les limons il transforme. On aurait pu negocier peut etre a un moindre prix. Bien sure chaque qualiter produits a sa valeur spécifique a moindre prix. Mais ne pas laisser tout sa pourrir je vous dis vraiment sa vous arrache le cœur sachant la situation economique des Rodriguais. Sa c'est quelque chose qui vraiment vous arrache le cœur.

Je vais bientôt terminer Mr. Le President parce que comme je dis au depart je suis un peu fatiguer. Parlons un petit peu du touriste. Nous savons tous que le touriste est un secteur qui pourrais éventuellement apporter un soulagement considerable a la pauvreté des gens a Rodrigues. Faire de la promotion c'est très bien Mr. Le Président, mais il ne faut duper des gens en disant mais voila le retomber sont déjà la a peine rentrer a Maurice. Moi j'ai entendue a la radio on parler de retomber, mais retomber sa vont venir. Je sais que sa va venir mais il faut comme si attendre que le fruit sois mure pour pouvoir récolter Mr. Le President il ne faut avant d'avoir attrapé l'ours ont a déjà vendu sa pelure sa peau.

Mr. Le Président, je reviens avant de terminer a malheureusement tres souvent quand je parle sur un sujet le Commissaire concerner n'est pas la. Pour l'Infrastructure je me souviens Mr. Le Président on a construit un très beau jardin a la Ferme. Tout a l'heure on a beaucoup parlé on a dis bon tout se faisait dans la region 5 etc etc mais il y a un phénomène aussi qui se fais aussi dans la region 5. Dans la region 1 plutot mon amie est ex colistier on été colistier maintenant on. On été a Riviere Coco Mr. Le Président les autres Membres tu conseille Executif se souviendrons surement j'ai vu comme si on construisez parc Cabris, on a mis des poteaux des grillages tout au tour j'ai pris des photos je me souviens j'ai emmener au Conseil Executif j'ai dis regarder le jardin. Je l'ai montrer d'abord regarder le jardin qu'on veut nous donner a Riviere Coco. Heureusement que le Chef Commissaire a dis to écrase sa commérage la retire sa pour donner un quelque chose de... . Dans un fond de mer on aller faire un truque pareille. Donc c'est pour montrer Mr. Le Président que certaine personne veulent tire drap lor zotte parceque je suis le Commissaire des Finances je veux pas faire des projets rien que chez moi. Si je suis le Commissaire de l'infrastructure Publique je dois construire des Infrastructure rien que dans ma circonscription.

Maintenant je voudrais terminer, Mr. Le President en parlant du Specialise Medical Care Unit qu'on devrait construire a l'hopital Queen Elizabeth. La Commissaire de la Santer tout a l'heure ont voulu faire croire que le projet a été mal travailler rien a été fais. Mais quand j'ai quitté Mr. Le President on travailler les plans parceque un specialise Medical care Unit demande des specifications tres specifique tres specialiser. Il faut des gens par exemple pour la salle d'opération il faut que le chirurgien donne leur avis la salle d'operation pour la salle de radiographie il faut des spécifications pour matière d'épaisseur de mure et de couche de plond des truques comme sa. C'était quelque chose qu'il fallait travailler mais malheureusement c'était pas quelque chose je dis qu'on a construire une maison et puis Mr. Perrine va venir mettre des photos sa c'est une maison il faut reprende la terre. C'est quelque chose de vraiment tres techniques et c'est malhonnête de venir dire aucun projet n'a été soumis a Maurice pour être approuver par le Ministere Moi je trouve sa a very cheap from a Commissioner to come here to say .. what's not that she said. She said that nothing has been prepared and set for approval to the Minister of Health This is not correct Mr. Chairperson, Sir We are here in this Assembly there is the Government there ,the Minoirty here but we have come with facts, real thing don't go with ... il n'a rien foutu, fais rien etc. Je trouve sa une aberration et moi je pense Mr. Le Président si on veux vraiment que la jeunesse d'aujourd'hui, la jeunesse de se pays et confiance de se politicien qui gouverne se pays et confiance dans les politiciens qui vont venir plus tard. Il faut que nous meme nous ayonss cette maturité de ne pas venir dire des .. des choses qu'on ne pas se supporter qu'on ne peux pas substantiate Mr. Le President moi je trouve que je dois changer de mentalité et avoit une autre culture et montrer que la politique c'est quelque chose de propre de bien qu'on veux aider son pays. Il ne faut pas qu'on se laisse berner Mr. Le President berner par des truques frivole comme faire venir un bateaux tout rouiller. L'Alizé pour faire croire que tout sa va .. le chomage. Et le bateaux qui est partis en suivant le Mauritius Pride parceque n'avait pas capitaine a bord se qu'on ma dit. Il nous faut pas venir dire vendre du poisson sur internet. De parler du culture d'algue Mr. Le President il faut venir avec des projet concret adapter aux contexte locale qui répondre vraiment au besoin au aspiration du peuple de Rodrigues. Un million de cocotiers moi je trouve qui sont des choses frivole un million ni enne terrain football pas pou bizin plante coco partout.

Mr. Le President je vous remercier pour votre attention.

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Le President, je vais c'est tout simplement juste pour remercier mon équipe, tout se qui ont intervenue depuis se matin ce débat été tres tres long aujourd'hui. Et par la même occasion féliciter les quatre

nouveaux venu dans L'Assemblée aujourd'hui. Deux ont déjà fais leur baptême de feu en intervenant. Mais si vous regarder de cette coter la Majorité Ses deux dames qui sont nouvellement élus viennent renforcer l'équipe feminine de la majoriter et en tant et lieu on aura l'occasion de voir de quoi elle sont capable.

Mr. Le President, ce matin aussi on a eu l'occasion d'entendre beaucoup de citation mon collègues Perrine a eu de l'occasion d'entendre beaucoup de citation mon collègues a eu l'occasion de citer Shakespeare. Et moi je voudrais dire au Membre de la Minorité que chacun a son style de Gouvernement. Moi je vais prendre comme exemple le Fabre de la fontaine sa m'étonne de voir que les deux jeunes élus de sait pas encore c'est quoi la littérature. Les grenouilles qui chercher un roi je leur demanderai d'aller chercher sa date depuis la grecque ancienne gens de la fontaine s'est inspirer de les offres quand il a fais le Fabre de la Fontaine. Je leur demanderai d'aller lire et de comprendre comment la rase humaine perçoivent leur dirigeant. Mais moi se qui me concerne Mr. Le Président, je suis très heureux de constater je vais souvent a Maurice. Aujourd'hui ce matin ils ont parler des gens qui ont quitter Rodrigues et s'exiler vers Maurice et vous savez combien nos Rodriguais qui sont a Maurice aujourd'hui ils sont heureux ils ne peuvent pas revenir dans le pays mais il voudrait bien le faire. Ils ont dis tout abandonner jusqu'à 25 ans et partir pour de bon vers Maurice. Mais aujourd'hui il y en a qui reviennent parce qu'il voit qu'il y a un autre Gouvernement et un autre dirigeant qui les accueille et nous ferons de notre mieux Mr. Le Président, la ou certain veulent revenir et rechercher leur droit pour avoir un terrain a Rodrigues nous allons le faire Mr. Le Président.

Mr. Le Président, je voudrais donner un conseille c'est vrai moi aussi quand je suis entrer en politique j'étais plus jeune On été tous perser d'illusions mais la quand le vois la fason donc ses deux jeunes ont été intervenus se matin. Il croit que faire la politique c'est une chose tres facile qui sont très sensible a la misère des gens. C'est vrai s'il ont eu l'oreille attentive ils sont bien écouter les intervenant se matin. Le problème de Rodrigues de date pas avec moi comme Chef Commissaire. Le problème de Rodrigues date depuis longtemps il y a eu pas mal des dirigeant avant moi. Et nous notre plus grand difficulté c'est de faire avec cette héritage que nous avons eu entre les mains Pour certain Mr. Le Président, il croit pour gouverner ses facile vous savez je vais vous citez ... voila se qu'il a dis to rule is easy but to gouvern is difficult. I am conscious of the difficulty of governing Mr. Chairperson, Sir, because this is true. Mais je vais pas abandonner Mr. Le Président, ce n'est pas pour autant Pour certain regarder les dirigeant de se monde the rulers was stick to powers qui veulent pas abandonner les dictateurs les gens doivent descendre dans la rue pour les tirer du pouvoir. Telle n'est pas le cas chez

