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**Fifth Regional Assembly**

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**Debate No. 6 of 2024**

**Sitting of Tuesday 26 March 2024**

The Assembly met in the Assembly House, Port Mathurin, at 10.00 a.m.

**The National Anthem was played**

*(Mr Chairperson in the Chair)*

## RESUMPTION AND CONCLUSION OF DEBATE

### Motions – Chief Commissioner

*“This Assembly resolves that, for the purposes of section 44(1) of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act, there is approved the Draft Estimates of Recurrent Revenue, Recurrent Expenditure, Capital Revenue and Capital Expenditure for the financial year ending 30 June 2025.”*

**Mr N Lisette:** Mr Chairperson Sir, it is common knowledge that we did not attend the last two assembly sitting for we were not part of *the reccif* accord and we consider it judicious to leave the Alliance parties with their own business and I will also see the opportunity as the other have done it before to congratulate the new Deputy Chief Commissioner the new Chief Commissioner for his rent as new Chief Commissioner of course and also as regard of the nomination on the 12<sup>th</sup> of march and I also want to congratulate also because he has been elected the Deputy Chief Commissioner himself I saw that most of the people or the person who spoke before me has not congratulate him but he also deserve a congratulation because he been elected for this assembly as the deputy Chief commissioner and I will like also to congratulate all the other commissioners who has kept the respective sit because there has been the outgoing of a government and a new government have been formed and of course all of you deserve a new congratulation our congratulation.

Mr Chairperson Sir the budget was presented with great expectation special following the change of Chief Commissioner at the head of Executive Council and of course there has great expectation following the great *far far* that the Chief Commissioner himself created around this presentation. Yes, how there it is to be noted that on its presentation itself the lack of performance bilan makes the presentation a bitter. Yes, and this lack of bilan in the presentation of the budget remove most of its flavour and its savour this is why Mr Chairperson Sir, we find it odd that less than one month before the presentation of the budget the ex-Chief Commissioner chose rather to make a bilan and we know at the time that he was doing so, there is the seed of disaster that was being planted. Yes, Mr Chairperson *on peut pas danser c'est juger* yes, you cannot dance and juge yourself *les autres doivent vous jugez si vous danser bien Mr le Président*. This is why Mr Chairperson *en voulant mettre le projet au service de son ego et non le contraire* the ex-Chief Commissioner has miss the golden opportunity to allowed his successor to brought his performances if you allowed this if you allowed this to happen then you would have got more credit you would have more credit because now as has been done you brought yourself or you could have left it to your successor. Yes, you

would have get it. More credit that you did not thought about that because I think, this is why Mr Chairperson on the presentation of the budget part of the electorates of the Alliance Liberation and hear and hear specifically speaking about the diehard they predicted a floury of activities and project from the presentation because we know that this year it is more or less going to be an election year and it is going to be an special year so everybody was expecting that is going to be an electoral budget. But Mr Chairperson Sir the expectation turn out to be wrong and deceiving, Father Christmas did not turn out as waited in March there was no Father Christmas as were expected. Mr Chairperson Sir why? when we look at the atmosphere surrounding the budget presentation why is there not such a floury around it you know why? Because the success of the government resides on the solidarity and collectively of its members yes I'm coming to that don't worry I'm coming to that yes given the state of relationship between the alliance of the Regional Government the budget has not receive the expected attention of the population because I have said before a seed of disaster was already planted Mr chairperson Sir. We have witness the tumour surrounding the preparation of the budget the fight for the different possibilities we watched as 'bandit 'precautionary measures of one commissioner against another, qualification of the budget as *n'importe* and budget *budger dictatir* publicly this has not help to create the conducive environment to market fully the project *eski ce pa ene sabotage sa* I myself I ask the question *si pa tiene sabotage* for the first presentation of the budget of the new Chief Commissioner so that he does not get that push, I wonder Mr Chairperson Sir, I question it so this why *entre le qualificatif du budjet n'importe* used today before its presentation ,the person who says it will know I don't want to have a point of order here a *budjet historique* as announce by the Chief commissioner I will prefer to qualify the *budjet comme le budjet de la discorde le budjet de la discorde Mr le President*. Yes why do I used this word and on this point I normally do not agree with the ex-Chief Commissioner on this point I agree with him. what is a commissioner deputy chief commissioner, commissioner responsible for the public infrastructure without the item vote improvement of public infrastructure in villages? Yes of course I agree what would have been the status as P.I the commissioner for P.I without the item vote track road

*Interruption*

Mr Chairperson Sir thus it would be Mr Chairperson Sir it would be like a Chief Commissioner without the authority of the members of the Executive Council.

*Interruption*

Yes this is it Mr Chairperson Sir the principle of collective of responsibility demands that the government should be seen as one in the eyes of the public and this what bring trust to the people collective responsibilities Mr Chairperson and I should say there has been too many bridges of this

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conventions since the coming into office of those facing us, there have been too many bridges on this conventions Mr Chairperson Sir, I don't want to appear naughty but I have to say it and at the same time as I am saying it Mr Chairperson Sir, I am urging the members of the Executive Council to stop the public rose and disagreements because it goes for the reputations of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and it goes for the reputations of Rodrigues at last. I urge you on the name of a good reputation for Rodrigues like it was rightly said by the member Ramdally yesterday *lave zot linges sale entre zot* it is not good even if this is politically good for us Mr Chairperson Sir, even if this is politically goods for us but for the perceptions, for the reputations of how others are looking at us it is happening too often it could happens once but when you see I don't want to be naughty but I have to say it and it continue even during the budget presentation Mr Chairperson Sir and it did stop there when we see the Commissioner for gender quality walking out of the assembly as a stand of protest while the Chief Commissioner is making his delivery speech, *c'est pas jolie* no this is not good this is not nice Mr Chairperson Sir, you will agree with me I have spoken about the precautionary measures of colleague against colleague. How I was looking at you're at you screeching between the Chief Commissioner and the Commissioner for Agriculture I am sure if Serge Claire was here he would have said *quelle belle image* when we look at this from here from here when we look at you screege between it is as if I'm seeing screech between Kadhafi and kim Jong Houg, in the United Nation. Let us heard a good image for in the name of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and in the name *a li La chaud chaud* it is imaginary because it is imaginary because I cannot even think that I could see Trump sitting next to Khadafi and Kim Joung Houg at the United Nation it is it cannot even thought of yeah it cannot be even thought of this is why, yes so I was saying that you have bridge too many of the collective responsibility principles and it cannot go like this and you will have to stop it, we cannot, Mr Chairperson I said I don't want to be naughty but I want to put it in face of you so that you change that. You cannot qualify your colleague of executive council as bandit. Yeah *Chef bandit mort apre dan film* how do you feel, that how do you take this non this unqualifiable Mr chairperson Sir, I go on Mr Chairperson I go on Mr Chairperson. There are an Executive Council there are discussion which are held there every Friday to discuss to discuss specifically about policies and when discussing about policy everybody every commissioner is going to give his views whether I agree I don't and then at the end of the day there should be a decision, whether it is unanimous or not when you leave this Executive Council you will have to bind by the decision that have been taken, whether you want it or not if you do not agree of what have been said in the executive council, you have to tender your resignation this is the very principles of our system, but when I see Mr Chairperson Sir, Commissioner criticising the policy of another commissioner and I'm referring to the policy

of exportation of fruit and vegetables to Mauritius, I have the right as a member of the public to ask hey *B Enas kitchose pa normal la* and they go even further Mr Chairperson I'm not going into the *saga cart planter, cart pecheur* but how did you discuss and arrive at a decision of an executive council that you cannot you cannot stand by these decisions and you allowed yourself to go public now.

I can take the case of the commissioner for tourism he comes here with a vision a policy of one visitor one tree, but his colleague commissioner for agriculture sack him by the back yes *lor terrain* you are aware of it yeah he did allow he goes how to say to talk to the farmers there not to give the land for that project yes you were being sack my friend you were being sack by your own colleague yes you don't feel yes *lenvi la* there is something wrong Mr Chairperson Sir.

Coming to the budget Mr Chairperson it is known that no government anywhere is capable of preparing a budget when we give everything to the people because we know that resources are limited this is why government has to priorities base on the correct needs priority yes, so when I listen to the term *historique* as characterised as the budget has been characterised by the Chief Commissioner I will tell him what is *historique* what is *historique* is that before the appropriation of the budget itself which most probably going to be voted this today itself the executive council or rather I will say some commission of the executive council are already indebted for the next financial in terms of overtime and allowances because you *zot doit Bondie avek tou so saint* and even with what you are going to pay during this financial year there will still some which will remain to be paid in the next financial year one of our colleague said it this morning yesterday yesterday I think it refers to the commission for the commission for health overtime allowances have not been paid since June 2023 and we know the bulk of this amount we know the bulk of this amount, so by the time at this budget is going to be appropriated and operational in July if you have to cover all the depts. Then pack the fell will vanish. Why have comes to such a states of matter how come how we have come to such a state of matter Mr Chairperson Sir? when I look at this you know what image I see I see that spending of the executive council apparent to drunkard in a nightclub you know when someone had got drunk in a nightclub he can he feel that he can spent in any way he like and nobody can stop him *couma dire li meme li grand acter* this is what I see Mr Chairperson Sir and also *historique* when analyse when I analyse the different budget speeches presented by the ex-Chief commissioner and the measures announce before I can say there are all announcement reheated and dismount or to use the common place expression what we are having we are have all one in new bottle. How many new policies have the has the new Chief Commissioner bring into this house with this new budget two or three yes two or three and you are speaking of continuity you have not even dare to to this make this appear in your splicitly in your

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speech yeah you have not dear Mr Chairperson yes I'm coming to this yes, I going to bring to you yes, I'm going to bring to you with respect to the film that you use *s'unir pour reussir* I personally I personally consider that such a film would have find its place for the first budget presentation of 2022 by the ex-Chief Commissioner, that would have been *le motor* for the new Regional government in 2022 we are new in office there has been election there has been division between election and now we are in office *on s'unit pour reussir* what would have been the best film that would have been use in 2022 2023 and you know what and I see that the members Mr Justar Tolbize have been quiet amaze when we are commenting this cover we did at first time when we started to discuss the budget we don't just get into the we start discussing what is the philosophy behind the cover and the first thing that we realised *cest sa UPR* of course we see the different colours of the different parties of the Alliance *et kan nou compare avek bane le autres nou trouver ici rouge dominant nou get lot coter rouge dominant ici ce rose ki dominant* yeah we can the the we can see the matter of the offer and then what is most astonishing the black colour is not collected to the centre. I don't know if you reconnect Mr respected member It is disconnected to the centre the black colour it is disconnected to the centre, there is there it in the peripheral in the periphery of the what speech also

*Interruption*

you got it right yeah you got it right because I read what I see from the picture and you got it right because you are not connected to the centre may be in front of it but we do understand that no I read Mr Chairperson, so I was saying that such a film *s'unir pour reussir* after two years indicates that Alliance Liberation under the ex-Chief Commissioner has not been able to bring the people together yes, the supposed mission to save the country up to now has not been a success Mr Chairperson it has not been a success and by the way as I have said before how can you pretend to unite and save others when seven of you cannot unite together for a good budget presentation yes, ask yourself Mr Chairperson ask yourself. However on a good note on a good not Mr Chairperson Sir, I observe or we observe from this side of the house the mark differences of the new Chief Commissioner from his predecessor normally used to begin his presentation with in such and a false accusation towards the previous OPR government we notice in this budget in this budget he has been wise enough to concentrate on his speech for the budget there is no political direct political attack I said yes, it a good note as we see and I should say also that the new Chief Commissioner since to have the willingness to appear attention he has decided not to attack and the film of the budget speech itself demands for unity it would not have been wise for him attacking words against us because you cannot ask someone to unite with you and at the same time you are attacking him it cannot be Mr Chairperson Sir, on this we do analysed Mr Chairperson Sir. But we also note I

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was saying that there has been a there has been a link with what of his predecessor yes and I can understand that he is trying to distinguish himself from him yeah he is but time will tell this time will this I totally Mr Chairperson Sir I totally agree with respected member Tolbize yesterday that we should not show the seed of division within ourselves but nevertheless there are things that need to be said so that we can move forward yes when we are criticising we are not criticising to divide we are criticising to adjust and to use the word of respected member Justar in the interest of the population itself. Yes, You know I remember the case of South Africa when Mandela took power in 1994 the first thing that he did after apartheid was the setting of *ene commission de veriter et de reconciliation* that commission did not aim at criticising of what happen before apartheid but it was an opportunity to give those who have suffered from apartheid to say that they have endured so that the council can move forward as a sense of reconciliation. Yes, it true Mr Chairperson to say as regard to Rodrigues itself yes and there is escape for that and it the truth and we have to say it Rodrigues now have two divide those who are either pro government or anti-government, this is the truth and I always use to say when I go for meetings *ou reunion dan le village* I always to my partisans look listen look listen to what is being said and not speaks because you what if I am a member in a particular party or I say something or I omit an opinion there will be 50% of the population who will directly say what he is saying is nonsense even if they has not listen even they has no listen and there will be almost another 50% will say what he has said is right even they has not listen because our mentality today in Rodrigues we are divided it is the truth because because we don't listen to what is being said but we look at who is speaking yes, this is a fact this is a fact Mr Chairperson we have to change. This is why in reality when speak to the people when speak to the people Mr Chairperson Sir there are fed up of these partisanery division we feel it there are fed up of these partisan division they are the Rodriguans they are yearning for magnanimity, they are yearning for wisdoms, they are yearning for statesmanship, and they are yearning for moderation, that bequest a way forward that binds us, that unit us, that link us, that compromises and that heals us. Go and speak to any Rodriguans and look deep hard deep down in his heart whether it is *ene partisan l'alliance ou bien ene partisan Opr* listen to his heart and you will say you will feel what actually you want for Rodrigues Mr Chairperson Sir. So this is why I said sadly everywhere we turn this is the case we are divided on two front and as a matter of precaution I don't want to add such injury there may be the risk that this divide can become three or four and you know what I'm saying

Chairperson: admits your word

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Can become three or four now we are divided into two there is the risk that it can become the divides can become three or four *Laguerre pou aclater si ou sent sa ok*. This is your feeling I give to you yes

*Interruption*

I give it to you if it is your feeling everybody is taking his responsibility every is taking his responsibility everybody is taking his responsibility on the matter yes everybody is taking his responsibility Mr Chairperson.

So Mr Chairperson Sir now I relate this to the budget I relate this to the budget Mr Chairperson the population believe and trust from the deeps of the Regional Assembly from the Regional Government but unfortunately how they are treated clearly demark we also see note this in the way development programs are distributed and executed the division starts here the division here I can say it Mr Chairperson and I want you to prove me wrong on the matter I take *region no4* of which I had been candidate I would say since 2002 same 2012 since the coming of this regional government into the office a region that I know at the tips of my fingers with 23 villages there have been only 2 projects executed at Baie Aux Huitres infrastructure only the retaining wall of Fongto and the resurfacing from the Cardinal ok I forgot it I give you the credit, ok if I gone throw it I miss it I give you the credit and then when I go from Petit Gabriel I go to, Le Chou Soupir , to Jardin Mamzel and all these assess your mind yes this indicates Mr Chairperson this indicates the way development programmes are distributed and executed and when people have the feeling that they been set aside they are not part of the mainstream of that development programme can you invite these people ok say come to unit with it mentally speaking deep down inside can you call upon these people to say that ok let join together hand to hand to move together can you say so I take the case Mr Chairperson Sir of the people of Chapeauner, Anse Femi, Mt Cabri Est how can these people believes your good sense when they are deprive of what is morally endured during two years Mr Chief Commissioner tell me yes tell me how can they believe in your good sense Mr Chairperson Sir, I'm going to plead to him

*interruption*

ok Mr Chairperson Sir people are also looking at being free of an environment of fear and vindictiveness vindictiveness Mr Chairperson sir I have so many examples that I can give but one I would like to raise in particular in particular, is the continued victimisation of the people of Pave la Bonter yes the Deputy Chief Commissioner promise to do the needful for the access but as we stand today as we stand today they are still waiting Mr Chairperson Sir, we have on the question of fear and vindictiveness Mr Chairperson sir we in a sense we are forcing a culture of servility sometimes among against the poor against the civil servants even at the MBC yes there is control

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yes yes I don't want to I don't to we are aware of the direction or directive is being given here and there I'm not going to the to that level but everybody has got a concerns of what I'm saying if you that the shoes does not not fit your feet our foot ok put it aside but deep inside you know whether it is right or wrong you know this Mr Chairperson Sir, there is a socking level of servility and fear of those welding government Power and it is even I can tell you and it is even surprising sometimes to find public officers who are fearful to even shaking hands with a members an opposition member less that they can find themselves suddenly being transferred to Ile Aux Crab or hearing the sound of the wit yes hearing the sound of the wit this is the state of affairs that this council is leaving but why don't why should we do not say it her let say it here Mr Chairperson Sir, I can say it without hesitation I have acted as Commissioner for nine years within this Regional Assembly and I can take as witness the DH and public officers who have work with me whether when I was the commissioner for youth and sports or whether I was at the public infrastructure I have never deprive anyone of any rights and I take as testimony my DH I have never give any directive to DH or head of departments fort the transfer or sacking of any here I can take them as testimony they may be here in this Regional Assembly I can take them as testimony.

Yes Mr Chairperson Sir on a totally different notes I would like to say that this Regional Government has a passion catches sounding phrases and films which bear no resemblance to policies programme Mr Chairperson I have the offer of the *discours de budjet 2023 20 24* entitle *integration digital efficaciter reneauvo ecologic* for 2023 2024 I would be much please I would much please knowing that who would be the next orator that he gives us how his government has address in any way *integration digital*, I would like to hear from you may be you can say that I have bad faith but I would to hear from you frankly how the RRA have become more efficient and what is new in Rodrigues as regard to ecology I would like to hear from you frankly speaking yes you are going to be the next orator please tell me as regard to this how do you achieve last year film which is still *le film conducteur* from this financial year yes, I would like to hear from you on this on this Mr Chairperson if you speak of efficiency I don't have to remind I don't have to remind in deep with the way management of fund are being manage funds are being manage with all the depts *ki L'Assemble Regional enas*. This is efficiency Mr Chairperson? I only hope Mr chairperson Sir that Rodrigues this Regional Government will lead by example to show that *unir* to show how unit *pour reussir* as from now on I want to leave by example we want to leave by example and we are going to witness this this is in your hand Mr new Chief Commissioner leave by example on your film *s'unir pour reussir* Mr Chairperson Sir.

