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FOURTH REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Debate No. 4 of 2019

Sitting of 27 March 2019

The Assembly met in the Assembly House,
Port Mathurin, at 10.30 a.m.

(Madam Chairperson in the Chair)

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The Executive Council

(Formed by Mr. Louis Serge Clair, G.C.S.K.)

Mr. Louis Serge Clair, G.C.S.K.	Chief Commissioner, Commissioner responsible for Central Administration, Civil Aviation (Administration), Education (Administration), Legal Services, Marine Services, Registration, Statistics in respect of Rodrigues, State Lands, Town and Country Planning, Tourism
Mr. Nicolson Lisette	Deputy Chief Commissioner, Commissioner responsible for Public Infrastructure including Highways and Roads and Public Buildings and Utilities, Transport, Water Resources
Mrs. Rose Marie Franchette Gaspard Pierre Louis, C.S.K	Commissioner responsible for Child Development, Cooperatives, Family Welfare, Handicraft, Industrial Development, Information Technology and Telecommunications, Prisons and Reforms Institutions (Administration), Trade, Commerce and Licensing, Vocational Training, Women's Affairs
Mr. Simon Pierre Roussety	Commissioner responsible for Civil Status, Community Development, Customs and Excise (Administration), Fire Services, Health (Administration), Judicial (Administration), Meteorology (Administration), Postal Services (Administration)
Mr. Louis Daniel Baptiste	Commissioner responsible for Consumer Protection, Employment, Housing, Labour and Industrial Relations, Social Security (Administration)
Mr. Jean Richard Payendee	Commissioner responsible for Agriculture, Environment, Fisheries. Food Production, Forestry, Marine Parks, Plant and Animal Quarantine
Mrs. Marie Rose de Lima Edouard -Ravina	Commissioner responsible for Arts and Culture, Library Services, Museums, Archives, Historical Sites and Buildings, Youth and Sports

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PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS

Madam Chairperson	-	Spéville, Mrs. Marie Pricie Anjela
Clerk	-	Legentil, Miss Marie Lyndia Yannick
Deputy Clerk	-	Pulchérie, Miss Marie Rose Axelle
Serjeant-at-Arms	-	Constant Perrine, Mr. Stenio

ANNOUNCEMENT

ORDER PAPER - AMENDED

Madam Chairperson: Respected Members, I have a short announcement to make as regards to the Order Paper. Pursuant to direction from the Leader of the House, the House had been initially convened for Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March 2019 as per Order Paper issued on the 22nd March 2019 and which set the business to be transacted in the House for these days. The Assembly having not sat due to cyclone Joaninha on the 25th and 26th of March 2019, I would like to draw the attention of Members that the Order Paper for today's sitting has been amended accordingly. Thank you.

STATEMENT BY COMMISSIONERS

CYCLONE JOANINHA

The Chief Commissioner: Mme. la présidente, pendant ces derniers trois jours, Rodrigues a vécu l'un des plus triste moment de son histoire avec le passage du cyclone Joaninha. Après le récent passage du cyclone Gelena deux semaines de cela, nous avons frôlé la catastrophe encore une fois. Heureusement, un changement de trajectoire dans les dernières heures nous a permis d'éviter le pire. Néanmoins après un premier constat, les dégâts sur le terrain sont considérables. Comme l'après Gelena, mon gouvernement restera au côté de la population pour les aider à se relever. Les Rodriguais sont nombreux à s'être déjà mis à la tâche après le passage de Joaninha. Les officiers des différentes Commissions de l'Assemblée Régionale sont déjà sur le terrain depuis très tôt ce matin afin de faire un premier constat. Mme. la présidente, c'est cela faire preuve de résilience.

Je voudrais confirmer ici l'engagement de mon Gouvernement Régional pour accompagner tous ceux et toutes celles qui ont été affectés par le cyclone. Je sympathise avec eux dans cette dure épreuve et leur assure que mon gouvernement va les aider à se relever tant que possible. Par ailleurs, pendant toute la durée du cyclone nous avons été continuellement en communication avec le Disaster Cell de Maurice. Et, une équipe de la SMF, du CEB et de Mauritius Telecom a déjà embarqué sur le premier vol ce matin afin de prêter main forte à leurs collègues de Rodrigues et pour aider à rétablir la situation dans le plus bref délai.

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Le Premier Ministre a exprimé sa volonté de visiter Rodrigues dès demain accompagner d'une délégation ministérielle et de tenir des discussions avec le Conseil Exécutif par rapport à l'aide nécessaire pour la reconstruction de Rodrigues.

Mme. la présidente, c'est dans cette optique que la majorité de cette Chambre va proposer des débats afin que nous soyons au côté de ceux qui ont souffert après le passage de ce cyclone et qui ont besoin de toute notre aide et notre soutien.

Je vous remercie de votre attention.

MOTION

RESUMTION OF DEBATE

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The Deputy Chief Commissioner: Madam Chairperson, I beg to move that the debate be now adjourned.

The Commissioner for Women Affairs & Others (Mrs. R.M.F. Gaspard-Pierre Louis) rose and seconded.

Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNEMENT

The Chief Commissioner: Madam Chairperson, I beg to move that this Assembly do now adjourn to Thursday 4th of April at 10.30 a.m.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner rose and seconded.

Question put and agreed to.

Madam Chairperson: The House stands adjourned.

*At 10.38 a.m., the Assembly was, on its rising adjourned to
Thursday 4th April 2019 at 10.30 a.m.*