nous, Mr. Le Président les gens savent reconnaître se qui travaille dans leur intérêt Mr. Le Président, les pêcheurs ont a parler des pêcheurs se matin. Vous ne savez pas quand on a parler faire de la pêche devenir piliers économique on ne parle pas la pêche dans les lagons. On parle de la zone exclusive économique de la république de Maurice qui s'étend a deux millions de kilometres carres et pour aller explorer c'est deux millions de kilomètres carres Mr. Le Président. C'est pas ses petit bateaux ses coques de pistaches qu'on va pouvoir le faire. Vous savez la semaine dernière j'ai été a Maurice constater de visu cinq bateaux de pêche en construction qui ont été livre en octobre cette année si. Sont ses bateaux qui vont emmener nos pêcheurs sur les bancs pour pêcher. Pour contribuer en l'économie du pays. C'est sa la vision que nous avons et vous savez Mr. Le Président pendant six ans se projet tarde. Se projet tard depuis six ans Mr. Le Président. Et l'année dernière avant d'allouer se tender Mr. Le Président vous savez qu'elle sont les difficultés. J'ai pas mal se que Mr. Le Président que je révélerais en tant et lieu peut être ses deux la ils ne la savent pas. Mr. Le Président, on a parler aussi se matin les relations nouvelle entre le pouvoir locale est le pouvoir central. Laissez moi vous dire Mr. Le President, nous avons dans notre budget la capacité de faire 360 a 400 bassin pour les gens le plus vulnérable. Vous savez que lors de ma rencontre la semaine dernière j'ai eu location d'avoir encore plus d'une centaine de basin qui vont venir s'ajouter au quatre cent ... Mr. Le Président. Pourquoi parceque la confiance qui est perdu entre Maurice et Rodrigues est maintenant restaurer Mr. Le Président. Durant le weekend on a eu la rencontre avec l'ambassadrice de Chine qui était chez nous en visite privée. Vous savez hier je lai fais rencontrer toute les Commissaire et tout les autres collègues Membre de cette majoriter qui etait la Vous savez combien de vendre nous avons faites et qu'ils y a une oreille attentive a nos requete. La semaine prochaine nous aurons la visite du high Commission Mr. Le Président. La encore vous savez quand les gens viennent chez nous C'est parceque maintenant les gens croient dans Rodrigues, croient dans la direction de Rodrigues. Cette années si Mr. Le Président au tout début en janvier malgré le faite qu'on se plaigne de pas avoir suffisamment d'argent pour faire des projets capitaux qu'on a faire pour Rodrigues. C'est vrai on est que l'argent n'est pas suffisant mais malgré tout on a pas baisser le bras on a restructurer Et vous savez peut être vous ne connaissez pas a cause l'ancien Chef Commissaire on a perdu vingt millions de roupies sur le budget courant.

Encore quelque chose que je dois ajouter Mr. Le Président au rencontre que j'ai eu la semaine dernière. Il y a eu pas mal de problème de remous ses dernier temps quand on a entendue parler du locale Gouvernement bill ou avait entendu parler que Port Mathurin sera considéré comme un village Council. Voila j'ai emmené ma collègue Madame Meunier avec moi. On eu des rencontre avec le

Ministre de Locale Gouvernement. Vous savez se que est sorti de cette négociation de cette consultation. Dans le Locale Gouvernement Bill Port Mathurin sera co-considérer quand le Town Council of Port Mathurin. Port Mathurin n'a jamais été reconnu, n'avait pas de status jusqu'ici. Comment le Port Mathurin ou se termine Port Mathurin, Tres bientôt avec se nouveau statu qu'on vois Port Mathurin. Port Mathurin sera délimiter de voir Mr Le Président. On peut voir tout sa a travers la négociations. Parceque quand je vais la bas on m'écoute on m'accueille il faut faire la différence. Vous savez Mr. Le Président on peut avoir autant d'argent de pas savoir l'utiliser vous savez. Vous savez sa mais nous avec e peut moyen que nous avons on trouve que se Gouvernement peut travailler dans l'intérêt du peuple. Laissez moi vous dire une certaine qualité que d'autre n'ont pas de son parti vous qui être jeune et bien parce c'est pas dans la vie chaque jours qui passe Monsieur le Président chaque jour qu'on apprend on deviens. Ecoutez bien se que j'ai tiré dans un livre que je lis actuellement vous dis bien écouter bien. Small people monopolise the talking but big people monopolise the listening que beaucoup n'ont pas. Voilà je vais dire encore quelque chose Mr. Le Président, que j'ai gardé précieusement parce que cela m'a bien

Mr. Chairperson: You table it.

The Chief Commissioner: If you want. I will read a part of it and I will table it. It is from Toriya Pragay of L'express weekly. The title is of personality disorders. Voilà je vais dire juste un paragraph de ceux qu'elle a dit dedans. If you have been listening to our radio station recently zapping from one channel to another you may have heard something being interviewed who was continuously talking about Johnson Roussety through out the interview. you may have wondered who the generous persons have painted such a wonderful portrait of Roussety was. At the end of the interview you will have heard the radio presenter thanking do you know who Johnson Roussety himself in the not a mistake Mr. Chairperson, Sir. It was Johnson Roussety talking about himself in the third person singular none stop. This was the former Chief Commissioner Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

Alors, Mr. Le Président, j'ai encore autre chose que je vais ajouter pour remplir le vin. Voilà c'est tiré de l'express premier decembre l'année dernière 2010 après la querelle qu'il y a eu après la présentation du budget. A une question de l'express voilà se que l'express avait dit comme Minority Leader John Milazar Président pour la Rodrigues entreprise Association réclame une commission d'enquête surtout es projet allouée à l'Assemblée Régionale depuis 2006 a se jour il savait qu'il y a du gaspillage de fond publique. Etre vous d'accord voilà se qu'il

a répondu je ne répond pas au observation des batteurs triangle. Ou est se batteur triangle. Ou est se batteurs triangle aujourd'hui Mr Le Président, ce lui qui joue avec l'équipe de l'autre cote le batteur tambour aujourd'hui. Mr. Le Président et puis viens dire aujourd'hui il a du gaspillage du fond publique et voila Mr. Le Président j'ai tout dis je viens laisser la place a ma collègues pour faire le summing up merci Mr. Le Président.

Chairperson: You still want to sum up.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Yes I just want to. We are the stars. (change cassette) les nouvelles Membres je j'accueille dans la gente féminines et nous étions que trois maintenant nous sommes cinq sa veux dire on grandir en terme de pourcentage de femme au parlement et je crois que dans la république et dans la région Africaine on démérite pas parqu'on arrive proche de la du cinquante pourcent qui détiens de rouenda en ce moment et que j'espère a la venir avec le Mouvement Rodriguais on verra cette équipe de femme grandir encore plus. Mr Le Président j'avais beaucoup de chose a dire malheureusement les personne a qui je devais m'adresser sont partis. Malheureusement il y avit quelque chose que je devais dire mais par peur d'être incorrect dans le langage par taire je vais pas le dire. Sa montre que ses hommes son sang vous avez compris parceque quand nous sommes venus ici on a vu au debut sur l'agenda de cette Assemblée un motion of no confidence in the présent Chief Commissioner and when somebody put a motion he should stands to it and stand by it and stand with it. Mais se qu'on a vu come d'habitude c'est de la l'acheter qu'une personne avant de même terminer les processus que lui même voulait enclencher et il est partis avant. Comme j'ai dis au début c'est un joke il est venu la lorque au debut il avait cru et il avait cru et il avait dans son agenda c'est pourquoi il est venu t'empester contre avec Mr. Grandcourt le Commissaire contre Mr. Agathe parcequ'il avait compris que être surement il aurait quelqu'un de se coter de la chambre qui aurait peut être traverser la barrière pour aller de l'autre coter. Mais il ne sais pas avec l'equipe qu'on a avec le Chef Commissaire qui nous dirige nous avons un equipe souder et vous avez entendu Mr. Le Président les mots, les paroles, la légense de toute ses personnes a l'équipe dirigeante qui font partis du Mouvement Rodriguais et nous avons un Leader qui nous a toujours prêcheur depuis l'âge de treize ans quand j'ai commencer a suivre Nicolas Vonmally que je respecte énormément qui a beaucoup de personnes qui le traite de boufon de si pas quoi mais ses un homme respectable digne, intègre que pendant des années a lutter a emmener un combat de titan contre une personnes qui avait tout pour réussir et il a tenu bon jusqu'au aujourd'hui il est le Ministre de Rodrigues. Et pour la première fois ans la république de Maurice on a eu un Rodriguais qui occupe un poste ministérielle