Mr Chairperson let me now come to list of some of the critical issues facing us yes I have a few words for the commissioner for health *c'est l'homme ki tom a pik* I'm not going to be naughty

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I'm not going to give you see this photo when I look at this photo as a commissioner you having been a commissioner you are not to be blame you are not responsible for this *caca cabri* but you are accountable but you are not responsible for this but you are accountable but you know where I blame you I blame you if you agree that this is you are the offer of this you said

*Interruption*

*ni watchmen pnas cot lopital ni general worker penas mone fatigue fer reket pas gagner apres ler enas problem comiser ki blamer* to whom are you addressing this to the opposition speak to him are you addressing to the opposition *mone demane watchmen pnas cot lopital general worker mone fatigue demander penas requet* and you know what let me tell you one thing M Chairperson let me tell you one thing Mr chairperson when I read this when I read this

*interruption*

Chairperson: order please. Mr Commissioner aloud the member to intervene

When I read this you know what came into my and came and still into my mind I remember that song that we have all love during *kouma apeler la* during *disk de l'annee ene feuille tole to na penas ene bout dibois to na penas ki mariee to p rode mariee* and this is Mr Chairperson Sir *ene watchmen to na penas ene general worker to na penas ki governer to pe governer*

*Interruption*

I will sent this to Karl the offer of *feuille tole* he is going to make it a very nice song no I'm never been a good singer this is my bad *dan la famille genetikment mo penas sa* yes but this comment I'm sorry to tell you Commissioner for health this why I'll tell you I did not blame you here you are not to be blame but you are not responsible but what you write will cost you for life yes this will cost this will follow you for life yes Mr Chairperson Sir this is my first thing I listen to your bilan yesterday which appear illocant but the real issue for the health sector it is the quality of service delivery and I hope that you are going to address this issue the government should seriously consider you should seriously consider as commissioner for health to improve services at our public hospital reducing waiting time and improve doctor and specialise availability, you can be buying a lot of equipment as you stated yesterday but the patient is coming to Queen Elizabeth Hospital he has to wait six hours to meet a doctor or the condition in which he is waiting to attend to the doctor is not good do you think that he is going to say *enas lekipment mo la vie da lopital genial* do you think that he is going to say so? yes think of it service delivery I have a question for you the question

*Interruption*

, we will come to QT on the matter of course it regards the way recruitments of public health officer have been done. Has it been done with fully trans piracy the details and the procedures

adopted, I have others I other thing to tell you the lack of basic facilities and unadaptibility of the new area health of Mt Lubin which was not meant for an area health centre is not plying in your favour

*interruption*

Chairperson: order please address the chair

Mr Lissette: and also Mr Chairperson, the population has lost faith following the opacity around the Dengue the dengue fever pandemic yes there is opacity we have given unfortunately we have here yesterday when Mr Baptiste was on his feet he demonstrated with figures *a la puit* as regard to the trend in the death toll of people through the month of December, January and February. There is a large disparity in the death toll when we compared to other year we have compared from 2013 *juska* 2023 and there has been a great disparity I'm not going back you can see unfortunately we were not here yesterday last night to hear about this Mr Chairperson Sir yes.

Mr Chairperson Sir, we heartedly support the continuation of the increase spending on primary education yes this is good. We started by providing an administrator to the association they got also two coordinators there has been much as have been done as regards to improvements of the infrastructures and then now they are moving ahead with the introduction of managers that good because it going to support to those who have help in our childhood and who are still helping our children Mr Chairperson Sir. That good and this is very good but, unfortunately the commission for education is not here they have provided additional managers for Redco I would have questions him about the efficiency of the system we have get much to say about how the new systems the new organigram which have been put into place how it is working and how inefficient it is unfortunately he is not here.

And last not last we also support the Chief Commissioner's plan to provide a club house for the first division team we support this but I have a proposal I have a proposal for consideration by the commissioner for sports, unfortunately he is not here and I'm going to say so that you can take the message to him first division clubs need a place to meet but the major problem facing football principally these days it is the lack of vestiers around the island where football can be played we can have football played at Riviere Coco we can have football played at Baie Topaz we can have football played on any ground where the first division team strain provided that there is a vestiers. So if you want to make *ene pou tous ene pou deux* what we can do is instead of giving the first division team a specific place for them we build up a vestiers on their training ground and associates the club house or a room specifically for them and at the same time where they can store their equipment in this case you are going to solve two problems at one go yes means solving the problem of vestiare yes this is my suggestions

*Interruption*

As for the commissioner for gender and inequality she is going out I think that she did not walk out during my speech. I appreciated her concluding words yesterday, I caught her *on doit agir comme le doit d'une seul main pour reussir* yes that was very nice however I feel sad for her and the more that I can do is to invite the new bishop to give *a sacrament de malade a sa commission* yes,

*Interruption*

Mr Chairperson Sir the water sector Mr Chairperson Sir, the commissioner responsible for water section is back, yes you miss

*Interruption*

Me the big questions that need to be answered today is, why with so much rain there is no improvement in the frequency of distribution? There has been since I think December, nature has provided us, *avec une bonne pluviometry Monsieur Le President*, and I can say from experience for almost the last seven years this is the best year a regard to rainfall, yes *Bondie* but it's a question, why is it that there is no improvement in the frequency of distribution? The answer I have it from the caught of an internaut who work in the Water Unit just before the delivery of the budget speech of the Chief Commissioner yes what he said, listen well and it was address to you, it was address to you, *'seul kitchose ki mo pe atane ki nouvo prend ene descision en faveur Rodriguais ki travail dan water resources unit acause bon letemps nou pe travail mais senti nou lavenir un peu dan flou'*. You know what I mean, what does this mean Mr Chairperson? What does this mean? This is the general feeling of the public officers in the Water Unit, this is the general feeling, there is a feeling of *decouragement* because they don't know where they stand, they don't know where they stand Mr Chairperson, this the fundamental difference between us and you in the approach of the public sector, we believe, we believe in public sector potential provided that they are given with the necessity training and resources and this is an ongoing process. What are we observing Mr chairperson Sir, we are observing the dismantlement of the Water Unit, no consideration is being provided to them, the general workers who were acting in the post, they are not being given the allowance is long, and yet they are call upon to carry higher duties, *il y a des decouragement*, I understand it has happen also during my mandate, that there has been delay in the payment of allowance until clemencies are obtain, this is a fact but these person needs to be assured that at a particular point in time they are to be paid their allowances, but here when I talk to them they don't have this guarantee, they don't have this guarantee, so this is a matter that you should look upon, you have to look upon you have to look into.

Yes Mr chairperson, so I'm going to be harsh to the Commissioner for water, harsh in the sense that when he took office in 2022, he did make some claim, now it is time to consider his claim, after two years I have been silent on this issues, 2022, 2023, 2024 you have in office for two years, you said, you claim that distribution will be better in two years' time two years has elapse, you said that desalination is not good for health and the environment, that you will not adopt such technology as it is a curse for the environment, you said that you will not take the fund from MIC, where are we today?

*Interruption*

Congratulation *non non* . This is a betrayal to yourself to yourself and to the people, *non non*, you know what, let me tell you, you have now reach a position in your commissionership where you are facing reality, you are re-facing reality because before everything need to be question, this is your right when you were a member of opposition but you should know what to say when you are in the opposition, *et li pas correk aussi apres kan ou al dan government ou fer 180<sup>o</sup> changement non non pas bob, Mr Chairperson 360 li pou retourn lors meme point par raport a so lidee li pou 180 so pensee a li*. This when we speak of this, when we speak this sacca this is where people do not have trust in politicians Mr Chairperson yes because there is so much change in language specifically on matter which is of great concern of national concern.

And I come to the Mauritius Investment Corporation saga, We have heard and it was a conflict between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the Government of Mauritius as regard to the setting up of the stirring committee Chaired from Port Louis, I' going to say it officially we on this side of the house we are fundamentally against it for it is against the principle of autonomy, we are against that, yes but we have to ask one more question, we have to search for answer, Why has cabinet taken such a position ?

*Interruption*

why has cabinet taken such a position? I don't has the answer, you has the answer yeah you have the answers, you should have discuss to your counterpart, and secondly Mr chairperson. I was quite amaze I was quit amaze, and I would like the commissioner for water to help me to understand on that matter, at its sitting of 15 March 2024, the Executive Council decided on the appointment of a CEO the Chief Executive Officer from MIC to be a director of the RPIC, I want to know why? Is there today a stirring committee chaired from Port Louis and the CEO who has given the loan to the Regional Assembly for RPIC is now sitting on the board of RPIC? You borrowing money and then you come to sit to control the money that has been given. There is a problem in there fundamentally Mr Chairperson fundamentally,

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this is on 15 March this is on the 15 March, the first division of even myself I don't understand for this speaking Mr chairperson, I don't understand this, yes Mr Chairperson.

Mr Chairperson Sir, I say driven by edit to condense the previous OPR Government, the now Deputy Chief commissioner has been precipitous to you the last government look bad and much of what he says by way of insinuation, inference and criticising throughout his speech I can even *dan banne discours officiel* he speak of *desalment pouri evek tous banne histoire*, I would like him today after two years that you have been serving the commission for water, you are supposed as at now when I consider the different projects and the different improvement you have made to the *desalment* you should be producing no less than 2780m<sup>3</sup>, this is the figure, what is the actual efficiency of the *desalment*? what is the actual efficiency? Should I tell it to you, below 50% it is below 50% yes you have the figures , I know you have the figures below 50%, you know why I telling this to you, because when I was Commissioner for water we manage even with the closure of boarder between Mauritius and Rodrigues and at a particular point in time there were closing even of boarders between Mauritius and other countries even if you want to have a spare part, it was impossible to have a spare part, when into came into power in 2022, we are in the full fledge of Covid19 you know it very well, it was impossible to procure for spare pare and we manage Mr Chairperson Sir to keep this *desalment* running even to the capacity of 60/70%, check it with the officers, and now you have a full boarders which is open full boarder which is open you have recruited I think eight to ten trainee engineers, and your *desalment* is *rouler* at 45% 50%. I want explanation, wanted to go into his different speech because I'm taking the time of the house, I wanted to bring in front of his face *bannes diferent paragraphe* that he has taken for budget speech 22/23 *paragraphe trente cinq* that tone and then there was a surfing of the tone for 23/24 its better because it touch feet with reality, yes *paragraphe trente cinq Monsieur Le President 22/23* see what was said ' *il est malheureux de constater qu'aujourd'hui nous devons reprendre tout a zéro alors que nous étions déjà bien lancer dans ressouder le problème d'eau une fois pour toute à Rodrigues mais* meaning when he came in power in 2022 there was no network, no pipeline, no dams, no desalination plant, there was no even network connected to the people, this is what and he carry on to qualified *zafer tel desalment pourri tel histor* yes remember that he was shouting, the tone was surfing in *vingt trois paragraphe dans 23/24* see at *paragraphe trente sept* see what he said, now he was touching feet with reality *Monsieur Le Président, nous avons et nous aurons toujours d'attaquer et de ressouder le problème d'eau qui est un problème complexe touchant divers aspect tel que le domaine opérationnel, et aussi institutionnel comme le loi creat le bien de l'eau* you see there is a change of language before everything can be done quickly there is no problem, there was incompetence we can do it quickly, second year *le problem est complexe* and when you see

for the language adopted for 2024 have you seen, for 2024, it is almost incredible almost incredible as regard to water but I consider that may be this has been relegated to second position with the change of Chief commissionership the tone says *Monsieur Le Président avec de tel efforts d'investissement sans précédent dans le domaine de l'eau nous visons à une meilleur a provisionnement en eau d'ici fin 2027.*

When I look at the Ex-chief Commissioner I sometimes understand some of his qualms I do, some of his qualms having been in that posture and I'm sure all the reports and one of the questions regarding water, it is as it is stated in the one of the report, I forget what it is the question of accountability of public officers I do agree with you on that issue, I do agree with you on that issue, there is lack of accountability of public officers, yes but this is not a reason to listen to the water unit I'm telling you. You should put them to task yes you should put them to task. This is why in our plan for the water sector Mr Chairperson what did we proposed, we did recognised that there was an issue as regard to maintenance for the desalination plants this is why we wanted for a BOO yes, what you have adopted in fact, yes you have adopted I lately lately but in this yes for the RPUC yes it one and the same thing it is one and the same thing why but in this component of BOO what did we have Mr Chairperson Sir, we wanted to have the training of the public officers with the private sector, what is the difference with his vision? This is the difference with his vision because if you see the budget, if you see the budget of 2021/22 yes if you see the budget of 21/22 go and check it, we increase the number of pump operator for desalination plants up to 25twenty five with the vision that we are going to have a full sift system and they are going to have the training with the one who are supposed to have the construction, they are on roaster check it out, but this is the thing when I say,

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I'm telling you let me tell you one thing, Deputy Chief Commissioner let me tell you one thing, I tell you formally I believe in your qualm as regard to accountability I have no question on this I know all the problems you know what, we should have tried *cela* we you have seen, this is where you have seen what we wanted to do, we wanted to take experience from the private sector to the public sector, the contract to the supplier of the desalination plants you what it would may be have been for a ten year period, why the operators would be working with the private sector they would inculcate slowly into that culture this is what we did we wanted to we have a different vision on that ok, I bet to disagree on that matter, I bet to disagree

Chairperson: I think it time you can conclude now

There is much to be said, the water sector is passionating you know Mr chairperson

Chairperson: I understand but you made the point

Mr LISETTE: Because I have kept silence all these 2 years you know why because I know I will have my day

Chairperson: so today is your day

Mr LISETTE: today is my day, I knew that my day will come because I've never attack him, I have never attack him directly because I knew how he is proceeding and the mistake that are being committed I know that there will come a time when I'm going to have my day. Now I'm going to go straight to the Deputy Chief Commissioner I am going to attack now, I am going to attack his policy, I am going to attack his policy as regard to the *colonne vertebrale la colonne vertebrale* Mr Chairperson, I consider that you have been either badly advice or badly inspired, I'm going to prove it to you, you have badly advice or badly inspired, my first question to you, why has you chosen to invest at Pointe Cotton only ? why there are infrastructures already scattered around the island, let me tell you one thing the different desalination plants which has been set up at Caverne Bouteille, Anse Aux Anglais and Songe, their network has been design for a capacity of a 2000m<sup>3</sup> desalination plant, are you aware of that?

*Interruption*

Non I'm going to tell you what is wrong in your concept, I'm going to tell you. You have had in your hand, we left it for you when we left office the rapport of BLRI and in the BLRI report you have all the network which has been design with the different capacity. You know this with also the different reservoir as regard to their altitudes, you know it, you have it, there is a big back. Now you have decided to invest in the last Executive Council I think in the month of February you decided that there will be nine plumbing station from Pointe Cotton to Camp Du Roi to Camp pintade, yes I'm going to tell you if it is still time for you to rectify you can still do it I'm telling you and I'm going to help you on this here not elsewhere here, let me tell you. We have Mr Deputy Chief Commissioner we have some reservoir which are not being used at the full capacity which could have been used let me tell you. We have Vagasaille, not being used full capacity, we have one reservoir at Rivere Coco 1000m<sup>3</sup> ,*pas servi*, we have reservoir at Anse baleine not full capacity, we have one reservoir at Hauteur Acacia, now you have not integrated this in your system for you know what, we have the capacity of taking water from Vagasaille to Camp Pintade right now, we have done it, we have the capacity we have a pump at Vagasaille who can pump water to Mt Cabri from Mt Cabri to Grand La Fouche Corail and to. Now you are taking water from Pointe Cotton to Camp pintade? While you can take the water from Caverne Bouteille

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directly but you can have invested there because the buildings are there,

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what you have not seen non non your error I'm telling you, I'm rectifying you on that, let me tell you one thing let me tell you one thing, the water being used at cavern Bouteille is rakish water and when it is desalinated it's PPP is less than sea water 35000m<sup>3</sup> *alors ki sea water li ti 55000 ppm* go and check it out, this is why part per million, this is why, when you see the discharge of brim at Caverne Bouteille it is not done offshore it is done just clear near there why because the brim salinity is less than. It is the same thing for Songe Mr chairperson, the desalinated, the brim water being remove expelled its salinity is less than that of sea water, you know it. Now I tell you another thing, I want an explanation from you, you are speaking of Mr Chairperson Sir, you are speaking of a *collone vertebrale* from Pointe Cotton to Camp Pintade are you aware that the pipeline from Petit Brule to Quatre Vent is not being use to full capacity not even to 25%? Are you aware of that ? no it is a 200mm, we use to transfer from Pti Brullee to Quatre Vent and on one hour basis by opening the valve by 25% only we can transfer 1200m<sup>3</sup> of water per day, we can transfer 1200m<sup>3</sup> *delo* Mr Chairperson 1200m<sup>3</sup> *delo* per day, from Petit Brule to but if we open it with full capacity we can go up as far as five thousand per day. So you ae speaking of you are doing colon vertebral as it non non,

Chairperson: address the chair please

Mr LISETTE: I know all the system because when I was commissioner for water I even know *cot ti bisin ouvert valve cot sa cot sa* I learn it i learn I learn it, *cot enas valve cot bisin ouvert cot sa transfer*, I would be very nice, we thought about this especially about the titrimetric system telemetric system which is also quit, you have to be very be careful at Pointe Cotton we did face a problem because there is a connection between the desalination plant and the pumping station of the sea water roar water and many a time when there is a disconnection between these two the all system dashed you have to be very careful.

We have face the problem I can tell you, we have the problem of you know what when three is a power cut say at Roche Bondie and the desalination plant is still producing there is overflow at Roche Bondie, because water is will not be able to be distributed or transferred upward. All the system has to be integrate, these are the problem to be faced, so I'm leave it upon you, you have the key the water key in your hand you have taken a decision, I have given my thought I could have gone further on this but I leave it to you Mr chairperson Sir. So have two different points before I conclude.

Mr chairperson I have not spoken about the public infrastructure but I welcome I should say the decision of improving parking areas around the schools, we started to do it at different churches, we did it at St Gabriel, Camp Pintade, La Ferme we have also done parking spaces at Songe College, La Ferm college I think but as regard to the question safety I have two proposal I see that

there is a danger because new commissioner for P.I there is a new danger when you are moving. There is a role which project into the which prevent the fluid flow Bon Marcher when you are moving to Soupir, le Bon Marcher when you move up some vehicles have to be stop and then there is a problem there and I also see that with the new construction of the road at l'Acacia when you are driving from Baie Aux Huitre to Port Mathurin the pedestrians park is projected then to have to make pre-primary school. There is a question of design on this and it goes with a problem of safety you will agree with me you don't have a good balance when you go through that yes I was the one who did it but the execution was done my predecessor, the matter should have been look into, ok but I have a plaid for the Deputy Chief Commissioner as regard to his birth place *village natal* regarding that NDU projects that you have cancelled. It was not meant for the breaches you know very well there was a problem of drainage from Hauteur Acacia and all these down there at least as regard to the difficulty that are being faced by these villages it could be reconsidered. All these water that drains from Hauteur Acacia to Acacia even next to your mother's, yes *quand gros la pluie* yes there is a big issue of hydraulics flow in this area you have decided not to go along ok I would like also to just mentions about the bus licence which has been provided from Mauritius which has to be look into, I just want you to just make a kind request that you make up follow up on the particular and then last but not least at regard to road, I there is that question of feu de signalisation that has been proposed in the budget, I consider that as an ecological island we can still wait, we can still wait, I have in mind the country of Butain who has no light at all and I consider when I drive even in Port Mathurin Rodriguans are still cautious *nou pas quand nou pe rouler par exemple dan Mauice p gagne zoure derier nou*. If we are waiting at a junction for ten to twenty seconds which is equivalent to a traffic light after a twenty or thirty secondes we can cross the road. But as I see that now, I know when I was the chairman of the road safety committee there were suggestion for the installation of such traffic light but Mr Chairperson you will realise that we have two specificities as regard to Rodrigues and as use to say it, for the tourism industry it can be a marketing Commissioner for tourism, we have this absence of traffic light in Rodrigues and second you will see we don't have any *panneau de* no highways *pas de panneau de publicite* no billboards we should keep Rodrigues free of that, *non nou tie met ene regrement* ,

*Interruption*

there is a regulation that we passed in 2003, Daniel Speville passed it we should adjust on this Mr chairperson Sir on this matter of.

*Donc* I will conclude to have the opportunity to listen to the Deputy Chief Commissioner but what I would like to say before I end is that I consider that the new Chief Commissioner speech liaise too much emphasis on figures and believes that the provided budget increase will it self be enough

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to create a *Wahoo* effect. Now you thought where I got one billion two hundred and thirty four million additional money and when the people are going to listen to that then you will say ok non *Monsieur Le President*, if you think like this you are managing Rodrigues as a company a country is not a company! yes a country is not a company. What is required what is required? is that and what people is looking for, is a film and a vision for this budget which will spark something which will spark their imagination yes to change their lives a clear vision of a worthwhile future that scratches beyond what we have in this country today Mr Chairperson Sir I thank you for your attention

*Applause*

Deputy Chief Commissioner: Mr Chairperson Sir, thank you to give me the opportunity to intervene on the budget speech 2024/2025. I would like first of all to congratulate the new Chief Commissioner upon his election as Chief Commissioner, his elevation to the rank of Grant Officer of the Order of Star and Key of the Indian Ocean by the President of the Republic and his very well work out of the budget speech of Friday last.

Mr Chairperson Sir this the third budget of the Alliance Liberation even though as party leader of the UPR he has on the first page use the singlet its normal all we use our own identity we have nothing against this and the film of the budget *s'unir pour reussir* has nothing alarming when we are saying *s'unir* its holding hands together all Rodriguans to succeed. This is why we are here, I thank all the members who have spoken specially those who have been very analytical and descriptive, unfortunately our very tired last time and as I'm no longer Chief Commissioner I believe I can discharge some attendances I could not refund to the I think Commissioner Volbert and member Baptiste, which I am sure have been very good speeches.

Mr Chairperson Sir, this budget is as the first two budget presented by myself very inspiring documents and I believe that we will be able to make Rodrigues move forward against despite all the challenges divides as we say and despite all the obstacles that we have to overcome. All the parties who are here have been in government and we know what is the challenge to make the government machinery work in the interest of the people. So I believe member Lisette who spoken just before me, was speaking about people in villages and asking what has been done for us, what has been done by the government during its term of mandate Mr Chairperson Sir, we against reintegrate our wish to the people of Rodrigues to create better living condition for all people of Rodrigues. We cannot unless we are intellectually unsound denied the fact that has been progress

in Rodrigues over the years since the Autonomy of Rodrigues has been set up Mr Chairperson Sir. We use to walk in the mud to go to school, today we have roads, we have track roads and there has been developments. Government money is being use as it should be used Mr Chairperson Sir, so we should not be pessimistic Mr Chairperson Sir because we belong to a republic and much effort are being made today to improve the lot of people in general, we have seen for example the increase in the minimum wage of people, we are in a phase of prices rising but government is doing its job increasing the minimum wage and we here in Rodrigues should not think that everything will come in the *dallo* in the gutters and we just have to pick up the money pick up the job and do not make the efforts. This is why we need to have development strategies to create wealth *creation richest* and also to balance it in terms of the development the types of development we are doing. We have been accuse aver the past two years of not having a billan. This is utterly false Mr Chairperson Sir, my billan as head of the previous government is not summaries here. We don't want to put everything we have produce this magazine to show what has been done during the past two years' Mr Chairperson Sir, we have first of all reignited the SIDPR process, the SIDPR was dead Mr Chairperson Sir, when they came back into power in 2012, because they did not launch the SIDPR they let the SIDPR down and it is only when they were talking about the reforms of the water sector that the IU talk them you need to speak against about the SIDPR. Who are the divides here? Mr Chairperson Sir, why did they let the SIDPR down? Mr Chairperson Sir ok, what did they say in this house on Friday of March 2012? You are speaking of divides, you are speaking that we have been looking bac and seen what others have been doing, this is what they said here when they came back into power, with a minority, minority of votes behind them in 2012. We have had this in Rodrigues OPR gouvernement being elected with a minority of votes in 2012, Mr Clair said *il est essential paragraphe 8 de dresser un tableau sur la situation chaotique de Rodrigues conséquence d'une mauvaise gouvernance et d'un manqué de vision à long term ainsi je demandais au Premier Ministre le Docteur Navin Chandra Ramgolam dépêcher une délégation de l'office of public sector good gouvernance dans l'ile pour aider a établir un bilan général de la situation qu'a hériter le gouvernement*. Who is the divider here? Mr Chair Person Sir, they tried to make people *believe*, government public opinion ,believes that the outgoing government in 2012 was so corrupt, they tried to put all sort accusation on those who were living office but nothing happens nobody was arrested, nobody was prosecuted and nothing happen Mr Chairperson Sir and today when we look back our billan is this, you are speaking about what have I done for ecology? budget speech of last year, *renouveau ecologique*, here it is I am with the head of the EU delegation relaunching the SIDPR. I am the person who learn the SIDPR two times *renouveau ecologique* this is the *renouveau ecologique* relaunching of the SIDPR with all the concepts and all the activities that we

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still need to put in place, this is it SIDPR, this is the *renouveau ecologique accompagnement du secteur sociaux economique, protection changement de ressource, soutenir l'eau l'energie l'agriculture durable le huit secteur prioriteur* and the image speak of itself and EU head of delegation with myself relaunching the SIDPR. Image speaks of itself *renouveau ecologique*. Here you are *jardin* garden Micayou garden tiny forest in the schools, these are the students at Mangues Government school, we did it also in other schools. *Renouveau ecologique*, one visitor, one tree Mr Chairperson Sir. So we should not just *speak* because not only hear the words, the actions but the images also speak of themselves Mr Chairperson Sir. This is the major one of the major achievement, the relaunching of the SIDPR process Mr Chairperson Sir. We have in the water sector relaunch the reforms. I will come back to this later Mr Chairperson Sir, all these families who have the water tanks and still we were here last night and we were seeing the unloading of water tanks from the Peros Banos. Hundred and sixty-six have been given, by the end of this year we will have been given four hundred families their water tanks Mr Chairperson Sir.

In the water sector against I will come back to it, thirty million Euros from the AFD *un milliard cent quatre cent quarante million de rupees* which will be invested in the water sector.

Tomorrow *ca va pnas depression*

*Interruption*

Tomorrow we are having a meeting with AFD and the central committee working on the implementation of the project *dire penas bilan penas bilan sa madame ine deja vine Rodrigueset tous, Madame Ida Peswary World Bank Regional Director ine deja vini?ale li la Madame la avek sa missier ek moi meme Deputy Chief Commissioner and then Chief Commissioner. Et zot pas ti pe vine pou done Largent pou l'aeroporto pe vine gueter*. Here is the plan which has been finalise by Gibbs, which is being floated soon, Mr Henry Agathe do not be in the dark the loan has been signed between the Ministry of Finance and the World bank, I can table the letter and we have got the two hundred two hundred million Us dollars, hundred and eighty million US dollars as loan from the World Banks and the rest sixteen million euros, twenty million us dollars donation by the EU for the project of the Plain Corail Airport. Tender will be floated soon everything is ready and it is ALM under EHL is going to be with the ARL, the main client behind government and Regional Assembly. More than this Mr Chairperson Sir, thirty million US Dollars are being allocated in this project for thirty million, ten million in water and improvement of food security, ten million in tourism enhancement of the tourism, *rehaussement* upgrading of the tourism sector where there will be what has been said in the document, direct grants to those engaged in tourism specially women to improve their products and ten million rupees as continuances, so I don't understand when you say there is no billan M Chairperson Sir, a new completely new two thousand one

hundred meter and you will soon be flying in A20 when you know the difficulty about finding a seat to come to Rodrigues or to leaves Rodrigues and then come back at your aisle you will see.

This Regional government will remain in his history I as Chief Commissioner will remain *avec modestie* this team with myself Chief Commissioner Mr Grandcourt as deputy Chief Commissioner then we will remain as those patriots who have obtain the financing and who have started the Airports projects Mr Chairperson Sir

*Interruption*

And we are going to complete it this year it going to start

*Interruption*

You know it's a very big project, it's not a small project., there are a lot of parameters this is the single biggest construction project which is going to take place in the history of Rodrigues. And you can imagine Mr Agathe was speaking about the economy, the impact on the economy, where we need people of Rodrigues to seize the opportunity so that these seven billion rupees, seven billion rupees which are going to be spent goes into the stream of the economy into the monotony circuit of Rodrigues and people builds things, accumulate wealth, make money, Mr Chairperson Sir. We want people to make money, honestly, you were speaking Mr Agathe about *croissance economique*, *croissance economique* needs investment Mr Chairperson Sir. Look at Mr Jean Paul. Jean Paul; 2000 Tours, Monsieur Jee wan, when I was going to my colleagues is here, to Oaster Bay primary school Mr Jeewan was a bus driver for Mr Chafoo do you know Mr Chafoo? Everybody knows Mr Chafoo use to own the cinema, ok, so Mr Jean Paul was, I think was a policeman no? Mr Sunil was a policeman, look at their examples, Mr Jean Paul has last time he told me fifty-one or fifty-five employees it's not big but for Rodrigues its draw dropping because I have one or two employees, not me but my wife but at the end of the month we need to find the money to pay them, he have fifty one *facile pay cinquate ene dimoune dasn la fin a ca.* it's not easy. Mr Sunil the same thing, one of the biggest say property owners in Rodrigues, Mr Kong Wong so, all these people, how did they succeed followed by you? Wong So the second?, investment Mr Chairperson Sir, saving, working hard, ok, should not just sit on the fence and then said ah! He is getting money I'm not getting anything, what are your effort? Everybody knows Bayaboo, do you heard of Bayaboo, you know the story of Bayaboo? You know that Bayaboo went and bought one or two campment when he left Rodrigues. This is what we want people today, this is the difference between the conservatives OPR, conservatives OPR who believe government workers will solve the water problem, step bornly, we don't say they don't have their contribution, but they will not solve the water problem and this team which is open minded forward minded, looking toward the future, thinking about twenty five years, in twenty five years' time and

believing most of all and we have, we can do a contribution, and then we have to step back, this is why I'm saving back, I'm made my contribution . you want see me very often, we won't see very often. I told him he won 't sees me. I've been Minority Leader, I have been Chief Commissioner i am now Deputy Chief commissioner may be the only thing I need to do in Rodrigues is may be one day

*Interruption*

May be ICE also one day we don't know, what you want me to do? We should be pragmatic Mr Chairperson Sir. Some people tell me that the dream of the present Monority Leader is to be Chief Commissioner. The dream, the fever in her, she wants to be Chief Commissioner. You have to be pragmatic, you have to change your language, you have to change the way you speak to people,

*Interruption*

Mr Chairperson Sir, no bilan Mr Chairperson Sir, do you hear people complaining about leases, just a few young people complaining about leases. In two years six hundred and ninety-five leases draw and the GIS has been set up with the means we have, we are still working on it, we are still improving it.

Education Mr Chairperson Sir, the dynamism we have created in education, school were forgotten, each school was working alone, colleges working alone, we have regrouped them, we are giving the means, we are encouraging them, we are accompanying them the schools, pre-primary schools in Rodrigues Mr chairperson Sir. We are glad we had Mrs Kate Ellody Volbert the second student to become a national laureate in Rodrigues. No bilan, land permit, introduction of the land permit which is not a formal least to enable rapidly people obtaining a place to work. No bilan Mr Chairperson Sir, when they are driving to Port Mathurin I thought I was in corcicca, you have been to Corcicca? *La corse*, i've been to Corcicca once. The number of *couma appe sa* pack board cruise ship in Rodrigues beautiful cruise ship coming in front of Port Mathurin. This is the opportunity we have that in ten years' time, in twenty years' time, every year there are ten thousand twenty thousand cruise passengers coming to Rodrigues and spending money Mr Chairperson Sir.

You remember when I was commissioner for tourism, in 2010, I said we said we will reach one hundred thousand tourists. We have reach it, we said it ten years ago, ten years after we have each it Mr Chairperson Sir, we have done it, congratulation to all those who work on it, Mr Willy Auguste for example when we started working, the Minister Duval who helps us in the time bringing Rodrigues on the different. Today Rodrigues is a respected and world short after tourism destination. If you don't take, book your tickets early you won't find places to come to Rodrigues Mr Chairperson Sir. So everywhere we have presented our bilan and anywhere they go they say, we have no bilan, we have redefined the relationship between Mauritius and Rodrigues. We have

had disappointments, but of course we know that we are just, not just we are Regional Governments and we have to look at our actions within these parameters Mr Chairperson Sir. So it is morally in correct, demagogic to go and say that we don't have any bilan.

In the water sector Mr Chairperson Sir, in the water sector I agree with him, I agree with him, it's not a single problem but it's not either a big, a problem which cannot be surmounted, cannot be solve. What we need is investment, what we need is the willingness and the men power to do it. We have operated the RPUC there was nothing in the RPUC, currently the RPUC has sixty-five employees, one manage, four administrative officers, eleven trainee engineers, ten drivers, one security guards, thirty-four plant and equipment operators, one supervisors, three project supervisors. So even those job created you won't recognise Mr Chairperson Sir. our capacity in desalination is two thousand and fifty m<sup>3</sup>. All the desalination plant has been rehabilitated, may there were problem in Covid but today, we do have some break down at times which is normal for this type of technology for example, last week we had a problem at Songes, the intake borehole pump who was not functioning but they have, they have been or they have repaired it, Mr Chairperson Sir. Today we have no issue, no technical issues, we are running our desalination plants. There were many issues when we had the government employees because they were not train for it, they not qualified and some of them did not have the willingness. So we are producing two thousand more than two thousand m<sup>3</sup> of water daily from desalination.