pour toute la république il est le Ministre de la pêche vos autre et cette personnes c'est lui qui dirige le Mouvement Rodriguais. Et donc il fait confiance et sa la seule personnes qui délègue le pouvoir. Vous avez déjà vu un Leader délègue le pouvoir. Ou vous avez vu sa. Dans n'importe quelle system il a aucun Leader qui veut délègue le pouvoir. C'est le seul Leader qui a autant humilité pour délègue le pouvoir parce qu'il a confiance il respect les gens il croit dans la capacité de l'homme Rodriguais c'est pourquoi il a délègue le pouvoir et aujourd'hui on a de l'autre coter on a beaucoup parler on a beaucoup de philosopher. Mais moi je vous dis depuis le commencement des temps la première depuis l'époque dans l'évangile dans la bible on vois. Dieu été la a coter de lui il y avait un ange et cette ange en qui Dieu avait toute confiance a desu Dieu parce qu'il n'a pas soumis les règles qu'il fallait suivre et il a brulé en enfer se lusifer et ses satans. Et je dois vous dire que quelqu'un qui n'a pas respect pour la femme qui n'a pas respect pour les personnes âgées, pour ses collègues pour la couleur de la peau d'une personne. Il viens de traiter Mr. Perrine Mokhabe de ti bonhomme lore boîte allumette, de Mr. Agathe de noir ti bizin alle touyer etc. Cette personne ne peut arriver loin et mérite pas la confiance et sa me peine de voir qu'il y a beaucoup de personne qui sont jeune. Se sont des gens qui ont une éducation et qui suivent aveuglement des principes des hommes qui n'ont pas de principe. Moi je vous ici que dans le Mouvement Rodriguais dans cette équipe dirigeante pour le Chef Commissaire qui a été parachuter dans se poste est il est en train de travailler dans l'intérêt de l'homme et la femme Rodriguais et avec l'équipe ont est en train d'essayer restorer cette image de Rodrigues. Dite vous bien vous partez dans n'importe quelle pays dans la région a Madagascar le Chef Commissaire est partis a Madagascar, a la Réunion, a Maurice pour citer le noms de Johnson Roussety vous être griller. On peut même vous arrêtez a l'aéroport. Comment expliquer vous que en si peu de temps une personnes peuvent faire beaucoup de mal. Je vous dis le mal existe et aujourd'hui on est la c'est dommage on croyait commencer sur une bonne note il y avait des Membre nouveaux qui font leur baptême de feu aujourd'hui qui aurai du faire cette Assemblée avec des personnes respectable responsable qui ont des arguments solide qui ne viens pas ici pour salir la réputation qui parle des femme des mari désordre etc. etc qui n'ont rien avoir avec le business of the House.

Je dois peut être féliciter le Membre Emilien il a été a la bonne école. Ecole du Mouvement Rodriguais au moins il a appris quelque chose un gentlemen like et de pouvoir parler du programme et on vois d'autre personne qui n'arrive pas a le faire parcequ'il sont tellement amer tellement aigrie. Comme Mr. Grandcourt a dis dans la vie vous savez la fortune appartient a celui qui se lève tôt et l'homme humble, la femme c'est celui qui réussit. Quand une personne parle de lui a la troisième personne et qui va sur la radio pour se venter personnellement comme on

dis marchandise flatter par son maitre n'a pas de valeur. Et c'est dommage parce que il y a quelqu'un qui avais déjà dis une fois quand on parler a l'époque quand on été encore ensemble qui m'a dis vous savez une personne qui monte trop vite au pouvoir est qui se croit tout puissant il tombe aussi très vite du pouvoir et c'est qui est arriver et se qui est arriver. Nous nous avons pris beaucoup de temps pour arriver ou nous sommes aujourd'hui en 2002 quand nous sommes aller au élection on été en 47 % de la population et la politique c'est pas un combat d'un jour de deux mois, d'une semaine de trois jours. Mais c'est un combat qu'on y croit. C'est un combat de longues date et si on y croit même comme Mr. Grandcourt a dis contre les vent violent a va continuer de combattre. Et je dois ici rappeler dans le secteur de la pêche, dans le secteur aéroportuaire, dans le secteur agriculture vous avez entendue le développement. On est la pour le développement pour le empowerment de toute homme et pour chaque femme et aussi pour l'île Rodrigues. Et on viens pas la pour faire la guerre au gouvernement centrale, ni la guerre aux autre institutions telle que la Commission de l'océan Indien, L'union Européenne ou personne ne voulais entendre parler de nous parce que il y avait quelqu'un qui essayer brouiller toute les relations parcequ'il voulait faire des choses a sa fason. Nous avons un Chef Commissaire qui a l'écoute de ses Membres, du Conseille et a l'écoute de l'opposition quand il y a des choses qui sont proposer et qui travaille dans l'intérêt. L'importance c'est pas avoir des slogans parce que actuellement se que le Rodriguais a le plus besoin c'est de pouvoir vivre convenablement avoir un logement décent pouvoir envoyer ses enfants a l'école et pouvoir manger convenablement. C'est sa le souhaite de tout homme Rodriguais et se qu'on essaie de faire. Et c'est vers cette population qu'on dirige se development et j'espère que la population a compris d'ailleurs, il y a beaucoup qui supporte cette idée ici et ailleurs et nous croyons dans le Chef Commissaire nous le soutenons vraiment, fermement avec beaucoup de force et nous serons toujours tenu jusqu'a la fin de notre mandat et nous espérons que nous ferons beaucoup encore de chemin ensemble. Et avec toute l'équipe qui est la je remercier toute les Membres qui ont intervenue et je dis bon vent au bateau. Merci.

(Applause)

Mr. Chairperson : We have reached the end of these two motions. Now it is for me to put a questions. I will start with the first motion, it has never been withdrawn even the Member who move it is not here. So, I will put the first question first as it appear on the Order Paper. Question this Assembly resolves that it has no confidence in the Chef Commissioner. Those in favour say ayes those in favour say no.

Noes have it.

Mr Chairperson: This Assembly resolves that it has absolute confidence in the Chief Commissioner. Those in favour ayes those in favour say no. Ayes have it.

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I beg to move the motion standing on my names reads as follows:

“That this Assembly is of opinion that, by virtue of section 31 of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act 2001, there is passed the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Fisheries and Marine Resources – The South East Marine Protected Area (SEMPA)), Regulations, 2011”

Mr. Chairperson Sir, I understand that a copy of the Regulation has been circulated to each and every member of this house.

Mr Chairperson, Sir on 17 February 2009 the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Fisheries and Marine Resources- Marine Protected area) Regulations was passed in this Assembly and was subsequently published in the Government Gazette of 28 February 2009. Since these last two years major progress have been made in the implementation of the SEMPA project and we are now in a position to come up with a more comprehensive Regulation. Part III of the former Regulation of 2009 will be subsequently repealed.

Mr Chairperson, Sir, allow me to give a brief history of the SEMPA project which is the subject of this Regulation.

Mr Chairperson Sir Our island is surrounded by 90 kms of coral reef which shelters a lagoon of 240 km² which is much bigger than the geographical area of the island. Man relies on his natural God-gifted environment for his sustainable livelihood and our population have naturally used the limited land resources and the lagoon surrounding it in order to earn a decent living. Over the years, despite the growth of the population the lagoon remains one of the major sources of livelihood for the population and in fact about 1500 fishermen derive their income from fishing in the lagoon. Due to the limited size of the island and lack of alternative employment generating industries on the island, there has been an overexploitation of the lagoon.

The overexploitation of the lagoon and the continuous degradation of the marine eco system has been a subject of concern for the Government, civil societies and the population. A plethora of measures have thus been introduced to curtail any further degradation of the fragile lagoon environment. The measures taken to date include the implementation of a Fishermen Relinquishment Scheme, the promotion of land based activities, effort to stimulate outer lagoon of fishing and the setting up of marine protected areas such that Rodrigues now possesses five Fishing Reserves and four Marine Reserves.

The four marine reserves were proclaimed in 2001 and are of a total surface area of 24.4 square Kilometres. In an attempt to further enhance better protection of the marine resources, efforts are being deployed in the southern region for the setting up of the Marine Protected Area (MPA) called the South East Marine Protected Area (SEMPA) which was officially launched in August **2005** with the setting up of a SEMPA Project Management Unit (PMU) at Port Sud Est and since various activities have been initiated to get the MPA in place.

Mr Chairperson, Sir, the Project was firstly designed to establish a model of co-management approach for the setting up and sustainable implementation of a Marine Protected Area (MPA) in the southern region and then to replicate the model in other regions in Mauritius. The project itself has been funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly under the project “Partnerships for Marine Protected Areas in Mauritius and Rodrigues”.