We have finalized the subscription agreement between the RPUC and the MIC and we have received the first draw of five hundred and forty million rupees and it has been approved by cabinets. *Cinq cent quarante million rupee debourser, penas bilan, ki nou ine fer ek sa?* we are building two times one thousand metre cube circular reservoir at Pointe cotton. The contract has been awarded to Laxmanbhai and Co Mauritius Limited for forty-three million six hundred and fifty-four thousand. Already awarded Mr Chairperson Sir, these two water tanks at Pointe Cotton will receive the freshly desalinated water before being pumped. We have awarded a contract for the construction of a one thousand and forty-five m<sup>2</sup> desalination plant building, *ene batiment de mille quarane cinq m<sup>2</sup>*, it's not small hein it's not small. To Marley Kalimalely for forty-five million rupees already awarded. We have awarded the contract because we wanted some resilience in the short term for three by three hundred and fifty m<sup>3</sup> of containerise desalination plant to Aqua science which will one will be place at Cavern Bouteil, one at English Bay and the other one at Songes or at Pointe Cotton itself Mr Chairperson Sir. We are resigned awarded to Aqua Science for sixty-five million eight hundred and twenty-two thousand rupees, sixty-six million rupees. We are relighting nine boreholes, contract awarded to Water Research Company Limited for one million seven thousand hindered and forty-one thousand. We are drilling, testing and construction of

twelve new boreholes for the sum of fourteen million rupees, we are not saying we are going to use all these boreholes. We are not saying we are going to use all of them. There will be a management of course and the bidding documents for the three times one thousand m<sup>3</sup> desalination plant have been prepared by Lux consult and submitted to MECOROT enterprise Limited for their prior. We went on mission Commissioner Volbert and Myself in Cyprus, very beautiful country island and there we met the Israeli firm MECOROT enterprise development limited who agreed to study our documents SIDPR and our water reports and they have agreed to give, to submit, to work on the tender documents and they have highlighted a number of very technical but interesting shortcomings in the tender that we were preparing. So they want to ensure efficiency you see efficacy. I went to Cyprus and I brought efficacy MECOROT leader in desalination in the world so that we get the best desalination plants and not the one made by plumbers, *rapelle ti amen plombier depuis Marok ti vine fer desalination plants, ti ale achter piece cot Jolie, repelle apres tous ti casse*. So for the first time we are through one thousand m<sup>3</sup> units, we have been going for five hundred. Now we are going for one thousand m<sup>3</sup> units and this is why we are privileging, we are prioritising Cotton Bay because first of all have the best water quality from its borehole to feed the desalination plant, and all the expert, the Israeli expert when they sat with us in Cyprus, he will come I will ask to meet because may be change anytime as you see

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may you will have to take over, you will meet them and one of them which is an expert told me that the things in the desalination is the quality of the water intake. And we have in Rodrigues test have shown that the site of Pointe Cotton has the best water quality from its boreholes, so this is why we are going for a desalination park, a big not big, in Cyprus they are doing desalination for hundred and sixty thousand m<sup>2</sup> day, two hundred and ten m<sup>2</sup> day ok, we are going up to twelve thousand at Cotton Bay, this is why we need that colon *vertebral de l'eau* to put the water. And of course that colon *vertebral de l'eau* is not going to be disconnected or not integrated with the rest, it is going to be integrated. The objectives are to use some people when they come to Rodrigues, they speak of the central plateau, we did not have a central plateau here, Mr Agathe yesterday was using an atlas which is very interesting document, we have a central ridge so the idea is to use the central ridge, for example the reservoir of Batatran and then have a connection from colon *vertebral* to the reservoir Batatran to the reservoir of Mt Du sable etc. this morning we had site visit for new reservoir at Quatre Vent, and I tell Mr Wong So to go for even two thousand m<sup>3</sup> reservoir, digger reservoir, because bigger means capacity and reduce unit cost. We are constructing a new one thousand m<sup>3</sup> concrete circular reservoir at Mt Piquant. the project cost is twenty-four point five million rupees and soon the Commission for water resources with the RPUC as technical advisors

we are constructing two new reservoirs, one at Quatre Vent and one at Manique to replace the old one at Manique, then we have the AFD financing for water projects, you have seen I was on mission in Mauritius on February 2024 and we have had the signing of the agreement for the BRGM to go for the study Mr Chairperson Sir. I don't know whether we've had either a Chief Commissioner participating in an international meeting to receive money for Rodrigues and you say no bilan! Because you say like me! Because OPR want me down, because you were negotiating with them to

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*bisin elimine Jonhson Roussety, mo fini fer seki mo bisin fer*, yes Mr Chairperson Sir, the AFD has had a financing and rehope of two hundred million Euros for water sectoer in Rodrigues, and during our negotiation we have had reserve for Rodrigues, thirty million Euros other three years and we want this money to be in this project of colon vertebral, which is not only a pipeline but pumping station and most of all very big increase storage capacities in Petit Brulee, Malabar, what they call water farms, I invites members to have a look at the documents. I tabled it last time during my farewell as Chief Commissioner even re fully you were not here, you chose to band it to *boycotte* just you chose to boycott the swearing in,

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you boycotted the swearing in of the new Chief Commissioner, ok, because you said it was in La Ferme. Where did you do your swearing in in 2017? And then you come to speak of victintivness, you are being indicative when you say you don't come to the Assembly to listen to the speech bilan, you don't come to the swearing in and then you say people are dividers in Rodrigues, but you are the first dividers, the biggest dividers, every time you do a live, you divide every time you do a live, you divide the country, you divide yourself, you are just criticising criticising. Some people speak of you as *assoifer de pouvoir* I'm not! this is why I was on the leave! Because we had disagreement, I spoke to the new Chief Commissioner, just like the member said fort this item of budget, there is a logic, the Chief Commissioner rightfully got the god advice and we got our agreements and we are here today, ok, even though you were negotiating in the back

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sorry, I don't said I was leaving Rodrigues, we have completed Mt Piquant, I said Manique and of course we are encouraging rain water harvesting and the people are having their water tanks. Nothing they say they say nothing on the water tanks, they don't criticise the water tanks because we are not dividers, we are giving the people the water tanks on merit, this is why they have nothing to say on the water tanks project, the beneficiaries. Do You have Something to Say ? Did we hear them on the water tank? nothing so we got an A<sup>+</sup> on this. So we are not dividers

otherwise we would pick and choose. Water Company is doing its job correctly and distributing the water tanks correctly.

Mr Chairperson Sir I believe this budget will bring a new era to community developments with the money which has amount of budget which has been put and the willingness of the Commissioner for economic community development to make things move.

Yes, Mr Chairperson Sir we need to bring development to solve things to make people see what going on Mr Chairperson Sir. And as new Commissioner for public infrastructure we will use the budget to bring development to the people, but as you know one kilometre of road is *vingt cinq quarante* fifty-five million rupees. And in our budget we have less than two hundred million, so we can build only four kilometres of road? So we don't have the all the means to do it, so we have to choose and you see some roads, the *route de l'autonomie* from Plaine Corail will be severely affected again by the Airport operations and needs to be upgraded, re-asphalted, so where do we get the money Mr Chairperson Sir. We have thirty kilometres of track roads budgeted, a sum of a hundred and fifty million has been provide to that effect. How do we go into a village? And tell the people we are doing this we are not doing this, may be Mr Chairperson Sir, we should have a lot of lot drawing *tirage au sort*, have a list of all the track roads and then proceed by lots Mr Chairperson Sir. The morcellement, we know some morcelement are still waiting for electricity, we will give priority to these Mr Chairperson Sir. But at the same time we should not build large, big road and disturb the ecological and rural set up of the Island. There are some places where we need to build smaller roads, one example I always said is the road which goes inside Anse Aux Anglais or the road near my place in Bay du Nord which goes to the fishing post. I think it's a four-meter road with regular laid bide where we don't need to build very big, large road. I have in mind Montagne Tonerre to Alley Tamarin phase one roads, we should not destroy the soil remove all the soil destroyed the rural set up and then we see. When we've done this., people come shops everywhere, we should preserve this rurality of Rodrigues Mr Chairperson sir, and this bring me to some criticism and proposal which were being made by I believe Commissioner, not yet Commissioner our friend Dr Agathe on the management of lands in Rodrigues Mr Chairperson Sir. And of course he has been speaking about project housing OPR which is according to us was not in the interest of government and not in the interest beneficiaries. Because today we have a liability of eighty million rupees towards banks. They were giving's these people eight hundred rupees as grant and they were taking up to four thousand rupees as loan but the all house was being pledge to a bank, the all house with the subsidy in it being pledge to the bank, not only this government being a guarantor fro in case of none payment.

*Interruption*

Do you know how many letters you will get the letters they have been receiving at housing? for none payments

*Interruption*

So there has been a double *endettement* by the RRA Mr Chairperson Sir and this bring to the question of allocating leases. Of course I'm one of the first politician saying that first and only saying that we are reaching our limit in terms of number of leases, residential leases ect that can be allocate we

*Interruption*

*Ah bon! les grand esprit de rencontre.*

*Interruption*

I'm not signed much, yes, Mr Chairperson Sir, yes we need to find solutions ok, unfortunately the kids of today those who are may be in primary or even secondary it will be impossible to have leases, four hundred square meters to give to them, because we are only hundred and eight square kilometres. In this we have forest, we have water catchment areas, this is the integrated water resource management, we have agriculture, we have natural all the zones, most of you here you know all these zones and what is left is for housing. Recently I told cadastre office, not to go into Pichetache, they were going into Pichetache Bay you know Pichetache? Pichetache to stop, we can't go further than this. Are we going into Pichetache and then into a Del overt up there? Where will the people put their? Mr Agathe and everybody here, i was speaking with the Chief Commissioner yesterday. Farming is in the heart of Rodriguan life. Farming, fishing it is in the heart of the Rodriguan traditional way of life. So where will we give the new leases? What is the solution? you agree that there will be a point where will be no longer be able to give new residential leases. So what we do? we need to find other means of providing for housing and we should not hesitate yes to build houses, apartment because young people today they also, may be half of them, they are not going to do agriculture, they are not going to do farming, they agree to live in apartment, small apartment or three, this is why this is why this is the task of the new Commissioner for housing to think about this in the perspective that there is no more land left ok, we can't do a new any new morcellement! I'm I right? We have no space there is no place barely to do a new morcellement, we can find a spot somewhere ok, but we don't want to make these errors in small islands where you have concrete jungles and then all the problems which comes with it. So how are we going to do it, we need to control the population, we need to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies, this is related to it, he is Commissioner for health the problem is with him against, first. Number of women, girls having babies alone. We don't want to say don't have babies alone but, may be *grocess indesirer, fille mere* ok we need to work on this.

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The land use plan, it is here, the GIS it is here, I can show you if you come to Bois D'olive we plan, all these is going to be plan but even if we plan there is no more space, this is why I have express come to my mind and it has been positively received by the Minister for finance doing his last visit. Maybe we should try to colonise another part of the world, Madagascar or somewhere, get land there specially for production. We have very good breeder, cattle, goat, *Agalega penas place* for example got a concession in Madagascar and then take our breeders there and they can work. Before Madagascar will be three hours, three hours' flight from Rodrigues and instead of going to Mauritius, we can to Madagascar ok thank you.

So the space is closing up in Rodrigues and we need to find solutions Mr Chairperson Sir  
And then Mr Agathe also was speaking about the economy, I has just spoken about this, I agree with him, we need to create value, *la croissance economique*, so that we can create wealth and of course I remember the Ministers of finance speaking about the distribution of the wealth created. And he was speaking about the context *de la croissance, la condition de la croissance. La condition de la croissance* of course Monsieur Le président sans investissement pas de croissance Monsieur le Président, nous avons vu par exemple durant ces deux dernières années, des investissements de plusieurs milliards dans le secteur privé, je crois un point quatre milliard que pour le Cotton Bay Hôtel Monsieur le Président. Milliard huit cent million d'investissement, que pour le Mourouk Ebony Hôtel, Monsieur Le Président. Il a parlé de la disponibilité de vols et le Membre Speville a parler de l'aces a l'eau et selon lui il ne pas de la classe moyen ! selon le Sud Trading Economique com the average monthly income a Maurice est de trente-sept mille quatre cent cinquante et un. Le Monsieur a sa nouvelle vocation comme membre ici et je crois savoir qu'il aussi enseignant ce qui fait de lui well above la classe moyen ok Monsieur le président. Et avant de passer excuser moi, parce que je beaucoup de responsabilité intérieur in well. Avant de passer à l'éducation

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*B mo capve.* Monsieur le Président la Minority Leader a dit est ce que le montant a était agréer par le Münster de finance ? Est-ce qu'il y a eu un partage équitable parmi les |Commission et la région qu'elle dotation qu'on eut ? j'étais la Monsieur le Président, quand le fonctionner ?

We are going to deal with this in our way

*Interruption*

*Enas encore deux budget pe vini.* Monsieur le Président les fonctionner sont parti avec les then Deputy Chief Commissionner négocier le budget et le Ministre je crois qu'ils avaient reçu tous ce qu'il fallait et le Ministre de Finance est venu le samedi qu'il était l'a ça, et il était content et a un moment avant de commencer la réunion il a discuté avec le deputy financial secretary et j'étais a

coter et là ils sont tombés d'accord ok ils donnent tous ce qu'on demande. oui, beh ils sont donne tous ce qu'il ont demandaient

*Interruption*

*Ca mo pas conner. Matelot ine gagne ce ki ine demander. Et la ! Monsieur le Président je dis-je pas eu toute ces chances pendant que je étais Chef Commissaire tous qu'ils avaient demandé apparemment ca a était allouer*

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Donc il a fait des brefs calcule et ils ont allouer l'argent qu'il fallait. Ça témoigne de la confiance et ça Monsieur le Président ce parce qu'on a travaillé, on a bien travaillé pendant deux ans ! on a bien travaillé pendant. Of course sorry sorry *cause bonheur lot coup* give me your return speech thank you.

*Interruption*

*Pardon oui oui pou enas chose pou enas, yes Monsieur le Président, of course on a le budget et l'esprit du budget Monsieur le Président, donc le nouveau Commissaire de finance a de la chance d'avoir eu un budget record 24% de l'augmentation meme si je vois que chez moi et je crois que ce 2.5% augmentation dans tous hein*

*Interruption*

I'm ok because we have having much budget in water so, yes Monsieur le President. Elle a parler de critique je j'aurais exercé ! Quand je fais un critique sur ma page Facebook ? vous croyais que ce le Commissaire ? ce la page Facebook du Chef Commissaire Adjoint, ce la page Facebook de Johnson Roussety ! there is différence ! il y a une différence entre la fonction et la personne, si je vais a la messe je suis assît a la messe, quand je vais prendre la communion quelqu'un me dit, tu sais-je pas l'eau chez moi, je dits la non je ne suis pas Commissaire de l'eau

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Je suis Chrétien là, vous voyais ce ça que je moi je fais cessez ça, je reçois pas les gens chez moi, je leur dits il y un bureau la bas aller au bureau, ne venez pas déranger les gens dans leur quiétude parce que quand je rentre chez moi, je suis en sorte, je suis sans soulier peut être le t-shirt est déchirer ok, il faut respecter la vie de politicien, la quiétude de politicien, les politiciens ne sont pas les esclave de certaines personnes vous connaissez à vouloir tous toutes la journée des gens vient chez vous Dimanche matin et venir dire je pas de maison ! beh je vais résoudre ton problème pas de maison le dimanche matin la ! et tu as étais un fonctionnaire pendant toutes ta vie, tu es à la retraite et tu n'as pas de maison et ce mo problem. You make your problem become mine, non. Je donc dits oui je suis étonné qu'un article dans Financial time ce Financial time not que l'office du touriste n'a pas le websit bein ou est le website ? je demandais, je pas critiquer le Commissaire,

c'est l'office du tourisme parce que c'est une compagnie, Monsieur le Président, they have to do their job

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Non Financial Times ils dise, il n'y a pas, Monsieur le Président. Et continue tous le temps tous le ans de parler de Transifest les gens n'ont pas de travail Transinvest ! mais vous ne savez pas que Transifest c'est du travaille casual non ? oui mais ce du travail casual this is what you must expect when you work in a casual job! Parce que nous on ne peut pas bétonner Rodrigues pour faire plaisir a Transifest ! on ne peut pas goudronner n'importe où ! et la question ne pas justement de goudronner n'importe où, arriver un moment il faudra arrêter de goudronner à Rodrigues juste maintenir. Maintain non le danger e sa c'est de tomber dans le piège de grand group, de grande compagnie, qui boive du béton, *boir beton zot, couma Jouana ti dire la mange saint*, donc Monsieur le Président, je vais accélérer. Monsieur le Président, je suis très inquiet au sujet de cette affaire d'aménagement du territoire, je suis inquiet aussi par rapport à certain service d'forcement je ne critique pas le Commissaire parce que le Commissaire, he is a policy maker ok, dans la région quatre, you are aware of it, un peu partout dans autre endroits aussi. Regarder ce qui se passera Cascade Pigeon, ds gens sont entrée dans la foret et ils coupent les bois, Tecoma ect et ils font meme de plants sur place, personne ne voit ? a Baie aux Huitre derrière l'agriculture pareil. Que font ces enforcement officers et puis on Vien critiquer les Commissaires. Montagne Cali pareil. Ce pour ça qui à parler de fonctionner qui ne font pas leur travail, on doit aller sur eux a chaque fois, non ils doivent faire leur travail, Monsieur le Président.

Donc je vais parler de l'éducation encore une fois, on eut des records comme bilan pour la premier fois l'année dernier le taux de réussite est arriver presque 80% et on a eu meilleur taux que Maurice. Le hot meal Project mille cinq cent quarante-neuf du primaire et élevés et cinq mille deux cent soixante-six du primaire. Cette année on aura mille six cent soixante-six élevés et cinq milles deux cent soixante-trois du primaire qui ont toucher par cette mesure, Monsieur le Président. Les éducation internet pack, qu'on a donné aux élevés de grades treize, les RRA Educational Awards, les recommence au niveau de la PSAC, au niveau de NCE et au niveau de la SC. On parle de voyage d'études, on parle aussi du programme pour le jeunes qu'on a mis en place mobilité pour les jeunes, des jeunes âges de trente-cinq ans ont

Pu se rendre à l'étranger et il y a une vingtaine qui sont déjà parti ou qui vont partir bientôt Monsieur le Président.

Dans le domaine de la formation, beaucoup de formation professionnel, diplôme in education management, PGCE, Bachelor in Education, certificat d'étude spécialiser et on a aussi modifier de plan d'aide post secondaire, plan d'aide pour les billet d'avion, les étudiant issue de famille,

augmentation du one off Grant ok. L'allocation du mensuel de stipend pour cent trois bénéficiaire qu'on va augmenter, subvention pour l'achat de laptop, paiement de frais d'inscription, Air ticket schème pour les élevés qui n'ont pas le moyen et là on a pris en compte, je crois qu'il y avait quelqu'un qui avait dit cinquante mille roupies ce pas assez. Là on va faire acquisition d'un case management software pour le social workers, magazine scolaire, élaboration d'un master plan, acquisition de thirty four smart T.V, tiny forest, inter active digital board for learning et à travers avec la RDCO, nous avons maintenant des managers, qui sont de recrutement, un mesure positive. Au niveau de l'entreprenariat et du commerce on va redynamise la RTMC comme vous avez vu avec une somme conséquente de dix-huit million de roupies qui seront mise en place à la disposition de la RTMC afin d'affronter de nombreuse contrainte qui ont entraver sa capacité à jouer pleinement son rôle, nous espérons que la RTMC va saisir cette occasion pour se restructurer et devenir financièrement autonome. Le rôle de la RTMC aussi se d'aider l'Assembler Régional à atténuer les hausses de prix quitte à importer de produits comme le riz, le riz de la STC, le lait ok et a de prix plus avantager pour le. RTMC va par exemple investir dans un nouveau camion afin d'avoir de deux point cinq million meilleur rayon d'action pour la distribution des onions, l'ail e produit smatch. L'école des entrepreneurs sera mise en place, nous avons l'annuaire des professionnel et du PME et nous avons aussi, SME Skills Development Programme en gros, tous qu'on va faire, on va bientôt, ce vrai ça a pris beaucoup de temps, deux ans. Par exemple a un moment il fait évaluer, on fait des appels d'offre quand il fallait évaluer les projets, on a eu certain officier qui ont dit on va pas participer dans l'évaluation par crainte d'être pointer du doigt après par personne, par l'ICAC par je ne sais qui, le fonctionnaire est retissant aujourd'hui à participer dans de sélection exercices ou ça. Mais là on a déjà refait l'exercice de sélection et on va bientôt la visite a était faite par les officiers de Investe Rodrigues et on va bientôt allouer le lettre d'intention pour les bénéficiaires sous l'Agricultural and entrepreneurial Grant schème pour moderniser leurs entreprises et bien sûr renforcer la souveraineté alimentaire de l'ile cette année. Je salue Monsieur le Président une mesure très intéressante, je demandais plusieurs fois dans le passer à ce que cela se fasse, se la mise en place de ferme de porc. Model qu'on peut louer avec les agriculteurs, je demande juste que l'on fasse cela dans des endroits ou se propice pour cela parce que ce quand meme une activité qui a un aspect de pollution d'hygiène, mais si ça se fait de façon moderne. Ça va s'améliore. Donc il faut, vous avez dits Rodrigues manque de porc, ça peut être vu de deux coter, la production on a pas augmenter, la dernière fois dans une réunion, je poser des questions, combien coute la Ferme de Bay Topaz, la Ferme de Bay Topaz qui a de chenser produire de porcelet je crois qu'il produise cent, cent cinquante meme pas pour, avec Ile aux Grabe huit million de roupies de cout d'opération. Donc do we keep this ? parce que c'était là le

gouvernement ou bien on donne ça aux secteur privée ok, il y a des débats, dans le Conseil Exécutifs certain disent il faut garder, peut-être par stratégie par intérêt stratégique d'autre, il faut donner, il faut laisser le secteur privé. Est-ce que ce le rôle du gouvernement Régional aujourd'hui d'aller produire des porcelets ? nous avons un breeding de cattle à St Gabriel, j'apprends que depuis longtemps tous ces animaux sont malade. J'apprends que se serais, je ne sais pas si ce vrai peut être le Commissaire peur confirmer après, il y a de ses animaux ils ont la fièvre, la fièvre aphteuse. Est-ce qu'on garde cela, on continue à garder à nourrir et après et on a pas de rendement pour cela ok, dans le passer c'était peut-être nécessaire parce que les gens n'avaient pas le moyen d'avoir une truie, les gens avait un cochon n'avait pas le moyen de garder une truie, aujourd'hui il faut pas dire ce que le gouvernement Régional, il faut s'organiser les agriculteurs, les éleveurs de porc doivent s'organiser. Avoir une association d'éleveur des porcs de Rodrigues et venir discuter avec la Commission, le conseil exécutif, avoir des moyens saisir des occasions et ne pas seulement être de rent seekers. Le danger de Rodrigues ce qu'on a de tas de rent seekers. Pension, regarder aujourd'hui là je ne sais pas ce qui se passe, peut-être je passe devant le bureau de fisheries il y plein de monde, de gens qui se font enregistre pour avoir la carte de pêcheur beh il y a des gens qui n'ont rien comme connexion avec la pêche. Can we say Mr Nicholson Lisette is a fisherman? I never seen him in a boat! And then he apply for a fishermen cart, no ce pour ça qu'on doit faire attention Monsieur le Président. Se pour ça qu'on doit mettre le critère pour qu'on fasse en sorte que justement on ne pas se sentiment d'injustice qu'on a favorisé je ne sais pas qui, favoriser une personne qui ne pas un pêcheur et une autre personne qui est vraiment un pêcheur, il a ses enfants il a sa femme il a sa famille c'est un pêcheur, il gagne sa vie dans la mer, mais il n'a pas été sélectionner par le comité de sélection, je sais pas qui, il faut que ça se fasse dans la transparence d'accord. Par exemple aussi ce qu'ils ont mise en place a Citronnelle la Small planter fédération ce ça ? celui qui donne la carte, mais quand je reçois les gens vient dire on a payé, on n'a pas eu notre carte ! Small Planters Welfare Fund et si vous n'avez la carte du Small planters Welfare Fund vous pouvez pas faire de démarche avec DBM, avoir des faciliter etc. et ce pas la faute la Commission, c'est Small planters Welfare Fund, s'ils ont payé ils ont pas leur carte ? il faut le dire, il faut bouger les choses. Ce pour ça que je suis d'accord, il faut que tous les Commissaires, toute les Commission. Moi je suis pour l'efficacite, il ne faut pas les dossiers dorment, il faut pas que les gens viennent nous voir chaque fois avec les meme problème. Moi je eu ces problème-là avec le cadastres, il y beaucoup de petites entrepreneur qui sont venu me voir une fois trois mois après ils reviennent, trois mois il reviennent, après deux ans ils sont toujours en train de revenir rien n'a était fait pour leur donner un bail, pour un shop site. Mais qu'est ce qu'on fait ? et on en train de travailler pour le peuple ? est-ce que cette Gouvernement, we are a team here of politicien. Is this

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gouvernement machinery following ? *le temps ou fer ene tour zot fer ene quart tour ! le temps ou ine remplit delo dan ene reservoir pou donner tel jour ler ou aller zot ine boir delo la, zot ine souce li asoir. Missier Wond=g so coner, tel moi ene matin, Commissaire delo ine perdit, mod ore aster to realise ca. le rat boir delo a soir, delo perdit, dans reservoir*

*Interruption*

A Terre Rouge pareil, on a rempli le réservoir pour faire la distribution le matin, le réservoir était rempli la Veil, quand on vient le matin, *missier penas delo ! be kine arriver, crocodile ine boir de lo a soir, soit ene sauve sourit ok.* Donc il faut Monsieur le Président et pour ce que peut être et certaine personne dise ahh ! ils parlent trop etc., il faut activer les dossiers des gens. Tous les Commissaires, tous les fonctionnaires doivent donner satisfaction à la population. On peut pas avoir building permit qui prend trois mois quatre mois cinq mois qui ne pas bon, s'il y a un problème dans le dossier, vous appeler la personne. Monsieur, votre dossier ne passe pas, il Ya un problème vous devez venir régler, d'accord.

Dans le domaine de la Santer pareil, dans le domaine de la Santer Monsieur le Président hein souvent on voit que ce le Commissaire qui doit intervenir ! j'ai un ami Monsieur le Président, sa femme a eu appendicite. Quand il est allé à l'hôpital, on lui a fait test de Gonesse ok. Après on lui a donner des médicaments et lui a dit de revenir dans une semaine, avant ça il est revenu et a dit ce douloureux, je ne me sens pas bien et à commencer à rester au lit a vous savez à être malade et on lui a renvoyer chez lui encore. La personne avait quelque économie, c'est important d'avoir quelque économie à Rodrigues hein !

*Interruption*

Maintenant qu'est-ce que le

*Zot ine fini causer*

Chairperson : Order Please

Deputy Chief Commissioner: thank you. Donc il prend sa femme il amené à Maurice à la clinique deux cent cinquante mille Roupies la clinique je sais pas quoi la basse clinique au milieu de Réduit la, Wilkins, et là le docteur lui dit si tu avais tardé encore quelque peu être un jour ou deux, *la pendiste ine eclater !* et ça avait commencer je ne suis pas médecin hein, à infecter meme son sang le paramètre était vraiment au bord. Whats going on ? whats going on here ? c'est la faute du Commissaire ? erreur médicale ? et la Monsieur le Président ! moi je dits franchement au Commissaire, je dits au Conseil Exécutifs, peut être certaines personnes ils viennent espionner au Conseil Exécutifs il a des micro là-bas, ils disent qu'il a du bruit au Conseil, il faut avoir du bruit. Monsieur Lissette ce qui sont membre peut être Franceau Grandcourt, vous vous souvenez quand

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Frederick Hebert Foundation était venue et avait fait une formation en 2202, et ils ont dits n'ayez pas peur de dire non !, do not be, we expect you to say no *!pas dire npon pou tous zafer.*

Le City Scan qu'on fait, on prend un City Scan cent million, la Mnority Leader a raison, the best City scan se cent million de rupees. *Ene tipti ene million roupies, trente million roupies ce kine metter mais peut-être.* Maintenant on met un City Scan, on va mettre un City Scan la avec une employée du gouvernement, quand il a envie de venir de travailler, il vient quand le Commissaire lui a parler, il ne pas d'accord *li jeter ou bien* il démontre, on a eu de technicien, le Commissaire peut confirmer que de consultant qui sont venue., ils ont dit the Equipment have been tempered with, has been Tampered with volontarilry, it cannot disconnect voluntarily, it cannot be software sa non. Mechanical or software. So what should we do? BOO lets buy the equipment, we put it here with the operator, running the equipment and we pay him for this. If the equipment breaks, we have a contract with them, they must take charge of the scan! Take the patient to Mauritius. This what we must start doing in Rodrigues. Do not think that I have nothing against public servant public sector but the setup is not for efficiency. Put the City scan in the hands of private operators working for government. They ensure that it works, they ensure that the scans are done properly and they are done on time Mr Chairperson Sir. This is what we must do because it is a very costly equipment cent million de rupees. You can't give this to people who may be there is no trust in them. Ils vont faire la pluie et le beau temps au détriment. Regarder combien d'argent on a dépenser pour envoyer des patients à Maurice. A chaque il faut, moi je dois, comme si je suis un agent de voyage moi. Les gens ils ont pas de place, regarder la famille de Le Chou là. La famille Louis. Regarder le drame, Bernard, la famille Bernard l'accident malheureux. Mais si on avait le City Scan on aurait eu le diagnostic non ? et ce qui se passe, le Dornier il vient il y avait deux bonbonne d'oxygen un est parti a Londre sur Air Mauritius et il y avait un seul pour le Dornier. On ne peut pas avec un seul ! donc qu'est ce qu'on fait et puis vous dite ce note faute ! ce pas notre faute, ce la faute ce le contexte. Combien d'argent on dépense ? huit siège je crois, huit siège il faut enlever, il faut dix siégé par neuf mille ou sept mille rupées, soixante-dix mille ok, et regarde les autres, rapatriement des corps, rapatriement des corps.

*Interruption*

How do we meet all these cost in our administration? So reduce transfers to Mauritius ok, donc Monsieur le President comment

Chairperson: order please I think you are feeling hungry

Deputy Chief Commisioner: donc il faut pas croire Monsieur le Président que ce le rôle de l'Assemble, je Régional je étais Chef Commissaire de palier tous le manquement des gens ! si vous étés une jeune fille chez vous, chez votre famille vous vous engager dans des comportement

sexuelle a risque pas a risque mais vous avez protection ca ce et vous avez un enfants vous avez deux, il faut que les gens est de plans de vie Monsieur le Président, sérieux. On ne dit pas aux gens ce qu'il faut faire, mais il faut éviter d'être par exemple à dix-sept ans a dix-neuf ans d'être grossesse in désirer, si vous voulez avoir un enfant, une jeune fille veut avoir un enfant, il faut préparer comme dans le temps bien sûr mais des grossesse qui peut être qui aurait pu attendre et puis on vient dire on a pas de maison comprenez. Est-ce que 'Assemble Régional, est ce que l'Assemble Régional peut fournir et là on donne priorité pour les baux à ces types des personnes. Est-ce que l'Assemble Régional peut venir dire que chaque personne qui a un enfant jeune fille qui a un enfant, mère célibataire comme on dit peut prétendre avoir une maison ? on devient comme certain d'autre pays, non ou bien on privilégie l'unité familiale. Ce pourquoi qu'on doit cessez avec ce genre de ce qu'on appelle rent sitting stratégies, des gens ne veulent pas aller travailler, peut être *alle la peche end de coups come sa*, mais il y beaucoup qui sont pêcheur professionnel aussi. Et apprendre à une carte de pêcheur, ce cool hein d'avoir une carte de pêcheur ce very cool !

*Interruption*

I agree with you, i agree with you, meme dans le system de Santer

*Interruption*

Non ont va faire payer, ils vont faire payer. Mo je dits au Commissaire d'approcher NHDC d'approcher Mauritius housing. Mauritius Housing ils ont par exemple un plan épargne logement, ce ne qu'après une certaine somme avoir économiser, peut-être vous montre que vous pouvais économiser cinq cent mille rupées par mois dans votre compte pell et l'Assemble Regional peut faire in partnership avec le MHC et à partir de là avec la MHC on fait la maison mais on endette l'Assemble Régional et l'Assemble récupérés l'argents pour réinvestir. Je suis d'accord avec vous, je suis d'accords, moi j'accepte la responsabilité, je blâme le Commissaire de housing de l'époque mais il avait ses raisons de modifier le programme maintenant il faut trouver la solution. Mais le problème ce que, le problème ce que les gens ne savent plus construire leur maison à Rodrigues ! meme de policier, des policières des gens qui travaillent dans le gouvernement on attend et maintenant qu'est ce qui se passer avec nous, qu'est ce qui sa passer ? on a voulu faire le Rodrigues Housing Property Development Company, mais malgre l'autonomie de Rodrigues on a pas pu. Si on avait pu on aurait injecté dans la Rodrigues Housing Property Company et là la Rodrigues Housing Property aurait eu ces technicien, ses ingénieurs aurait fait le tender aurait construit les maisons et aurait offert ces maisons à ces gens contre paiement mensuel, mais le gouvernement de là-bas, Port Louis a dit non avec votre complicité. Pareil

*Interruption*

pareil to create a company we must go through the Prime Minister's office, *minister finance dire pas li la bas sa!* Pareil pour Rodrigues Nature, on avait prévue de recruter des gens pour aller dans les rivières, nettoyer les rivières, reconstruire les batardo dans les rivières, faire les reboisement autour des rivières, faire les gardiennages des vallée, faire partir les animaux, faire les en forcement dans les valle mais on nous a dit ahh il faut pas faire Rodrigues nature, donc est ce que nous sommes autonome ?. pour créer une compagnie il faut l'autorite du PMO, pour créer, i show you the letter. Pour créer et on a écrit, ré écrit. Physibility study on nous a dit non. Beh un moment il faut se rendre compte que on ne pas un pays indépendant qu'il y a 'autre gens qui décide pour nous malgré qu'on soit autonome dans l'eau autonome dans ca housing ok, mais il faut faire avec, il faut continuer de se battre, oui le CEO est dans le bord c'est une pratique de la MIC, ou ils investisse leur argents de mettre quelqu'un comme directeur, c'est une pratique de la MIC, dans le privée mais le RPUC ce le privée techniquement. Why are we against ? there is nothing against ! the ria nothing against because the only thing is that they will watch over there investment and the member, je le felicite pour ca prise de position. On a voulu en quelque sorte a un certain moment essayer de hijack la réforme de l'eau pour mettre à Port-Louis et je dis non, je dis non on ne va pas faire ça et après on a trouvé des solutions on leur a dit, écouter vous votre comité a Maurice ce pour veiller à la bonne utilisation de l'argent de la MIC et la ce ok mais ne venez pas nous dire qu'est ce qu'on doit faire dans le domaine de l'eau a Rodrigues parce que we know better than other people what to do in this sector Mr Chairperson Sir.

Monsieur le President on a parlé de l'accord le récif je vais terminer et on nous a dits qu'il y a un manque de bilan, etc et ce pour ca that they have mind their own bussiness. Alors il y a une prestation de serment d'un nouveau Chef Commissaire you mind your own business, its not your business, non. Monsieur le Président on a parlé de la collective responsibility de la réputation de la RRA. Qu est ce qui se passer en Aout 2006 en juillet 2006 ? réputation de la RRA. Je vu Monsieur Sooprayen sur le terrain de football de la Ferme à la prestation de serment du nouveau Chef Commissaire il a été inviter je crois comme ancien président de l'Assember régional. Monsieur Sooprayen était la ok, mais ce le meme Monsieur Sooprayen qui était avec Monsieur serge Clair a la résidence en 2006 quand toi toi

*Interruption*

You let the old man down. Baptiste was there? All those Commissioners let down the Chief commissioner who was there only with Mr Sooprayen and sometimes later some years later

*Interruption*

I was in the executive council only with Mr Allan Emilien!

Chairperson Sir: jamais deux sans trois

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Deputy Chief Commissioner: and what happen before that Mr Chairperson sir, when in l'Express in an interview in l'Express with reporter one of the interview, the then Chie Commissioner said 'mes Commissaries sont indiscipline, this is one of the biggest bridge of the principle of collective responsibility. *To pe recnter qui faire to pas ti aller.* Ok Mr Chairperson Sir, i take the responsability of all my words, we took a position in our party ok, we call our delegates before I'm the leader of the FPR and we function democratically. When I was first, when I was young in politics, every Sunday there were meeting of delegate at Mt Lubin, and decision were taken with delegates, Mr Chairperson in a former live we were together in this battle, my friend Mrs Marie Therese Clair is here, we know this, we know this that decision were being made by delegates. Today the leader of the OPR make, organise a press conference in Mauritius and announces that he will not be candidates, he wants to take your place, he wants to be leader in Regional and then he designates to other personnes as National Assembly candidates. Without contacting having the votes of the delegates. This the OPR today ok. One man show I don't know what either your leader said that he is not your leader said that he is not Serge Clair. In the FPR we function democratically, this is why we were not agreeable to certain terms being on the transition, to the budget then we ask our delegate to come and they said you do this and we did it!

*Interruption*

And then surprisingly the position change everybody makes at times difficult decision and you are call to change position. I have change my position as Chief Commissioner, many times ok, because I have to listen to others ok, because the Chief commissioner is the Chief commissioner of an Alliance Mr Chairperson sir and we want the Chief Commissioner to be the Chief Commissioner of the Alliance of decision which are discussed together even though he may at times some final words, I used to have some final word and when I was Chief Commissioner but at times there is majority which privates, this is why I call upon all members of the majority to work together, to work as a team and to believe that because a member is criticising your measures or saying you are taking too much time to do this and this, it's not by pleasure it's because it we ourselves, the member who is saying this is having pressure on him. Because everywhere I go fisherman are on my neck telling me, when are we getting our fisherman.