I am pleased Mr. Chairperson, Sir, to thank all these funding agencies, the international experts, the consultant the local personnel and the fishermen community of the region for supporting this project for a just cause of restoring, maintaining and preserving the marine ecosystem of the Island.

The SEMPA boundary extends from Pointe Corail (the western extent) to Pointe Roche Noire (Eastern extent) and also includes an outer lagoon of 20m isobaths which is considered as the spawning ground for a number of species. The idea behind including the whole southern in-lagoon was to better manage the resources through the development of appropriate zoning plan for the area. The SEMPA ensures that the spawning grounds are preserved for the replenishment and regeneration of the lagoon stock with juveniles. With a total surface area of more than 43 km² of which 30% will be under strict conservation, SEMPA is the largest marine park of the Republic of Mauritius.

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The SEMPA project yields a number of socio-economic and environmental benefits on the island. Within its boundaries, SEMPA hosts a variety of activities including fishing, kite surfing, diving, snorkelling. Within the conservation zone, SEMPA enables innocent passage as well as the use of vessels for the purposes of recreation and research activities. Various activities are now underway, ranging from awareness-raising of marine resources, scientific research to demarcation of the MPA boundaries.

Mr Chairperson Sir the main stakeholder within the South East Marine Protected Area is a population of about 950 fishers registered fishers, who are exploiting the remaining resources. The project aims at fostering sustainable use and equitable sharing of derivable benefits from Marine protected Areas (MPAs) through the board-based participation of all stakeholders.

Mr Chairperson Sir the establishment of the SEMPA will take into account the sustainability of the alternative livelihood activities for the welfare of the local community. The Project Management Unit (PMU) has initiated preliminary awareness raising activities involving all the local fishermen community, villages of the localities, students and the private sector with the collaboration of local NGOs. Moreover, Committees have been established with a view to ensuring that different stakeholders are involved in the decision process. Additionally, a South East Marine Protected Area Management Board comprising representatives of the government, the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the Civil Society amongst others has been set. This Board was till now responsible to oversee the project implementation towards its targeted outputs.

Moreover, scientific works have been carried out in field to assess the present status of the SEMPA and to establish baseline information for long term monitoring of the SEMPA resources.

Mr Chairperson Sir the SEMPA being the largest marine park of the Republic of Mauritius, with more than 43 Km² of area, was proclaimed a Marine Protected Area (MPA) on 28 February 2009 in the Government Gazette.

Mr Chairperson now that the SEMPA has been established there is need to provide for Regulations in order to ensure its sustainability and proper management.

Mr Chairperson, Sir, the main purpose of the SEMPA Regulations are as follows:-

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To move to a situation where all fishers are fishing sustainably, thereby professional fishers will be recognized and others will be limited to recreational fishing, therefore the fishers operating the f SEMPA will be registered with SEMPA and classified as professional fisher or recreational fisher.

To enforce the zones which will be done by a team of nine rangers recruited from the fisher community by the RRA to enhance greater ownership of the community for the MPA.

To establish the list of permissible activities within the SEMPA which include Innocent passage and the use of sail or motorized vessels for the purposes of fishing, recreation and research activities.

To set up all non-permissible activities within the SEMPA. It is not allowed to fish or anchor within the conservation zone of the SEMPA. Fishing may be authorized for research purposes only upon authorization of the Commissioner. To regularize all fishermen, water sports operator and other users via the application for a license to the Departmental Head. Hence, fees would be collected from the SEMPA Users., thus helping towards the financial sustainability of the MPA thereby reducing the RRA financial contribution into this department.

To set up a SEMPA board comprising fishing, water sports and tourism stakeholders amongst others, having as main objective to provide inputs to the MPA management and to review relevant documents for the proper functioning of the SEMPA.

To set up the SEMPA management unit which will be responsible of the day-to-day management of the SEMPA.

To establish a SEMPA fund which will help meeting the expenses of the MPA. The idea behind is to get the SEMPA self sustaining in the long

This new regulation repeals Part III of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Fisheries and Marine Resources- Marine Protected Areas) Regulations 2009. Government Notice (Rodrigues Regional Assembly) No. 2 of 2009. Legal Supplement to the Government Gazette of Mauritius No. 18 of 28 February 2009.

Mr Chairperson, Sir, the essence of the regulation is to provide for the following:

First, Section 3: Principles

This section provides for the establishment of a revolutionary approach to management of MPA in the Republic of Mauritius through a co-management approach to marine management which has become a wide spread practice in marine parks and fisheries management across the globe. Examples of different types of marine and land-based co-management exist now in many parts of the world including the East African Coast, South-East Asia, the Pacific Islands and the Caribbean. The South East Marine Protected Area, will however, be a first for Rodrigues, Mauritius and indeed the Indian Ocean, and is therefore ground for breaking. Co management entails the enactment of the Community Resource Committees regrouping all fishers of the Fish Landing station, the Community Advisory Council regrouping representatives of the former and the SEMPA management Board.

SEMPA is not being established to exclude fishers but is being managed as a sustainable resource use area. Currently there are some 700 registered fishers within SEMPA and some 600-800 fishers fishing without a cards. Some current fishers have full time employment and their fishing contributes to overfishing and causes resentment amongst those professional fishers that depend on fishing for all or a substantial part of their income. Our objective is to move to a situation where all fishers are fishing sustainably, and this involves recognizing professional fishers and limiting others to recreational fishing as per Part III (2) of the regulation. Therefore the fishers of SEMPA will be registered with SEMPA and classified as professional fisher or recreational fisher.

The community need to be empowered to contribute to the economy of Rodrigues by providing them with more sustainable livelihood options. This is being addressed through the development of a Livelihood strategy currently underway by an International Livelihood Expert supported by a National Livelihood Coordinator both recruited by the UNDP for the project. This livelihood strategy will provide guidelines for potential sustainable alternative livelihood activities for the SEMPA community. One concrete example of alternative economic activity is demonstrated by the Association des Pecheurs du Parc Marin du Sud Est established in 2008 and which have benefitted a grant from GEF Small Grants Programme for funding of a glass bottom boat, which is already operational in the south of the island. Therefore my office will promote further such activities for the welfare of the fisher community

Secondly, Section 4: Delimitation and zones of the South East Marine Protected Area

This section gives statutory recognition to the outer boundary and zones of the South East Marine Protected Area as indicated in the first, second and third schedules of this regulation.

This Section also provide powers to the Commissioner for Marine Parks for the designation of a SEMPA zones by notice as Conservation Zones, Multiple Use Zones or Multiple-Use Seasonal Zones whereby:

Conservation Zone means a zone of the South East Marine Protected Area meant for conservation purposes and where no extractive use is allowed except for research purposes;

Multiple-Use Zone means a zone of the SEMPA where fishing is permitted by any legal methods authorised under this Regulation;

Multiple-Use Zone (seasonally closed) means a zone within the South East Marine Protected Area which shall be open for and closed from fishing over discrete periods of the year.

The SEMPA outer boundary as well as the different zones have already been demarcated by the use of buoys in 2011. The different zones were demarcated by the PMU with the support of the community in December 2010 to January 2011. With the coming into force of these zones the need for effective enforcement is warranted. Enforcement of the zones will be done by a team of nine rangers recruited from the fisher community by the RRA to enhance greater ownership of the community for the MPA. Powers for enforcement will be entrusted to the rangers through the enactment of these present regulation. The rangers will be supported by the officers of the Fisheries Protection Service and National Coast Guard. It is expected that a closer management of the activities within the area will result in an increase in fisheries and marine resources.

Thirdly, Section 5: Permissible activities within the SEMPA

This section prescribes the different permissible activities within SEMPA which shall be subject to possession of necessary license. The permissible activities include: right for innocent passage as well as the use of sail or motorised vessels for the purposes of fishing, recreation and research activities.

Mr Chairperson, Sir Fourth, Section 6: Non permissible activities within a Conservation Zone of the SEMPA.

Within the Conservation Zone no person shall be authorised to fish or anchor any boat. Fishing may be authorized for research purposes only upon authorization of the Commissioner.

Section 7: Non permissible activities within the SEMPA

This section prescribes all the activities not allowed in SEMPA which ranges from illegal fishing modes prescribed in the Fisheries and Marine Resources Act 2007 as well as use motorized ecotourism activities such as jet skis among others.

For effective implementation the elements of these last three sections namely Sections 5, 6 and 7 of this regulation there is need for stringent enforcement of the existing laws and regulations by relevant institutions

Section 8: Application for user licenses and user fees

Under this section all SEMPA users shall apply for a license to the Departmental Head for use of as a fisherman, as water sports operator or other user. The limit on number of authorized licenses shall be the responsibility of the Commissioner based on the established carrying capacity of the MPA.