*Interruption*

*Moi qui donne l'argent? Ene pension sa, l'argent automatique donner sa , l'argent automatique donner !*so this is the call Mr Chairperson sir. It's not the time to break and nobody was speaking about breaking the regional government. We were speaking about seeking agreement on certain options in the budget and I'm happy that everything went into order and that we have had ca, ok. Agreement on this, I regret that much more effort could have been made for the Commissioner for

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woman affairs for her Commission, but we know that we have two more budget coming, we have other programmes in other, for example in the Commission for Agriculture, there is a lot of money in training, in my Commission of industrial development we have money for training, we have money for entrepreneur empowerment, we have to give due consideration to the views of other commissioners and I do appear upon the new Chief Commissioner, Commissioner for finance to see to it that the Commission of Commissioner Agathe do in the years to come gets due attention because

*Interruption*

She is had 50% increase in her budget but there are certain measures interesting measures that she did submit which may have been not taken into consideration in involuntarily we do think that we will correct this and of course all of the commissions there are dotation's, we have to be balance. So thank you Mr Chairperson Sir, I wish the new Regional Government the Commissioner who have had new responsibilities all the best remember nothing will happen if you do not prepare, preparation, planning is important. If you have had the responsibility for housing for example, you know what is the situation, you know the number of houses ongoing, you know how to implement it, do not wait for the last minute to think how best to implement your last project. So thank you all of you and all the best and I will say that I have no interest at all here my only interest is to serve my country but this must be done in respect, respecting everybody, respecting all parties and of course my only qualm, my only interest is to serve my country thank you

*Applause*

Chairperson: let us break for one hour

The Assembly was suspended for one hour

Chief commissioner : Monsieur Le Président, permette moi tous d'abord de remercier tous ceux qui ont pris la parole au cours de ce débat budgéter. Je remercie mon collègue Chef Commissaire adjoint, mais collègue Commissaire ici présents les, les membres élue de l'Assemble de ce coter ci de la Chambre, la Minority Leader et aussi bien que le membre de l'autre coter de l'opposition. Je vous remercie aussi pour leur félicitation concernant mon élévation comme GOSK et aussi le poste de Chef Commissaire. Monsieur Le Président nous arrivons à la fin de la première partie du débat sur le budget 2024/2025. Monsieur Le Président nous avons beaucoup entendue de notes positive, des moins positive mais quand même nous prenons en compte tous les revendication, les remarques des tous les membres mais aussi j'aimerais souligner et aussi montre mon appréciation de la part de Minority Leader qui à souligner qui a aujourd'hui un peu plus démocratie dans cette Chambre concernant le temps allouer aux membre d'intervenir. Donc c'est très intéressant et comparer à

nous à l'époque qui n'avons pas eu cet chance à l'époque nous avons que presque trente minutes et que lorsque nous dit lorsqu'on dépasse on revendique on nous dit je site 'do you want to go home early' ? fin de citation, donc sa c'était à l'époque ,mais quand même Monsieur Le Président nous sommes très content.

Monsieur Le Président unir pour réussir, pourquoi on vient de l'avant avec un budget simplement on veut changer la vie de gens, et ce budget ca était l'occasion et bien sûr si vous allez dans les rues vous allez attendre parlez les gens je entendue à la radio que de notes positif. Les Président du parlement de jeunes, toutes les association etc. etc. tous les monde est content, donc ce budget a pu fédère l'Alliance Libération et si on va au élection demain la donc c'est sure la avec ce budget historique justement on va bien sûr gagner les élection. Monsieur Le Président, nous avons je me rappelle lorsque je travailler avec mes collègue Commissaire et autre on a commencé un peu tôt et justement je été parler au Chef Commissaire à l'époque je dis écoute je vais commencer à préparer mon budget et nous l'avons préparé ensemble avec tout le monde, parce que moi je crois que aujourd'hui Monsieur Le Président être Chef Commissaire c'est être chef Commissaire avec tout le monde et pour tous les monde, donc nous avons travaillé avec tous les Commissaire nous avons trouvé bien sûr les failles, nous avons trouvé ou est-ce qu'il faut améliorer mais c'est pas un budget que pour la majorité c'est un budget pour tout le monde Monsieur le Président. Et moi je qualifierai ce budget d'un budget de relance un budget pourquoi de relance parce que d'ici deux ans Rodrigues va connaitre de développement assez conséquent et il faut qu'on se prépare. C'est aussi un budget de préparation, un budget aussi de transition et ce la raison pour laquelle monsieur Le Président je dis il faut qu'on se remettre au travail, peut-être ils n'ont pas compris pourquoi je dis ça parce que ce n'est que maintenant c'est vraie économiquement parlant on va franchir cet nouvelle étape qu'on nous a vendue il y'a quelque années de cela, franchir une nouvelle étapes. Je me rappelle quand nous étions dans l'opposition, franchir cette nouvelle étapes, on parler de ça tous le temps mais c'est maintenant qu'on va le faire Monsieur le Président, parce que c'est important de ce remettre au travail et je fais un appelle à tout le monde de vraiment comme la ci bien dit le Chef Commissaire adjoint de profiter des rodriguais de profiter mais vous les fonctionner et vous les membres de l'opposition de vraiment ce mettre au travail pour afin qu'on puisse vraiment voir ce budget être réaliser Monsieur le Président. Nous avons eu bien sur beaucoup de prise de position je dirais, prise de position delà part de l'opposition par exemple le membre Baptiste il a parlé de gros sommes mais au fait c'était normale qu'on puisse avoir cette sommes un Milliard deux cent quarante-quatre mille d'augmentation c'est un peu normale non Monsieur Le président, nous avons fait notre travail il y a des fonctionner qui sont parti à Maurice, qui ont était négociier, et nous avons parlé au ministre, il fallait parler au ministre. Donc on a fait un travail assidue, un travail d'équipe, même

si on a entendu que voilà il y a des opinion différent contraire comme vous dite, mais il y a eu un travail d'équipes et c'est la raison pour laquelle nous sommes arrivées à ce résultats. Regarder par exemple, on nous disais à l'époque *dans trois mois pou casser dans six mois dans un mois zot oussi plusieurs fois zot manquer casser* ça arrive Monsieur Le Président ça arrive Monsieur Le Président, nous sommes arrivées a deux ans, nous avons respect l'accord Le récif et ça c'est aussi historiques Monsieur Le Président et aujourd'hui nous venons avec un budget historiques justement pour changer la vie de gens Monsieur Le Président.

Alors, et on a dit que voilà par exemple je voulais, i wanted to distinguish myself, non c'est juste un autre style ok chacun son style chacun sa façon de voir le chose il faut respecter ca la diversité il faut respecter ceci la beauté d'une équipe Monsieur Le Président. On nous a parler de consultation avec le Ministre , bien sûr, on doit parler avec les Ministre pour voir dans quel orientation et li y a une chose cette année ci ce que il y aura il y aura encore autre chose qu'on va recevoir des autres ministères, il y a pas que ça, nous sommes en train de négocier avec les ministères de sports, avec les ministères de la pêche, avec les autres ministères bien sûr s'il faut qu'on allait les voir pour avoir quelque chose dans l'intérêt de Rodrigues pourquoi ne pas le faire, si je dois aller voir par exemple, je rendez-vous avec le Ministre de finance juste après, si je dois aller le voir pour avoir le par exemple le Parliament House, le nouveau parlement, je dois pas y aller ! Parce que vous dite quelqu'un la fait comprendre comme si on met en péril, on met en cause l'Autonomie de Rodrigues non non Monsieur Le Président, dans l'intérêt du peuple c'est mon travail si je dois aller voir le Ministre je vais le voir, le Premier Ministre est venue nous avons parlé des chose concernant Rodrigues, des préoccupation, et je vais comme je le dit la dernière fois je vais aussi appeler la Minority Leader, il faut qu'on puisse parler. Elle officiellement c'est sa unir Monsieur Le Président ,c'est sa unir pour réussir et elle va décider si elle va amener toutes son équipe ou pas mais je vais l'appeler pour pouvoir parler et je peux être l'appeler plus souvent parce que il y aura de, on ne sait pas que ce qui peut se passer, par exemple, vos contribution si jamais il y a quelque chose qui arrive sur Rodrigues, on doit vous parler pour voir comment vous aussi parce que vous être payer par l'Assemble Régional comment vous aussi vous pouvez aider bien sûr dans des comité etc etc Monsieur Le Président. Nous ce qu'on veut et là je dis quelque chose a tout à l'heur la mon amie le respecte membre Lisette, il a compris quelque chose, il a mis le doigt sur quelque chose, ce vrai que moi aussi j'ai beaucoup de petit papier supposément pour répondre à des points, mais il faut bien comprendre, c'est pas en mettant un budget la quelqu'un critiques, l'autre critique, Monsieur Baptiste va faire le chiffre un exercice comptable qu'on va faire avancer Rodrigues, le budget est voter ça va être voter et l'argent a déjà était distribuer, on va travailler avec ça. Vous faites des fausse mortem *faire autopsie pas faire autopsie pas pou enas narnien*. On

va utiliser ce même budget, mais ce qu'il faut comprendre ce que, Rodrigues a des enjeux, Rodrigues a besoin que le Rodriguais, que le politicien puisse s'unir, bien sûr vous avez votre idéologie on respect nous aussi nous eut notre, mais a un certain il faut qu'on puisse s'unir pour défendre Rodrigues, il faut être défenseur de l'autonomie, il faut être des ambassadeurs de Rodrigues, il faut être des soldats pour défendre cette autonomie. Et cela je suis sûre que tous les monde, tous ce qui nous écoute, tous les Rodriguais qui n'ont rien à faire avec la politique ils vont dire c'est ça ce que veut pour Rodrigues, un ile Rodrigues forte, une ile Rodrigues serein, une Ile Rodrigues ou l'avenir de notre future génération est assure et aussi être entre les mains des gens responsables. C'est ce qu'il faut faire, nous lors ce qu'on parle de vous savez par le *school feeding programme* vous avez comment ça a était difficile pour pouvoir faire passez ces projets, c'était très difficile Monsieur Le Président et on eut bien sûre des personnes qui ont dit ben ce projets la *deux fois pas ine reci faire couma pou faire cinq fois*, au contraire venez de l'avant, venez nous dire écouter on est, nous sommes prêts à vous aider, parce que cette argent c'est votre argent. On ne peut pas nous dire par exemple comme la fait, la membre Roussety, on a dû intervenir pour l'interrompre à chaque fois, non il faut venir de l'avant avec des sujétions, voir comment aider, il faut s'unir derrière ces projets et c'est projets qui unit ces peuples, vous avez posé la question, Dites-nous les projets qui unit les peuples ? ben c'est un projets qui va unir ce peuples unir nos enfants, les enfants le membre Agathe a parler de fait multiplicateur, il a parlé d'autre chose mais il n'a pas parler de *lautre trouv sa pas corek*, il n'a pas parler de *school feeding programme Project*. Le dynamisme que ça va créer autour de ce projet Monsieur Le Président, ce important en étant un membre de venir objectivement parler et bien sûr donner son avis sur. Mais cependant j'ai un petit dérapage de la part de du membre Lissette concernant la Commission de la femme. Il a dit il faudra donner un sacrement de malade à la Commission de la femme. Ce dérapage ça se pas correct c'est-à-dire que là il est en train d'attaquer directement pas seulement le Commissaire mais les fonctionner, il faut faire attention, il faut faire attention, à ne pas frustrer ces gens

*Interruption*

The Chairperson: Order allowed the chief Commissioner to speak.

The Chief Commissionner : il faut faire attention Monsieur Le Président, il faut rester concentrez sure le vraie problème de Rodrigues. Nous avons mis de l'argent pour tel ou tel Project c'est votre rôle de nous poser des questions, c'est votre rôle, regardez je vais venir sur le douze points après, c'est votre rôle de voir comment on va a bien amener ces projets. Concernant en parlant de la Commission de la femme, vous savez Monsieur Le Président l'année dernière l'allocation budgéter pour le capital budget était de trente million de roupies mais cette année si c'est à quarante-cinq million, il y a eu une au augmentation de 50%, idem pour le récurrent sortir de soixante-neuf à

quatre-vingt-dix-neuf point Six million , donc oui quand même Monsieur Le Président sorti de trente à quarante-cinq million il y a quand même eu 50% d'augmentation, il y aussi le *school feeding projects* soixante-dix-huit million de roupies qui concerne les enfants et nous sommes fières Monsieur Le Président et nous sommes fières de dire d'annoncer qu'on va le faire pendant cinq jour, nous sommes fière et je remarquer je vue l'expression sure leur visage lorsque je dis cinq jour. Et la bien sûr c'est du travail sa aussi Monsieur Le Président il va falloir, il va falloir du control, il faut mettre beaucoup de control parce que ce vraie que a Maurice ils ont commencé à un certain moment il ont dû arrêter parce que il y a eu ce problème de contamination etc etc. il faut faire très très attention et la Commission de l'éducation et la Commission de la Santer et bien sûr tous les autre Commission il faut être prêt à vraiment accueillir ces projets. l'argent nous avons maintenant et on va bien sûr le faire et mettre de l'avant.

La question de huit cent Rodriguais recruter dans le gouvernement, Monsieur Le Président, Monsieur Baptiste fait comprendre que c'est toute a fait normal qu'on doit prendre ces gens dans le gouvernement, mais monsieur Le Président il faut aller négocier là je salue l'effort qui a était fait par le ICE et tous son équipes pour aller négocier et aujourd'hui je suis très content par exemple huit cent Rodriguais on va recruter dans le gouvernement parmi trois cent vingt-deux laboureur Monsieur Le Président et on va travailler tous de suite, la différence ce que là on va travailler tous de suite, on va faire bouger les chose Monsieur Le Président.

Indemne pour les carte pécheur, le carte pécheur il y a dès l'argents on va le mettre, le city scan nous avons parlé et vingt-cinq mille roupies cadeau par arpent la terre ou cultiver sa ces projets Monsieur Le président c'est un projets aussi qui unis les Rodriguais, comment ? premièrement directement les planteur et deuxièmes aussi ceux qui vende des légumes et aussi ceux qui vont acheter des légumes Monsieur Le Président et pas fini le bu aussi c'est d'exporter les surplus sur Maurice. Je viens de voir sur un journal ils ont exporter trente-deux point cinq tonnes le dernier bateau on exportes trente-deux point cinq tonnes de légumes sur Maurice. Ça c'est un projet que tous les mondes doivent être derrière, comment on va le faire bien sûr les critère etc, comment implémenter ces projets ça va être défini bien sûr par la Commission de l'Agriculture amener au conseil être approuver et puis on ira de l'avant et ça à partir d'Aout tous ceux qui travaillent la terre qui ceux qui vont satisfaire les critères, ils aurons vingt-cinq mille roupies par arpents la terre pour produire. C'est la raison pour laquelle nous disons cette aide à la production donne ce budget cet aspect historique. *Enfants école ou gagne manger*, planteur vous aurez plus de vingt-cinq mille roupies par arpent.

Les clubs par exemple, vous savez Monsieur le Président nous nous croyons qu'il y a des centres communautaires il y a suffisamment des centres communautaires à Rodrigues mais il aussi ce

qu'ils ont oublié ce qu'autour d'un club parce que je vois ça a mangues, il y a le club de Barbados a Mangues, tous le samedi rempli, tous le Vendredi Samedi Dimanche même la semaine tous fois on voit les gens. C'est très vivant contrairement au centre communautaire de fois on voit que se fermer quelqu'un est parti avec la clé je ne sais pas où par contre le club, j'apprécie aussi la sujétion la proposition du membre Lisette bien sûre lorsqu'un club par exemple l'équipe de Dragon va jouer a Rising bien sûr le club ça va être tous prêt du terrain de foot doit être aussi converti en vestiaire pour accueillir l'autre équipe c'est un peu normale Monsieur Le Président. *Ine nepli pou ale tire linges enbas pied lagome couma longtemps.* Donc maintenant ses clubs là ils auront on va les aider à monter ses club des football, on va les aider à monter leur clubs justement pour les valoriser pour favoriser les chances et en même temps pour insister les autre clubs à faire mieux et à monter en première division. Il a des gens qui ont dit ben pourquoi on donne pas les autres clubs ? non il faut quand même bien sûr on n'a pas trop d'argents mais on va essayer de les aider et ça ses clubs vont être on moyen justement d'unir les gens dans leur village, d'unir bien sur les jeunes et ainsi faire progresser la société Monsieur Le Président. En même temps nous avons ce problème de la drogue à Rodrigues il faudra voir comment *tagle* ce problème. Ça se un mot social qu'il faudra il faudra voir. Comment faire et nous cette année si on a mis de l'argents, il y a un rapport sue la drogue on ose mettre de l'argents je pense c'est quatre million pour les activités bien sur si besoin est on va aussi trouver dans d'autre commission comment avoir dès l'argents pour financer des projets, des programmes de sensibilisation, des activités lier a la lutte contre la drogues Monsieur Le Président. On doit effectivement on doit effectivement combattre la drogue parce que nous savons tous par exemple quel sont les effets de la drogue sue la société, et cela c'est un projet ou tous les mondes va s'unir on doit s'unir pour pourvoir combattre la drogues, pareil comme les autres mots des société a Rodrigues Monsieur Le Président.

La question de faire Rodrigue devient un Wifi Island c'est important ce vraie que à l'époque de la Minority Leader, c'est elle qui a connecter bien sûr comme il se doit a la fibre optique,

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mais bien sûr avec tous, oui on n'était pas d'accord et puis on est tombé d'accord bon grave *pourvi ine tom d.daccord* comme nous ici des fois on ne pas et puis on tombe d'accord et puis c'est bon on continue, Monsieur Le Président mais par contre l'arrivée de la fibre optique c'est vraie que ça il faut pouvoir gérée, donc nous ce qu'on va faire nous on va bien sur étandre, faire Rodrigues devenir, commencer à faire venir, faire Rodrigues devenir un Wifi Island mais aussi il y a le coter control et cela que le Commissaire de la TIC a un rôle important à jouer. Il faudra voir surtout ce qui dise n'importe quoi sur Facebook et moi je ne suis pas sue Facebook je ne fais que regarder mais quand même il faudra bien contrôler Monsieur Le Président.

Donc tous ces projets que nous sommes venue de l'avant, je citais que quelque projets que quelque projets, dans le domaines de l'eau Monsieur Le Président un gros travaux est en train d'être abattue c'est vraie vous dite qu'il y a un déjà une colonne vertébrale de l'eau, mais nous ce qu'on veut faire ce autre chose, vous avez fait la connecte du sud sa date de quand ? vingt ans plus que vingt ans, si on dit qu'on va augmenter la production de l'eau ben il faudra aussi voir, il faudra aussi voir la distribution Monsieur Le Président donc tout ça va changer et bien sûr c'est l'Esprit de ce budget de pouvoir aider Rodrigues, faire Rodrigues avancer en même temps les gens aussi doivent avancer c'est sa les patriotisme économique Monsieur Le Président. Le membre Agathe a parler de sa patriotisme économique c'est que le Rodriguais puisse eux même participé pleinement au développement de leur pays. Regarder par exemple vous avez dit tout à l'heure la *oui penas chantier penas chantier dan Rodrigues* les travailleurs de Transinvest ne travaille pas ! ok, et nous nous disons, den écouté il faut prendre l'argent il faut mettre il faut dans le *school feeding programme* pourquoi ? tous simplement Monsieur Le Président parce que vous êtes d'accord avec moi le *school feeding programme* va aider les Rodriguais, les femmes, les producteur des légumes, les producteurs des poulets et nous on insiste qu'on utilise les produit locaux on va introduire aussi la patate, à l'école le manioc, Monsieur Le Président. *Mange ce qui ou produire produire ceki ou manger ki san laine dire sa ?*

*Interruption*

*Pardon wey se gare.* C'est gare de raisonnement Monsieur le Président c'est qu'il créer la division, le membre Agathe à parler comment est-ce qu'on va faire l'union mais quand lui-même lui il semé la division, vous voyez Monsieur Le Président, c'est ça le problème il faut être derrière ce projets et lorsque vous me dite les travailleurs de Transinvest ou va l'argents ? des million là-bas l'autre coter La France, l'argents Rodrigues la France head quarters en France. Combien est ce que les Rodriguais gagne ? Nous nous prenons prenons le patriotisme économique. Regarder exemples aussi, c'est vrai que Serge li à contribuer à ce que Rodrigues accède à l'autonomie mais aussi il y a des choses qu'on peut critiquer objectivement. Regarder le as de Tamaris, Tamaris, Mont venus, Cocotier heureusement il ont pu vendre Cocotier, aller voir Tamaris *zordi*, chez Ram tous sa aller voir Tamaris je passe la pas la dernier fois, je dois parler au Chef Commissaire adjoint, Mais Qu'est ce qu'on va faire de Tamaris, si on démolie Tamaris ou est ce qu'on va mettre tous sa tous ce débris la ? si on avait à un Rodriguais, il critique quel qu'un habite qui a Baie Malgache, vous aller faire de *live* tous sa là mais c'est un Rodriguais ! c'est un Rodriguais !. Il faut donner la chance au Rodriguais c'est la raison pour laquelle nous prenons le patriotisme économique Monsieur Le Président. Monsieur Le Président. Yes Monsieur Le Président c'est ça le rôle de cette nouvelle alliance monsieur Le Président, bien sûre bien sûre.

Le secteur privé doit avancer aussi il y a aussi le petit et moyen entreprise doivent avancer, les autres qui veulent se lancer dans le business eu aussi doivent avancer mais aussi nous devons faire des efforts, c'est vrai que cette affaire de maison. Ils ont critiqué les maisons, je répète pour la aieniem fois dans ce parlement Monsieur Le président lorsque je suis arrivé il y avait des gens qui n'avait pas aces a un *loan*, pour le gouvernement OPR si tu as aces a un *loan* tu as pas de maison *get to affair toi pas pou gagn la case* mais ces personnes-là sont des personnes le plus vulnérable et ils ont besoin d'une maison aces a une maison, une maison décent, une maison par famille qui c'est qui a dit ça ? l'époque et nous somme arriver et bien sûr nous avons donné à ces gens-là , nous avons discuté avec ces gens-là, nous n'avons pas imposer Monsieur le Président, il y a deux cent vingt et un personnes qui ont eu certain aurons aussi des matériaux pour la construction de leur maison à leur propre rythme, on a était je rappelle on a était dans la Paille, et une dame nous dit j'ai quinze cent roupies, comme allocation et il coupe douze cent roupies dedans, je ne sais qui était avec moi, on a était dans la Paille mon amie rosaire était avec moi, douze cent la paie *ti pension* coupe douze cent. Voilà OPR, voilà ce qu'a fait OPR nous nous disons non on vous donne le matériaux vous monter la maison a votre propre rythme, mais c'est vraie aussi il y a des gens qui ont terminer leur maison, il y a des gens qui ont presque terminer, et là on se dit et là on se dit ben écouter, on a donné suffisamment de ces gens-là leur maison. Le Chef Commissaire adjoint la explique maintenant on va revoir le programme ok, on revoir ce schème, il faut revoir, comme vous, vous avez revue à la Veil de élection la loi d'importation sure le véhicule, passer a sept ans venir a dix ans, vous aussi vous l'avait fait, clairement bien sur le Commissaire il va venir, il faut le laisser travailler, il a déjà pris contact avec les personnes concernées, il va venir au conseil et on va expliquer après. Mais le *self help* le programme de maison, le *self help basic* va continuer. Pour ceux du moins quoi on eut bien sur leur matériaux monsieur le président.

Mais c'est sa travailler dans l'intérêt de Rodriguais, c'est sa faire *empower* le Rodriguais, donc on ne va pas venir vous dire écouter on va continuer avec ces programmes non non nous sommes assez assez, nous avons le discernement de dire a un certain moment il faudra revoir. Pareil comme pourquoi on veut que Rodrigues économiquement se développe parce que demain un jeune, un jeune couple, ben s'ils travaillent ben ils doivent pouvoir construire leur propre maison. On ne peut pas Tous le temps donne maison *donne la case, vini marier apres ale get missier Jonhson Roussety ou bien Nicolas volbert pou gagn la case*. Non il faudra à un certain moment qu'on puisse voir, pareil pour le problème de bail, a un certain moment il faudra qu'on voit. Et là nous travaillons Monsieur Le Président sur un très joli projet le projets de délimitation de village. Je déjà dit je vous pose la question ou est-ce que vous habitez à Rodrigues, *enas pou dire moi l'Acacia pou dire moi Baie aux huitre pou dire moi Corail, cot corail passer cot l'Acacia passse ?r*. Est-ce que vous

savez ? c'est sa lorsque vous parlez de Jeter le base pour l'autonomie de Rodrigues au faite c'est ça, il faut savoir d'abord ou est-ce que nous habitons. Il y a plus de centaines de village à Rodrigues on va diviser Rodrigues en vingt localité et dans ce budget j'ai mis dès l'argent pour pouvoir faire de ces projets devenir une réalité et ce la raison pour laquelle c'est historique encore une fois Monsieur Le Président. Du telebase et à partir de sa avec mon amie adjoint du Chef Commissaire qui travaille sur le GIS, d'ailleurs on va travailler ensemble bien sûr, on va vraiment voir lorsqu'on parle de corail par exemple, je prends un exemple lorsqu'on parle de les grandes ont l'habitude de dire ça, *mo p ale dans Corail pe ale cherche poisson dans corail ou est dans Corail*. Dans Corail ça va être une localité qui va regrouper plusieurs villages. Ça veut Vengassaille, Mt cabri, etc et Petite Butte, Dans Coco tout ça va être dans Corail. Lorsqu'on va parler de Baie Du Nord ça va pas être que Baie Du Nord là-bas ça va être Anse Gouellant, Anse Nicolas, justement exactement Mt Du Sable *ene boute* et ça va être tous sa Monsieur Le Président.

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Ça c'est un projet qui va unir les Rodriguais et on a donné justement le moyen non c'est-à-dire il y aura vingt localité ça veut dire une localité pendant que je me rappelle ça va être dans Corail *ene Riviere Coco*, la localité de Gravier, *cot nous* ça va être Citron Donis ou je ne sais pas. Je serai très heureux de, je vais être vraiment de vous appeler pour vous presentez le projet. C'est un projet qui va unir les Rodriguais, c'est dans cette esprit que nous avons mis ce titre unir pour réussir Monsieur Le Président, c'est important important et dans ce budget on a mis de l'argent justement pour faire, pour réaliser les projets qui vont réunir les Rodriguais Monsieur Le Président.

La grandissement de l'Aéroport tout le monde en parle, c'est vraie ce quelque chose qu'il faut qu'on se prépare Monsieur le Président, il faut qu'on se prépare justement à accueillir ce projets, parce que ça va un *Game changer* pour nous, à la fin de la journée. Il faut qu'on puisse se préparer et se prépare, les Rodriguais puisse être préparer parce que n'oublier pas on est, nous sommes dans la même république mais il peut y avoir de gens qui Vien de Maurice faire de business ici exploiter ce qui aurait dut être exploiter par les Rodriguais, vous comprenez Monsieur Le Président *high* donc, et ce la raison pour laquelle Monsieur Le Président il faut être content lorsqu'un Rodriguais arrive à faire quelque chose il faut été content, il le dire Monsieur Le Président la plus part de fois comme la si bien dit Johnson tout à l'heur là, on s'assoit sur le bord la route, on dit pourquoi est-ce que *Johnson Roussety il a eut tel ou tel affair mais moi mo na pas be si to assizer to pas pou gagner*. C'est la raison pour laquelle le Rodriguais doit commencer à vraiment apprécier lorsqu'un de ce semblable avance Monsieur Le Président, il faut le dire, de fois on a tendance à ne pas le dire. Il faut arrêter avec cette mentalité la, il faut aussi arrêter avec cette mentalité les politiciens c'est la raison pour laquelle, je me rappelle le 7 Janvier lorsque le leader de l'OPR la bas lui disait

a Pointe Cotton, *pas Serge clair ki devant moi mo pas Serge Clair moi mo pas Serge Clair mo pas Serge Moi*, il a dit sa a quatre, fois-moi vous savez ce que je disais la bas, je disais il faut arrêter avec ça, il faut comprendre que je suis amie moi personnellement je suis ami avec tous les politicien à Rodrigues. Et si je suis ami avec Monsieur Baptiste comment se fait-il que Monsieur Baptiste puisse aller dire aces mandant *Franceau la pas ene bon bougue sa*. Il faut arrêter avec sa Monsieur le Président. Si vous avez à me critiquer, critiques moi sur ce que je fais, mais il faut s'unir, il faut arrêter avec cette vilaine mentalité. Moi dans mon mandat c'est ce que je peux. Je veux le faire Monsieur Le président, je suis le Chef commissaire de tout le monde, le Chef Commissaire adjoint aussi est le Chef Commissaire de tout le monde il faut qu'on puisse travailler pour tout le monde, c'est ça le message ainsi que tous le Commissaire Monsieur Le Président. C'est sa mon message aujourd'hui et ce la raison pour laquelle nous avons dit il faut s'unir pour réussir cette autonomie de Rodrigues parce que quelque part mon ami Monsieur le respecter membre Lisette il a compris et li faut que tout le monde comprend l'enjeux. Non il a dit puisqu'il a dit, il faut que tout le monde comprenne, je sais que Madame la Minority Leader sont un peu ancien a l'Assemble il comprenne l'enjeux sur Rodrigues Monsieur Le Président, comment Rodrigues puisse sortis gagnant et comment avec le développement qui vont arriver on va rester Rodrigues les spécificité de Rodrigues vont être conserver et bien sûr demain cinq ans, vous allez dire que ce soit à Rodrigues dans cinq ans, dix ans, vingt ans, quinze ans mais dans le même esprit c'est-à-dire dans dix ans il faut qu'on puisse dire whaa ! Rodrigues est toujours cette ile ou les gens sont accueillant ou les gens sont près à vous aider etc. etc. Monsieur Le Président le bu c'est sa rien de plus Monsieur Le président.

Donc le budget bien sûr, on ne peut pas satisfaire tout le monde, bien sûr on ne peut dire a tout le monde que vous aurez votre carte de pécheur, vous aurez ici, vous aurez cela, mais au moins on a fait quelque chose qui va satisfaire la plupart des gens. C'est-à-dire je reviens sur ce projets de repas dans les écoles pré-primaire et primaires, et l'année prochaine on va voir Monsieur le Président, on va voir l'année prochaine, il faut compter aussi, il faut voir aussi les collèges. Qu'est ce qu'on peut faire on va voir, on va discuter, je vais discuter avec le Commissaire de l'Education on va voir qu'est ce qu'on peut faire, pour aider ces gens, pour miser et ce budget à miser beaucoup sur les jeunes sur l'enfant et sur les jeunes. Parce que-il, faut miser sur ces gens-là, ce parti de notre société afin que demain Rodrigues soit une ile meilleur.

Donc Monsieur Le président il y a aussi pour terminer, nous de notre coter au niveau de mon bureau nous sommes, nous allons mettre en place un *monitoring commitee* et ce comité et ce comité va on va aller dans toute les commissions pour accompagner les Commissaires et leur staff afin qu'ils puissent réalise les projets annoncer dans ce budgets Monsieur Le Président.

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Parce que Monsieur le Président nous pensons que les fonctionner de fois eux aussi ils ont leur difficulté au travail, il faut qu'on puisse s'asseoir et parler et bien sûr les motive à faire mieux à *deliver* et bien sûr amener a bien les projets Monsieur Le Président. Donc Monsieur Le Président je vais m'arrêter ici et nous avons fait un vraiment un bon budget, je remercie tous mes collègues qui ont contribuer, je remercie tous le staff de diffèrent Commission et bien sûr Monsieur Le Président on va bien sur faire de notre mieux pour pouvoir réalise tous ces projets Merci Monsieur Le Président

*applauded*

Chief Commissioner: Mr Chairperson Sir, with your permission I beg to move that all the business on today's Order's paper be exempted from the provision of Standing Order 9 (3). Thank you Chairperson: the question is that all the business on today's order paper be exempted from the provision of standing order 9(3). Those in favour say I those against say No

*Question put and agreed to.*

Yes, I am suspending the House for three minutes.

The Chairperson: Please be seated. Now we move to the Committee Stage for the Draft Estimate Committee.

**COMMITTEE SUPPLY**

The Chairperson: Respected Members, I have to make an announcement for the guidance of members for the proceeding of the Draft Proceeding Estimates Committee. In line with Standing Order 55A we will consider each vote of expenditure in turn and per usual practice of the house, when reaching same we will move page by page until the question is put thereon. Respected members I have to further inform the house that I have under section Standing Oder 55A for had consultation with the Chief Commissioner, the Minority Leader and I had decided to allot a 4maximum of thirty minutes for the consideration of the vote items for the financial year ending 30 June 2025. Of course I will be flexible where the need arises, Thank you for your attention

Vote 1/1

**The Chairperson:** So we are on page 4

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir there is, item number 20030001 rent of building it's a new item, may I know for what purpose?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir, several officers of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in the passenger's terminal which are same has been condemned for safety purposes provision is being made for rental of office spaces pending the migration of a new premises during the upcoming financial year.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson, Sir, the 22120.002 - Sustainable Development Goals Committee, can we know whether the committee is still on what is the outcome of the committee?

**Chief Commissioner:** The answer is yes Mr Chairperson sir

**Minority Leader:** What is the frequency the committee is being meet?

**Chief Commissioner:** Question the Chairperson of the Committee

**Mr Baptiste:** 31112832 construction of new Assembly house, I will like to know where matter stand as regard, which stage procedures have reach.

**Chief Commissioner:** Yes, there is a vote of Rs10 M under this item Mr Chairperson Sir and we are contemplating to build the Assembly house at Mt Venus Hotel in the perimeter and it is at the consultancy and design stage

**Chairperson:** The question is that the sum offered for vote 11 stands part of the Draft Estimates, those in favour say I those against say no. The I have it.

Vote 2/1 Chief Commissioner Office

**Chairperson:** Page 12

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir item vote 22040001 for office equipment we can see that the figures have more than the board, can we know why?

**Chief Commissioner:** The amount provided for the replacement of power supply, procurement, new printer, new air conditioner, and new Pabx Monsieur Le President. it catcher also for the replacement of furniture.

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir Item 22120.024 Capacity buildings Programme, can we have more details about this programme and why the budget has decrease?

**Chief Commissioner:** Provision is made for payment on monthly fees and end of year bonus to the IT consultant and the capacity building Programme for services provided in connection with E-Health Programme, the decrease is due to the fact that it is proposed to recruit

**Chairperson:** Page 13

**Ms Roussety:** Mr chairperson Sir item number vote 25110.009 contribution to Airport of Rodrigues ltd, can we know from the Chief Commissioner why there is no budget?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson it is no longer in our budget, it is will be yes under the grant will come directly from the Ministry for Finance.

**Dr Agathe:** Regarding the item 250010.005 subsidy to shipping services to and from Rodrigues does the increase for the next year means an increase of the rate of subsidy on freight?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr chairperson Sir, increase in provision is to subsidy the price of oil and milk Smatch so that it can be sold at the same price as in Mauritius and is based on actual trend of expenditure, the amount provided is also meant for the refund of 50% freight to the bus owners for purchase of new bus up to Rs75000' maximum. Freight charges is also refunded to small and medium enterprises for purchase of raw materials, refund of 100% freight rebate is made to importers of animal feed, essential commodities such as milk, tea and edible oil and drapers for elderly

**Mr Lisette:** 22900.0997 provision of GPS system for the freight of vehicle I will like to know from the Chief Commissioner about the efficiency of the system and how same is being monitored

**Chief Commissioner:** Yes, the system is quite good I will say and it's monitored in Mauritius and also we have a sort of substation here where it is monitored by our offices Mr Chairperson Sir.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir I would like to know whether the chief Commissioner would extend the services these facilities to all the vehicles if it is good.

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir we have to have to discuss with the technician and then we will take a final decision

**DR Agathe:** The item 26313.155 Sustainable Watershed Maintenance and Management Programme, so what this funding is meant for?