The Commissioner is being empowered under this regulation to set appropriate fees collection from the SEMPA users.

This will be implemented by the SEMPA Management Unit where appropriate fees will be collected for helping towards financial sustainability of the MPA thereby reducing the RRA financial contribution into operation of the SEMPA.

Section 9: The South East Marine Protected Area Board

For the proper development and adoption of the co-management approach to the MPA set up, there is need for a platform where the different stakeholders can share their view and provide input to the MPA management. This is provided by the setting up of the SEMPA Board which is mandated to advise the Commissioner, review and endorse relevant documents for the proper functioning of SEMPA. The purpose of the Board is to allow formal representation of the

fishing, water sports and tourism stakeholders The membership of the board is therefore set out in the Fourth schedule of the regulation.

Section 10: The SEMPA Management Unit

The SEMPA office shall be staffed by appropriate personnel called SEMPA officers composing the SEMPA Management Unit which shall have the responsibility for the day to day management. SEMPA officers shall also be entrusted with powers of arrest.

Section 11: The South East Marine Protected Area Fund

There shall be established under this regulation a SEMPA Fund which shall have main purpose to help meet the expenses for the proper management of the MPA. The aim is to get SEMPA self sustaining in the long term by hopefully generating as much funds as possible while still working within the carrying capacity of the MPA.

Mr Chairperson Sir, The establishment of the SEMPA will help to involve all the different stakeholders into the decision making which is an adaptive co-management approach to MPA set up in Mauritius. This initiative helps to avoid user conflicts which may arise in an area with no management. This project will help to put Rodrigues on the regional and international scene given its specificity and its distinct approach to address specific issues about the setting up of MPA.

This regulation will therefore provide with the legal framework for the management of the southern lagoon and outer lagoon. The expected outcome will be a better management of the resources thereby reducing pressure presently being deployed on the lagoon. The success will largely depend on the willingness and commitment of the community for pushing the project forward. Commitment and willingness will be the result of concerted effort on all fronts to support the community starting with the development of viable alternative economic activities. It is hoped Mr. Chairperson, Sir, that this regulation gets the support of this Assembly to help the Marine Protected Area move forward and have a fruitful life. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, Sir, The Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Fisheries And Marine Resources The South East Marine Protected Area (SEMPA), Regulations, 2011 is being presented to the house for being voted, in view of equipping SEMPA with the ingredient for success, strengthening and positioning it on the front line in the region as one of the most recent and most innovative MPAs in the Republic of Mauritius and in the Indian Ocean region.

Before I end Mr. Chairperson, Sir will fell in my duty if I do not place on recall the tremendous work dealt by Mr. Alain sedrass I know he was here in this House and i want forget to thank him a lot for his contribution and I would like to thank all Members of this House to vote for these Regulation.

Thank you very much Mr Chairperson Sir.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner second the motion

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: Yes, I hope I can see on my paper because after some time I did not see. If at one time what happened on and beneath the seas was ‘out of sight, out of mind’, that can no longer be the case. Let us work together to protect the oceans and coastal zones to help small islands survive and prosper to ensure that all people enjoy a sustainable future”.

These were the words of the United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan on the 13th January 2005 at the Mauritius International Meeting for Small Islands Development States. Rodrigues was then represented by the Chief Commissioner and the Minority Leader.

If, Mr. Chairperson, Sir, I have chosen this introduction quote as my ‘entree en matiere’ to examine this piece of regulations before us today, it is to illustrate my unequivocal approval of the concept of this effort to plan for a sustainable future for our beloved island, and I believe that we should all think the same way, unless we are not a patriot. Yes indeed, any such project which objectives aim at safeguarding our cultural heritage and natural resources are most welcome given the increase pressure that Rodrigues is facing already in terms of natural disasters nowadays we see that there is more violent climate conditions, tsunamis and even greater concerns of earthquakes, threatening our existence which naturally are beyond our control. But a Marine Protected Area (MPA) will provide the basis for natural resource management which is here under our control and provide a sustainable development tool that will contribute to the long term livelihoods of our people, our culture and our economy. An MPA in the South East of the island even on a long term scale promises enhanced productivity, jobs and income for our fishermen, and as we know fishermen are numerous I just listen to the Chief Commissioner more than one thousand of them operating in the Southern part of our island so therefore constitute a very highly important region for this very poor segment of our population. It also means the replenishment of our stock of fish which constitute our preferred animal protein and therefore a vital source of health

and wellbeing for our people. Whether well-off or poor in Rodrigues, we all are happy when we have *‘nous ti transse poisson dans nou l’assiette’*.

But while welcoming without any reserves the project’s concept, my first reaction when I received the regulations in my hands was that it took us 7 years from 2004 to 2011 and that it passed in the hands of three different governments to be finally designed, establishing the required zoning and drafting the related regulations to be passed today in this house. What’s more we are talking of the single site MPA of 43sq kilometres while we see that other island countries like the Seychelles for example, have nearly 30 MPA sites. This gives us an idea Mr. Chairperson, Sir, of our difficulty let us acknowledge of our difficulty here in Rodrigues pour ‘diligenter et dispatcher’ high profile projects. We had a vision. We had agreed objectives as regards to this project. We had international funding, support and expertise of donor organisations such as the Global Environment Fund and the United Nations Development programme I think the UNDP which was ushering us, **and yet we could not do better**. Seven year is quite long such an important projects. After the projects signature agreement in 2004 we see and I have learn that not a single activity was done during the 1st two years, 2004 and 2005, but some initiatives were taken in 2006 before the OPR government quitted office that same year, this Government that I formed part of course and from 2006 to 2011 there has been two MR governments the projects also dragged on for nearly 5 years with the major disbursement done only as from 2009. We see that administrative slowness, red-tapism and repeated political instabilities have caused an extension of the project, which lifetime was initially to be from 2004 to 2007 for another 3 years extended which we have not again respected because we already in 2011. If we display such free-and-easy-attitude while still being under international funding’s commitment, one wonders what will happen when the Rodrigues Regional Assembly imply all of us not just I mean not just you the actual Regional Government because it implies all thought out since 2004. What will happened when the Rodrigues Regional Assembly will take full control of finance and management of the project next year. Of course each one of the 3 different governments have mentioned who developed SEMPA which design SEMPSA could have a pile of plausible explanations for such a delay but today people are not interested with the details what they want to see the results!

And it must be noted that during these 7 years taken for SEMPA’s technical design and official establishment today, M. Chairperson Sir, one of the most critical element which guarantees its success is still not secured , that is the stakeholders’ understanding, blessing and participation. Doing meetings regularly with them does not mean that they totally agree. SEMPA embracing the entire

coastline of region no3 which is my constituency, I have met with fishermen and women last week I have even telephone some of them again in the south east especially in the region of Songes Port Sud Est and Graviers and there are still anxieties about what will happen to them. Some fishermen told me that there are not aware that the regulations is coming into force and I don't know where the responsibility and some of us told me that there are still unfinished discussions with SEMPA, in the sense that their major question put in different meeting as to whether they will be compensated or not was never clearly answered by the authorities and that they is still in a wait- and- see- mood regarding the project.

I have listen to the Chief Commissioner very carefully, he has said that there is no condition that those person will loose this economic area that they would stay but may be there are major explanation that have to be given even gain to them. So therefore, I would invite the authorities to clear this question once for all with them to give a chance to this laudable initiative to deliver its promises. Because apart from the frustration of those economic operators which are numerous some mechanisms included in these regulations which some of us you have usely mentioned precisely in the sections 2 and 9 and in the fourth schedule concerning the fishermen representation on the SEMPA Board may be at stake if the person still not understood where you are coming about. By the way we heard a SEMPA Officer explaining over the radio yesterday morning of the fishermen's reluctance towards the setting up of the Community Resource Committee. That person are explaining quite clearly over the radio when I woke up yesterday morning. However I agree that the principle of co-management is a very good idea which will fully involve stakeholders and bring together traditional and modern knowledge and management practices. But the co-management of SEMPA can only function if the Rodrigues Regional Assembly takes the lead to solve the question of redeployment whether there's any compensation if it is contemplated, early retirement I see that with some other fishermen I have spoke too they are interested into early retirement as well or changing of fishing locations from inside to off lagoon with those concerned because even we are speaking about forty three square kilo meters which is quite large I think it represents 17% of the lagoon total surface area but having more than one hundred percent on this surface area is quite a bid traffic Mr. Chairperson, Sir.

Taking action comes with a price, M Chairperson Sir. And at this juncture, I would like to recognize that fishing just like we have said this morning is one of the most dangerous occupations in the world. That it is complex and requires a multiplicity of factors such as the type of boats, and gears used, the stock density and the areas where fishing is done. As such even if in SEMPA's delimitations

requires that only 15% of the 43sq kilometres is being established as a no-take zone that is nobody can take anything out of it except for research where fishermen are not allowed to fish, there is in total 43sq kilometres like as I just said 17% of our 250sq kilometres of lagoon that is being put under conservation and wholly in the South East region from Gravier to Pointe Noir to Dan Coco, stretching in some places right into the deep sea. This means that fishermen concerned will be the one to bear the highest cost of this project (**change Cassette**) and its resources and minimising at the same time the socio economic considerations of the project every public investment Mr. Chairperson, Sir has equity and various implication and SEMPA is not exception according to me. Closing near-shore environment like a very sheltered lagoon, will force the fishermen to venture out to more distant waters, and therefore operate in riskier environments. They are called to change fishing locations but also fishing techniques and this has inevitably a capital and a human cost because when you are of a certain age you don't want to change your career you don't want any major fluctuation in the way that you have earned your experience. So that's why I think it has also a human cost. I proposed that a better understanding of benefits and costs include ways to compensate losers and allow therefore the SEMPA proposal to move forward more smoothly. And we have said and acknowledge after seven years and with the UNDP are major donor leaving us next year I am right we cannot wait to solve this sort of misunderstandings I don't know because I have not done a major surveys I have spoken like that to some persons I don't know what is the extent of the misunderstanding what I can tell you is that those persons to whom I am spoken they are Members of the Fishermen organisation in the South East This I can tell you. So therefore with the major donor leaving and after so many years so the establishment of SEMPA so we cannot wait to solve this sort of misunderstand because SEMPA's effectiveness in meeting its management objectives will be influenced by how fishermen respond to them and the presence of other threats in that specific region.

Some fishermen are infuriated and I hope that we take note of that and see which way we can the way of fairness due to this specific project. It is possible because we see in Mauritius fairness is in almost all projects in the VRS and in what cost to the Government and why not to our Rodriguan people Mr. Chairperson, Sir. Some fishermen encolere by the fact they have already shifted in off-lagoon fishing already since a moment now and that their in-lagoon cards have still not been converted accordingly while others who are not fishing off lagoon in the south east region people whom they know. Des gens qui nous coutois have already obtained their off lagoon card while they are not even operating in the outer lagoon. My suggestion Mr. Chairperson, Sir is that in the context of SEMPA, a fast track can be created to regularise the case of fishermen who are

willing to go and fish off lagoon so that we removed the number of persons operating that sector that their cards are rapidly converted accordingly. Because as I see cards for off lagoon should be easily granted because people are I will I say removing the pressure from this over exploited area. The remaining question of the management cost of SEMPA now remains, M Chairperson Sir. The scope of the project in terms of surface area is quite interesting and we must say that it was high time that Rodrigues devise ways and means to maximise the contribution of the marine sector's productivity in terms of benefits for the future. We all know that our marine environment has a larger expanse than our landmass of only 110 sq kilometres and we must have a well thought plan for its development. We understand that the benefits will be in terms of, addressing the causes of overfishing, increasing the fish stocks and the volume and quality of catches, in species diversity, higher density levels and biodiversity preservation and well as scientific knowledge which will be very very important or other types of projects of that sort. Given the state of our lagoon which is more more and more over more exploited, we have nothing to lose and we can say the expected benefits of SEMPA outweigh the costs that it will incurred. With the UNDP leaving the management, the enforcement and monitoring in the Rodrigues Regional Assembly hand, the burden of the continued financial investment in SEMPA rests now with Rodrigues Regional Assembly with now practising the project. I see that a fund is being created which is a very good thing to meet the expenses namely by way of money appropriated from Rodrigues Regional Assembly, licence fees, charges and grants and as regards to grants experiences elsewhere in the world have shown that donors are more interested into helping for MPA's creation, like it's been done here in Rodrigues, and not their management which is quite expensive. Recruitment of additional rangers and of officers is still required and I see that in the budget here the provision in the PBB has not mentioned about the officers and as far as I understand the UNDP have the required persons under contract and when they would believing it is for the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to remove those persons the Chief Commissioner has just spoken about 9 rangers. I have understood over the radio that there are already some rangers working and there are nine of us which would be recruited so this means the cost very high cost Mr. Chairperson, Sir I don't know which way which formula will be used whether these persons deviendront des fonctionnaires or they will be of renewable contract I don't know and Mr. Chairperson, Sir I see also that I cannot realise that I have looked into the budget I don't have an idea since there is not specific to that as regards to the SEMPA taking over I cannot actually realise thing. Unfortunately and I supposed to have equipments that is to be bought and that they may be infrastructures that have to be constructed and if my information is correct, UNDP/GEF have funded 675,000 dollars already in Rodrigues and they now will

turn to Mauritius with there projects there for MPA in Blue Bay and another one in BalACLava and they have as far as I can recall and envelope of 2 million dollars and so therefore for the 1 MPA in Rodrigues and 2 and to unless these are 2 small MPA'S. Surely the remaining 1.3 million dollars will be for those 2 other sites there in Mauritius. Which means that the long term costs of effective management of SEMPA will depend on, sustainable financing mechanisms that need to be constantly thought of.

Speaking about management Mr. Chairperson, Sir I think that in the Executive Council's press release of the 17th September 2010, the Regional Government approved that consultations be initiated for the signature of a memorandum of understanding between SEMPA and the Global Vision International based in the United Kingdom to help in better management of marine and terrestrial resources of Rodrigues. It would be good to know because I have not heard in his introduction the Chief Commissioner mentioned in this it would be good to know whether this consultation has ever started and when we are with regard to that perspective. I think it's good that we can have enlist the co-corporation

My last point before concluding M Chairperson concerns the second schedule of these regulations where it is unfortunately noted that the legend of the Boundary and zoning map is so blurred that it prevents us to really distinguish clearly the exact distribution of the multiple use zones, the seasonal and the conservation ones within SEMPA. A clearer map would have enabled Mambers to figure out better how SEMPA presents itself on the sea. Because we are not going to go on the sea even if we go without a map we want know really what it how it is pointed out and how it is being managed and I was interested to know where is the conservation zone are found because if they are two concentrated may be in my constituency of the coast this is one to bear the cost, the highest cost of that because they would have to go for deep into the sea or dragging down to the Southern Eastern region, the Southerm region so this is not be good. But I don't see, I see all the legend are the same. I suppose that we must having taking the photograph colour for.. and having it in black so that we don't see really clearly

In conclusion M Chairperson Sir, I would say that with our fisheries on the brink of collapse and given the dependency of another pillar of our economy that is tourism, on the marine and coastal environment and also because tourist come when they see beautiful protected beaches and spectacular dive sites and foreign currencies come with those persons, we must acknowledge that SEMPA can be a critical tool to support and sustain those two sectors as well as undermine poverty.

So therefore, I wish well to SEMPA and I say *bon courage a toute l'equipe qui va travailler se project*, Merci.

Mr. Chairperson: Yes. Chief Commissioner Is there any reaction for that

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir I will be brief in my summing up. First of all I would like to thank the respected Member on the other side who has provide for valuable contribution in order to support this regulation. As we have seen, if we have failed in this Sempa that has taken so much time to come up with this final regulation today Mr. Chairperson, Sir is that we believe in the sustainability of such a project in order to enhance productivity to promote job, to replenish stock of fishing in the lagoon for the benefit of one and all Mr. Chairperson, Sir one of the reasons why it is justified after a proper regulation for this. I give you just one exemple last year I visited lastly I visited a kujupa in a class bottom boat, then you can see what treasure this part of the lagoon as in terms of marine life, corals which are still in tack which is reach for research an so on. Bbut it is being frighten by pollution caused by fuel left by boats, by traps that has been left inside and if it is incremental to the life of this part of the sea. Now Mr. Chairperson, Sir, that we have had the Financing support of the International donors like the UNDP and Jeff and so on. We are just preparing for the Strategy and of course we have to provide in the next budget funds to ensure that once the UNDP leaves can cater to pay for the management of this SEMPA and will try to see how this can be done and we are are also thinking about and are doing we the live leave expert and the national livelihood officer as well. They are preparing those concerned within the Sempa zone to get a sustainable livelihood and this is being done for quite a time now and of course we will also consider the relinquishment of those who want to go on early retirement because we already have a scheme for that. You will see how to give priority for those in the Sempa zone. And of course those who want to go fishing off-lagoon. They also they will have to be given priority. And I am proud today Mr. Chairperson, Sir, that it is during this present Regional Government that we have been able to come along with this Regulation, the Sempa Regulation 2011. Mr. Chairperson, Sir unfortunately my other colleagues have not been able to participate in the debate due to the lack of time. But I do understand according to the respected Member that there need to be a continuous sensitization campaign to be done with those concern in the Sempa and of course I will take all this into consideration I will find out how to fast track the off-lagoon fishers so that those who want to go outside the lagoon they are given priority. I am also taken note of the clearer demarcation of the different zoning in the Sempa and of course I will see to it that all these are taken into consideration.

Now, Mr. Chairperson, Sir I want take too long the time of the House. I wish to thank the respected Member thank all my colleague here for the time taken of the House to listen to my intervention of the lengthy intervention today on this regulation and I command the Motion to the House.

Thank you.

The Motion was put and agreed too.

Mr. Chairperson: From the Order, it is the last item before moving the adjournment of this House I have a little announcement to make. Respected Members, I have to inform you that the Clerk Mr. Navin Gopall will be leaving us probable next month and would probably not be here when the Assembly next week. I know, I am sad too but he has to go. He has been offered employment as Clerk Assistant at the National and he has accepted the job. His to resume on the 11th of July this year and I understand that the vacancy has been advertised today, itself. I wish to say that for all the time he has been here for the three and a half years. He has been able I think he is the only Clerk to do that to keep me in a sense away from this Assembly as he proved to be a person whom I can rely and I did rely on him.

I am now looking forward for our friendship to remain even if he is at the National Assembly and would see to it he becomes our correspondent at the National Assembly in any post should occupying here. And I hope he will be glad to receive us at his works place in the National Assembly. He would be definitely working I understand with Mr. Christian Leopold, Member of the National Assembly whom you know very well, I can't say more. And lastly I would wish him a very good career there and I hope he will visit us as I understand that his only daughter was born here.

Thank you very much.

The Chief Commissioner: Mr. Chairperson, Sir, before I move for adjournment allow me to join in extending my heartfelt thank to the Clerk not only on my behalf but also on behalf of my colleagues of the majority here. To thank him for the tremendous work that he has been doing during the tenor of office here in this Assembly and I ... he has been promoted to a higher position because he now go to work in the National Assembly and I am very proud of him. And I wish

him a fruitful career and thank him a lot for all the contribution that he has got to this House during his mandate here.

Thank you a lot Clerk.

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: Je vais dire quelque mot moi aussi au noms de l'opposition je voudrais remercier Mr. Gopall. Je suis bien content de pouvoir m'associer avec tout le monde pour saluer Mr. Gopal. C'est se gars de personne qu'on aimerait avoir a Rodrigues. Et je dois dire que j'ai beaucoup apprecier sa jeunesse en generale sa motivation son humiliter. C'était une personne tres serviable et surtout toujours prete a ecouter et a vouloir aider pour que L'Assemblee marche bien. Au niveau de a librairies il a innove. Nous qui sommes certain d'entre nous des ..librarie on essaie de voir qu'elle sont les development qui arrive. C'est sous son autoriter qui a eu un autre Computer, un pc, des faciliter d'impression etc. Donc d'autre faciliter de journaux par exemple et c'est lui qui a eu l'idee de mettre a la disposition des Members donc je suis tres fier de Mr. Gopal et je savais que comme on dis un dicton plus vous donner et vous etre genereux vous gagner et donc je pense qu'il nous a beaucoup donner et j'espere que le bon Dieu va lui donner toute la securiter qu'il a besoin pour sa carrier il le merite vraiment. Merci.

The Chief Commissioner: Yes, Mr. Chairperson, Sir I beg to move that the Assembly do now adjourned to Friday 23rd September 2011 at 15 hours.

The question was put and agreed too.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner second the motion.

ADJOURNMENT MATTER

« Faire de Port Mathurin un village, c'est un recul du siecle »

Mrs. Arlette Perrine-Begue: Mr. Le Président, vu que L'Assemblée est renvoyé a septembre, je voudrais pas abuser, il est déjà tard. J'avais prévue moi aussi, j'ai pris le temps de préparer pour dire certaine chose et je pense que c'est dans l'urgence et dans la situation du jour. On ne peut pas attendre septembre.

Donc, mon intervention Mr. Le Président cet après midi est intitulée ce soir et même ce matin je dirais.

Mr. Le Président, mon intervention, ce titre a pour titre faire de Port Mathurin un village, c'est un siècle de recul. Il s'agit Mr. Le Président, d'ajouter ma voix a ceux qui avant moi ont déjà exprimé officiellement toute leur émotion après l'annonce d'un projet grotesque je dirais, irrespectueux, surréaliste formulé sans aucune consultation avec le peuple de Rodrigues. Celui de faire de Port Mathurin un village. C'est cela le but de mon intervention Mr. Le Président, parce qu'entant que patriote on ne peut pas ne pas contribuer a ce débat et on ne peut pas rester tranquille sous prétexte qu'on va essayer d'aller dormir une demie heure plus tôt. Je m'excuse encore une fois de mon patriotisme, Mr. Le Président.

Je félicite tous ceux qui ont tout de suite réagit pour exprimer toute la clameur de leur sidération devant une telle proposition venant du Ministère des Administrations Régionales, du Ministre Monsieur Herve Aimée. Notamment il y eu messieurs Claude Wong So, Mr. Christian Léopold, Mr. Serge Clair, Mr. Stevenson Clair et d'autres dont je n'ai pas la connaissance. J'espère que d'autres vont avancer pour parler d'une même voix, d'une seule voix pour faire bloc contre cette infamie, Mr. Le Président.

Monsieur le Président, il y a d'abord cette confusion générale qui questionne la légitimité de la mention de cette provision dans notre loi, alors que la terre, land est totalement *vested* dans la responsabilité de l'Assemblée Régionale. Est-ce que se n'est pas une ingérence sa Mr. Le Président et qu'il devait revenir a L'Assemblée Régionale de décider de son aménagement générale. De plus la *Section 26 (3) de la RRA Act 2001* donne déjà un pouvoir de *Local Government* Mr. Le Président je parle sous votre correction et tous les pouvoirs de création et de classification de ville et de village à L'Assemblée Régionale. Il est grand temps Mr Le Président, selon moi, qu'on réalise que Rodrigues est une région autonome et distincte dans la République de Maurice, la République qu'on respecte . Mais il y a une loi, une autonomie, une region qui est distincte est dirigé d'une autre manière pour beaucoup de raison donc la distance Mr. Le Président et la connaissance de notre situation. Et donc il est grand temps que cette loi qui nous gouverne qui nous donne ici sur cette partie de la République le droit de gérer nos acquis se qui nous a été verser comme responsabilité. Toute nouvelle loi, ou tout amendement doit apporter un avancement Mr. Le Président, pour Rodrigues et non un recule. Et donc si nous acceptons une révision de n'importe quelle loi ou des amendements, c'est pour élargir l'autonomie et non pas pour rétrécir l'autonomie c'est pas possible.

Dans les villages, Mr. Le Président les conversations vont bon train les Rodriguais sont très docile, mais ils ne sont pas bête dans leur salon, sous les arbres ils causent et que se passe t'il la semaine dernière je suis aller voir Mr. Le Président une personne et en passant dans un village, il y un groupe de joueurs de caroms qui m'ont interpellé et dedans il y avait un grand-père qui m'a dit : « *Hein madame, be mwen toultan ki fe mone habitude dire mo piale en ville, zordi a l'age 68 ans ki mo pou dire mo pou alle dans villaz ?* » Et j'ai été surprise d'entendre un grand travailleur social répéter exactement la même chose la semaine dernière dans une réunion.

Mais si Monsieur Aimé était sorti de son confort, du confort de son paradis et *qui li ti vine guette nou lor nou ros*, parceque moi je me souviens quand je travaillais a Maurice au début de ma carrière journalistique les gens me disaient fais carrière a Maurice, *qui to pé alle faire lor sa ros la*. Mais moi j'aime beaucoup mon rocher C'est mon refuge, Mr. Le Président, et donc s'il était venu nous voir lors nous roche nous lui aurions dit Mr. Le Président :-

Premièrement que Port Mathurin c'est non seulement notre chef lieu et notre ville dans notre cœur depuis plusieurs décennies comme il est écrit, il est référé dans les livres, les magazines, l'internet et dans les reportages, etc. Mais aussi que pour beaucoup de Rodriguais aujourd'hui c'est carrément notre capitale et notre capitole. Et pardon s'il vous plait si je commets ici un crime de lèse-nationalité;

Deuxièmement même si beaucoup dise que Rodrigues ce n'est juste une roche, mais Port Mathurin est déjà graver comme notre ville *lor nou ros* Mr. Le Président et qu'on n'a pas besoin pour cela de décret on a pas besoin d'une loi ou d'un quel qu'onc statut. C'est déjà notre ville.

Troisièmement qu'il y a encore d'autres villages qui de notre point de vue ont déjà passe le cap de simple village parcequ'il y a des Regional Health centers par exemple à Mt. Lubin, à La Ferme par exemple se qui veut dire que ses villages sont déjà de très gros agglomération qui ont déjà toute la considération populaire pour postuler au statut de ville chez nous. Rodrigues a en effet le potentiel pour abriter une ville administrative, une ville industrielle à la Ferme par exemple, une ville culturelle à Malabar. S'il était venu nous voir Mr. Le Ministre Aimée il aurait vu cela. Pas besoin de lui dire, il aurait vu.

Et puis Monsieur le président, l'argumentation qu'il a faite autour de ce projet, sous prétexte qu'il n'y a pas assez de personne dans la ville, la première argumentation sur le nombre sa ne tiens pas parceque quatrièmement nous lui

aurions dit que Rodrigues n'a jamais demandé une ville à l'échelle de Maurice ou à l'échelle Internationale mais d'une ville à notre propre échelle. Or, Port Mathurin qui a déjà toutes les caractéristiques d'une grande ville c'est se Monsieur Marc GOSE qui me disait cela. C'est lui même qui a fait le design de L'Assemblée du bâtiment nouveau de L'Assemblée. Donc, il m'avait dit que Port Mathurin avait toutes les caractéristiques d'une grande ville à comparer même aux villes de 500 habitants en France et que Port Mathurin inclut des agglomérations adjacentes telles que Camp du Roi qui y est déjà intégré dans Port Mathurin, Accacia, Fond la Digue, Baie Lascars, 'Creve Cœur, Pointe Monier et même de Mont Charlot parceque Mont Charlot a déjà le pied dans Port Mathurin. Comment vous allez design Port Mathurin sans mettre Mont Charlot maintenant les développements pour upgrade le village sa c'est autre chose. Notre ville Port Mathurin a ses banques, ses sphères sociales telles que les espaces verts, le port, la place est réservée pour son front de mer, la douane, des collèges, une église et son hôpital si on prend Crève Cœur parceque l'architecte Mr. GOSE me disait qu'on pourrait délimiter Port Mathurin jusqu'à Pont Hanning la haut. On se demande sur quelle information se base Monsieur Aimée pour décider au nez et à la barbe d'une population qu'il ne connaît même pas.

Et cinquièmement qu'en faisant un peu de « littérature review » comme il est requis à tout projet de cet envergure, il aurait su que Port Mathurin avait accédé au statut de village le 19 Octobre 1905. C'était une déclaration du Gouverneur de l'époque Cavendish Boyle à la suite de la Proclamation No6 de 1905 passée par le Conseil Exécutif 13 jours plus tôt, soit le 6 Octobre 1905.

Et il aurait ainsi compris que son projet nous faisait reculer un siècle en arrière.

Parcequ'à cette époque, Monsieur le Président, nous étions encore à l'époque coloniale. Les gens vivaient encore dans des huttes couvertes de pailles et de feuilles de Lataniers, et le 1^{er} recensement de ce tournant de siècle fait en 1911 nous donnait 3,000 habitants à cette époque et Port Mathurin avait déjà un statut officiel, très officielle, du Gouverneur représentant de la Reine ou du Roi George V je crois à cette époque 3000 milles habitants. Les missionnaires venaient d'arriver, les églises et les écoles n'étaient pas encore construites. Les gens n'étaient pas encore éduqués ni même évangéliser. Et à titre de comparaison avec le niveau de vie d'aujourd'hui, pour dire que le niveau de Port Mathurin aussi c'est améliorer même si nous savons très bien que relativement nous connaissons un retard en terme de développement sur l'ensemble du territoire mais les médecins à cette époque touchaient Rs1500. Et pour vous dire les niveaux de vie.

Si ce projet était maintenu, de faire de Port Mathurin un village, parce qu'on sait très bien qu'on est une région autonome mais qu'il y a le Gouvernement Central qui peut à n'importe quel moment à n'importe quelle heure passer son projet. Cela voudrait dire 3 choses Monsieur le Président:-

Que Rodrigues au lieu d'avancer est appelé à reculer par siècle.

Que nous sommes encore dans l'époque coloniale, ou on ne nous reconnaît pas le droit à la parole.

Et que d'autres savent mieux ce qui est bon pour nous.

Qu'à Maurice Mr. Le Président on voit qu'il y a 5 villes mais ici à Rodrigues il y a une seule petite ville. Il y en a une seule et on veut nous l'effacer et nous l'enlever Mr. Le Président. Une attitude de conquérant qui n'est plus la bienvenue.

Il ne faut plus se cacher la face et je pense qu'il ne faut pas être hypocrite quand il y a des choses à dire il faut savoir la dire mais il faut la dire. Avec l'autonomie le peuple de Rodrigues croyait avoir délégué un exécutif de fils et de filles du sol, à travers un gouvernement régional, cette assemblée également et dignes représentants des élus, pour parler pour lui. Et voilà qu'un beau matin un projet était concocter, *casse dans pied* comme on dit dans nous créole, pour nous dénigrer. C'est une insulte à la démocratie représentative. On se souvient très bien que même dans l'ancien système avant l'autonomie des personnes comme Madame Sheila Bapoo, Le Ministre Bunawree avaient pris la peine de venir nous consulter ici pour finaliser plusieurs de leur projets. Pourquoi dans l'autonomie il faut retourner en arrière. Une insulte est faite à cette autonomie dans un pays où la démocratie représentative repose sur l'élection de représentants pour décider pour parler pour eux, et ces représentants se trouvent justement à Port Mathurin. C'est à Port Mathurin que Monsieur Aimée devait venir pour voir

Il faut dire que les Rodriguais ont entendus des perles de la bouche de beaucoup de personnes qui malheureusement il y a toute des équipes et des personnes qui nous respectent beaucoup mais il y a certains qui pensent que nous n'avons pas d'oreille pour entendre, de cœur pour souffrir, et des yeux pour pleurer. À se propos nous nous souvenons de Madame Parfait avait tenu ces propos imparfaits:- Elle avait dit Rodrigues pas mérite une piscine. Selon elle nous pas mérité nous.

Et L'ex Magistrat Monsieur le Ministre Faugoo qui avait tenus de propos de mauvais goûts il avait demander a la diaspora Rodriguaise de Maurice de rentrer chez elle, et maintenant Monsieur Aimer veut se faire détester avec son projet de village. Si Port Mathurin, est un village, Mr. Le Président, a les caractéristique d'un village, les 95 autres villages que deviendront-ils? Des bidonvilles, *des favelas, des townships et des shacks* qui sont les cauchemars des Sud Africains et des Brésiliens?

J'ai l'impression Monsieur le Président qu'on nous doit des excuses publiques pour la manière cavalière et insensée dont Rodrigues a été traitée dans le cadre de ce projet national.

L'histoire coloniale et post-indépendante regorge de trop d'épisodes malvenus ou Rodrigues était traitée pour quantité négligeable. L'autre jour à Maurice un intellectuel me disait qu'on nous donne tout, comme pour dire que nous ne méritons pas notre part de considération dans la nation. Et je lui ai dit mais on ne fait pas le même reproche aux Mahebourgeois ou aux Flacquois, au gens de Port Louis. Et on ne va jamais en calculant les développements a faire dans des différente région de Maurice calculer la contribution que Port Louis apporte, que Mahebourg apporte, Flacq apporte on dis que Flacq est une partie de Maurice il faudra la développer. Et donc ne pas décider du nombre de personnes qui se trouve a Flacq pour décider de l'allocation par tête d'habitants. Et je pense Mr. Le Président, c'est comme sa que nous devons discuter parce que trop c'est trop Monsieur le Président. Soit on est un et indivisible ou on est différent autre pour cette autonomie qu'on nous donne pour la gestion mais on reste on ... Sois on reste un et indivisible sois on est différent il faudra lui dire de quelle manière on est différent.

En attendant je pense Messieurs le Président que Rodrigues doit faire savoir est Rodrigues doit elle-même être convaincu qu'elle est un peuple en marche, fier et digne qui démontre son désir d'avancer en travaillant encore plus parce que ce qu'on lui reproche pour se faire respecter par ses résultats et sa capacité.

Et non rester muet a accepté parce que rester muet cela veut dire accepter de faire et de refaire le siècle à l' envers.

Merci le Président.