**Chief Commissioner:** Yes, Mr Chairperson Sir, provision is made for expenses to be incurred relating to the better conservation and management of Watershed and natural resources, decrease is based on actual trend of expenditure.

Minority Leader: Mr chairperson Sir can I go back to 25110.005 subsidy to shipping services, I would like to know with regard to the so we have the regular problems with the *approvisionnement de commodités sur le marché qu'est ce que le Chef commissaire en tant faire pour que cela s'arrête ?*

**Chief Commissioner :** Justement Monsieur Le Président je parler au Managing Director de shipping nous avons abordez la question, je même parler au Premier Ministre lors de sa visite privée à Rodrigues donc pour voir, pour voir comment justement ne pas avoir ce manque commodité sur Rodrigues, donc on va avoir une réunion avec la shipping bientôt mais ils sont en train de voir comment faire pour augmenter la fréquence de bateaux sur Rodrigues ou bien que Rodrigues soit desservit par un autre bateaux régulièrement.

**Dr Agathe:** To return on the item 45526313 on Watershed Management would you please inform us what has been achieved this year in the current financial year with the Rs5 M

**Chief commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir, this is a many concern as have just said concern with conservation and management of natural resources it has nothing to do with the Commission for Agriculture and Forest and also partly by Rod clean and other public servants.

**The Chairperson:** page 14

**The Minority Leader:** 32150005 RTMC The Chief Commissioner in his budget speech talk about eighteen million rupees and we can see only ten million rupees' provision in this, can we know why only Rs10M while he announced eighteen million rupees

**Chief Commissioner:** 32150005 Mr Chairperson Sir RS10M is about equity and the other 8M will come from other sources

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir 31113.026 Contribution to surplus, I would like to know how much has been disbursed by the RRA for during this financial year and there is no provision for the coming up the next financial year, I would like to know what are the projects that has been completed?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson sir no provision first of all I can say that no provision had been made because the project has been implemented during this financial year and already been completed

**Mr Baptiste:** because there was a provision of Rs5M, and how much has been disbursed

**Chief Commissioner:** has been disbursed Rs1M has been disbursed Mr Chairperson Sir

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir regarding the GCA funding we know that there were some issues on the projects and it was about, you were about to take a decision whether we will complete the projects, can we have an idea about the status of these projects under this funding?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir, this projects has been I discuss in the Executive Council and of course we have taken measures to complete the projects as per our discussion with the EU representatives

**Minority Leader:** Mr chairperson Sir item vote 31113449 RRA contribution to the project of construction of Techno Park at Baldiroux we know that there was an agreed contribution of Rs75M we can see that there is no provision for this financial year and no provision for the next financial year, can we know

**Chief Commissioner:** Because we have already paid to the company the requested amount

**Mr Baptiste:** 31113.348 we see that relating to the matching grant of UNFPA there has been a decrease in the provision does it mean that UNFPA now is providing less fund for this projects?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir Provision made to contribution to the RRA UNFPA co funded project for the implementation of products under the second matching fund projects between the RRA and the UNFPA aiming the youth and woman empowerment improving of health, fight against drug and for payment of corresponding that amount which is ineligible cost for the project implemented with donor urgencies.

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir 31410001 national Disaster and Emergency expenditure, we would like to know to which disaster which is related to and why there is no budget provision?

**Chief Commissioner:** Yes, Mr chairperson Sir If ever we do have some fund in the Contingency and if ever we need some fund under this item will gather for it.

**Mr Baptiste:** 11288.807 Renovation of Government buildings, can we have more information about what buildings are concern with this renovation?

**Mr Baptiste:** The respected members are right, it said government buildings it is about the building office of the Commissioner and any other building belonging to the government

**Chairperson:** page 14

**Mr Speville:** item number 0011, there is no fund for the Rodrigues Sports Company can the Commissioner give more details about it?

**Chairperson:** 32150.0011

**Chief commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir no equity will be provided to the Company

**Mr Lisette:** Mr Chairperson I refer to 0.013 Rodrigues Nature Company I would like to know if the company is operational and if the can he indicates to the house the nature of work done so far?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr the company is not operational and we are still waiting approval from the PMO to make it operational and so there are no work that has been carried done so far

**Chairperson:** next question page 15

**Minority Leader:** Sir 21110001 for basic salary we can see that there is a considerable increase in the allocation for the salary can the Chief commissioner account for this increase?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir, the provision is made upon the implementation of the salary of staff under the vote item, the amount provided for the next financial year will be sufficient and based on the actual trend.

**Minority Leader:** Can we know about the number of staffs in post under this item?

**Chief commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir, unless the member comes with a substantive question in I know.

*Interruption*

**Mr Baptiste:** Item number 22030 rental of vehicles, can we know for what purpose?

**Chief Commissioner:** as regard to your question Minority Leader the answer is four, in post yes number in post is four. And funded under 24/25 is five, the rental of vehicles 220300 the amount provided is meant for the implement of rental of vehicles for the conveyance of sores items from container park to QUH and for conveyance of personal effects of officers on tour of service to Rodrigues and for conveyance of books from container park to the supplier and procurement unit of Commission for education.

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir relating to the previous question relating to salary compensation, you have said that there are four or five and we see that the amount is a huge amount, can we know what are the post what are the grades?

**Chief Commissioner:** from the information I've got

**Chairperson:** ok can I put the question?

The question is that the sum of Rs434,3100M for vote 21 stands parts of the Draft estimates those in favour say I those say no, the I have it. You have to answer

Vote 2/2

**Chairperson:** Vote2-2 was called

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**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir 22900.9668, surveyor of land can we know how many lot have been surveyed during this financial year and what how are you expected to survey in the next

**Chief Commissioner:** Due to poor performance of the private contractor hired in 2020 by you for the survey of the 200 lots new arrangement involving in house resources with agreed outputs have been resorted to clear the backlog of about 5000 applications for leases. Fund disbursed during the current financial year was for the payment of overtime to staff, of the cadastral office for the survey and the delivery of 600 additional leases. Provision for next financial year is meant for the payment of overtime for the survey and delivery of about 1200 additional leases.

**Mr Baptiste:** How many lots have been surveyed during the financial year.

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir I will wait for the answer because I don't have it. Mr chairperson Sir 820 plots were surveyed

**Chairperson:** next question

**Minority Leader:** Mr on the same item vote Mr Chairperson Sir the Chief Commissioner announced a change in policy of he will have the *assouplissement de procedure*, can we know what how he is going about this allocation of state land?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir it will be almost on the same methodology but how ether we will see for example the lot of hardships cases, where separate couples the spouse,

they want to have a lease we are going to see on a case to case basis those who are very urgent to have a lease, we are going to reconsider

**Mr Lisette:** regarding to item vote 229000.118, delimitation programme of villages I would like to know on what is the value funded, how has it been estimated Rs5M

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir This amount is meant first of all for the survey procurement, of corner stones and pegging relating to new delimitation of 20 identify localities. So this amount there has been discussion with the offices of the cadastral services and so on and the DH has found it sufficient with the financial planner to put this amount for the implementation of this project.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir with regard to the item vote 21110001 against basic salary we can see that there is a substantial increase nearly Rs2M can we know the actual number of staff in post and the additional number of staff that will have in the next financial year?

**Chief commissioner:** 21 basic salaries first of all just for the information, provision is meant for the implement of increment on salary to staff of cadastral department so I supposed I would talk about increment if I'm not wrong the number of staff will remain the same.

**Mr Lisette:** Mr chairperson Sir I go back to the question of 22900.118 once again delimitation programmes of villages, we know that there was a tender launched by the office du tourism as regard to the placing of village side, I would to like to known if will have to await for this delimitation because I know that it has awarded already has already been awarded since quite long whether we will have to wait for the delimitation of the programme of villages before we carry forward for their projects.

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir we have already, receive all the signage and so on to be put at the entrance of villages and this month we are going to have a meeting with the office du tourism together with the cadastral offices and they are going to the contractor is going to put the signage on the sides under the supervision of cadastral offices

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir item vote 3111132102 cadastral survey equipment for GIS and management system we can see that we have actually a provision of Rs5M can we know what has been done and what is being done with this amount and the provision for next year what will be done?

**Chief Commissioner:** Yes, Mr Chairperson Sir it is for the purchase of equipment's.

**Mr Ramdally:** Mr Chairperson Sir, I come to come back to 22900.118 the item talks about delimitation of villages in your budget speech you were talking localities what we be delimited villages or locality?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir give me some time to explain even though we have only 30 minutes, we are going to put the signage at the entrance for example of from Anse Goodland to Baie du Nord, we are going to put the signage at the entrance of Baie Du Nord, it concerns villages and when we go to Manique from Baie Du nord there will be another one at the entrance of Manique and another one at the entrance of La Ferme. There will be many villages in which where we place the signage and all the villages, they will be group in localities so I can't give you for example as I explain shortly about for example Baie Du nord it will include Mt Du Sable, Anse Goueland, etc

**Dr Agathe:** The Chairperson Sir, regarding item 31410.005, acquisition of property, there is a provision of Rs5M I would like to know how this amount has been calculating for acquisition for what purpose?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson it a voted amount we have put because we want to acquire a property for example at La Ferme next to the football ground where the Commissioner for sports intents to build a gradin there

**Mr Lisette:** I will come back to that's question of delimitation of villages because it is somethings also cultural, I know that some villages to have different names *lor terre Acacia, haut terre Acacia lors terre Haut Terres Borne*. Has there any study carried out to know is the exact name of the village as regard to that?

**Chief Commissioner:** Yes, course Mr Chairperson Sir, all the preliminaries has been done by the Office du Tourism together with the President village end so on so of course you are right there being a cultural factor that we have to take into consideration and we are respecting that and all this part of the break has been done by the tourism office.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson sir with regard to item vote 31410005 acquisition of property. In his budget speech the Chief Commissioner talk about the acquisition of land in Port Mathurin for parking spaces, can he confirm whether this item of Rs5M include this project also?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir it includes also this project if ether it depends on the government evaluator when he will set the exact amount so we have put some money meanwhile and if ever we acquire property which will cost much more than Rs5M or part of this we will do a reallocation

**Minority Leader:** Can we know from the Chief Commissioner regarding the same item vote whether a new identification of land has already been made?

**Chief Commissioner:** At La Ferme yes but Port Mathurin we are still under account disclose it now but we have not finalised regarding it.

**Chairperson:** Page 24

**Mr Baptiste:** 31.434 Airport development, can we have more information about what will consists

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir funds was disbursing for the payments of claim to contractors for the relocation of 15 houses from Ste Marie Villages, relocation of fishing post, relocation of different activities for 20 habitants and relocation of endangered species by Mauritius Wildlife Foundation. Provision for financial year 24/25 is meant for final payment to contractor for the 15 relocated houses of Ste Marie Village, relocating of fishing post, ect. And it caters also for 2 additional relocations at Mt Traverse in view of the provision of land for the construction of the new control tower building to avoid encroaching on the additional nature reserve. The fund will also be used for the provision of installation of obstruction light at Crab Island, Catherine Island, Flat Island, Mt Courpier, Deux Montagne, BAie Topaze and Mt Plat. Thank you

**Mr Lisette:** I would like to know from the chief Commissioner on the same item vote as to why there has been much delay as regard to the relocation of the agricultural activities of the inhabitant of Ste Marie?

**Chief Commissioner:** Yes, Mr Chairperson Sir, and we have been working with the Commission for agriculture we have met them and we are finalising, so why there has been some delay it simply because their preliminary works to be carried out prior to the allocation of these agricultural.

**Minority Leader:** Under the same item votes Mr Chairperson Sir I would like to know from the Chief Commissioner regarding Airport Development for the breeders who has not been relocated yet, we know that there are breeders actually are waiting for their animal shed can we know about the modus operandi for disbursing this amount?

**Chief Commissioner:** The Modus Operandi will be the same as was use before, we are going to finalised everything with them so that they get their compensation in kind or will discuss with them and also in the executive council to finalised their relocation

**Mr Lisette:** on the same item vote, we consider that the survey as regard to the compensation that was to prepare that was to be paid by each of these farmers were already made when compensation was also given for the relocation of their houses, I cannot understand why it has taken two years up to now that they have not been provided or compensated as regard to their activities of farming why so?

**Chief commissioner:** Mr Chairperson as I said there are some preliminary work to be carried out first for example for the agricultural land they have to seed and also for the breeders at a certain point in time they wanted to be compensated in term of money so we discuss all that in the

executive council but we are still considering the file and in the coming week or month we are going to finalised everything.

**Minority Leader:** Can we know from the Chief Commissioner under the same item vote how many people were concern with the relocation and how many are left will relocated fully?

**Chief commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir as per our information there are 15 houses and also there are two more houses and in the executive council we have taken the decision to grant 2 more families which were left behind by you a new house so in all there 15 families to be 19 families

**Chairperson:** ok page 25 page 26

**Mr Baptiste:** For accommodation cost we see that sorry 22900.002 accommodation cost, so we see that there is a considerable increase in the accommodation cost, can we know why?

**Chief commissioner:** yes, so increase in provision for accommodation witnesses to and from Rodrigues attending court counsels involve in matter for prosecution and judges attending supreme courts session in Rodrigues.

**Minority Leader:** under the same item, can we know what is the trend of expenditure?

**Chief Commissioner:** The trend of expenditure is increase that why we have increase 5 times this amount Mr Chairperson Sir, because there have been many cases and where witness has to move to and from Rodrigues to attend court and the counsel and also the judges attending supreme court.

**Mr Baptiste:** item 31112.837 infrastructure for court services can we know what infrastructure what will be done this provision which have been increase?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir it is this provision is the renovation of the court building and the setting up the E judiciary system which includes internal up grading works and provision of new equipment and furniture.

**Chairperson:** Page 26

**Minority Leader:** Monsieur Le President item vote 31122007 meteorological equipment and minor works so we can see that there is a provision actual of Rs3,8M and for the next year its Rs4.4M last year in the committee stage the Chief Commissioner announced that there will have the weather station of Citronelle that would be operational and also the announcement regarding the can we know where matter stand regarding all these weather automatic weather station Riviere Banane, Songes, patate Theophile, Mt Du Sable, Corail and Citronelle

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr chairperson Sir fund dispersed for the upgrading of the metrological Station at Pte Cannon and the provision of 2 automatic weather Station to be install at Terre Rouge and Marechal. Provision for the next financial year is meant for the final payments related to the upgrading of works at the meteorological station at Pte Canon and acquisition of 2 digital power

meters, thermometers, electronic anemometer 4 automatic rainfall station and new meteorological equipment to replace mercury equipment.

**Mr Baptiste:** last year it was announced that there will be repairs of those automatic weather station which were not operational because as we know we don't get data from some of them, so can we know where matter stand as regard to because it was mentioned that technicians are coming for the repairs, ca we have an update about this Citronelle specifically.

**Chief Commissioner:** Ye, but as per our information I've got so the fund dispersed was for the upgrading of meteorological station at Pte cannon and the provision of 2 automatic weather station.

**Chairperson:** Another question

**Mr Lisette:** The RRA is investing in that equipment of meteorological station but the public is not the information as it should be and I'm hear relating to the station of Mt Du Sable and the one at Patate Theophile, are they operational? And if so why are this information not available on the radio broadcast for the public?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson I think it the opinion of the respected member, but I do hear on the radio about rainfall, lest wait for the answer. Yes, good news, the station at Citronelle has already been repaired and operational, however there are still some erratic problem which need to be look into.

**Chairperson:** We move to the next page 27

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir with regard to item vote 31113007 for development last year the Chief Commissioner inform the house that the provision was made for the dredging of lagoon passes and the revision of EAI Can we know from the actual Chief Commissioner where matter stand and what will we do with the provision for the next financial year?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir provision is made for the dredging of natural passes and the revue of existing studies site investigation, financial economic study in relation to construction of new quay at Port Mathurin. I know studies are ongoing. Yes, a fusibility studies and EIA are already prepared additional studies will be carried out in view of the extension project of the quay.

**Chairperson:** So I put the question. The question is that the sum of Rs111,71800 for vote 22 stands part of the Draft Estimates those in favour says I those again say no, so the I have it.

Chief Commissioner Office vote 2/3

**Chairperson:** We are on page 34

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir with regard to item vote 220330001 rental of building, can we know from the Chief Commissioner what will be done, what are the building that are being rented by the Commission for this amount

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr The Chairperson Sir provision is meant for implement of rental of building for environment department the monthly rent is Rs113,00 *par mois*, its Mr Vallymamode building

**Mr Lisette:** Mr Chairperson Sir in line of all these rent that are being paid by the RRA starting from the RRA Assembly house itself would be wisher that the Rodrigues Regional Assembly consider the construction of a building to has all these rental that are being by the different commissions

**Chief commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir same is being envisaged and we have to launched the consultancy for that we have the Public Infrastructure building we do have the old store next to the Office du tourism so we are launching the consultancy and design for pending we have availability often.

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir, with regard to item vote 22007.005 cleaning services can we have more information about this increase in?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir, additional provision is required many for the fourth coming recruitment of new staffs mainly scavengers and office staffs. Provision is made payment of salaries, travelling, overtime, annual leave and NPF etc. procurement of uniform, safety shoes, safety equipment, additional tools and equipment for the new recruits

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir, the Chief Commissioner last year for the same item vote announced that there will be a recruitment of 150 persons in this item budget Rs75M can the Chief Commissioner confirm whether this recruitment of 150 has been done

**Chief Commissioner:** The answer is no Mr Chairperson Sir, simply because there has been realignment of salaries of existing scavengers and other staff who working at the Rod clean, so that's why also due minimum wage, that's why we have had to disbursed the fund used for that purpose and that why also for this year there is this increase of Rs35M to cater for the new recruits

**Mr BAPTISTE:** Mr Chairperson Sir can we have more information about this realignment of salary and how much it has and what has been the cost of this realignment monthly.

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson sir first of all it is the decision of the executive Council to realigned because all the staff of the Rod clean ltd and also Mr chairperson Sir these is also increase in the basic salary, this has also had an incidence on the amount spent for the salaries and so on

**Mr Baptiste:** Sir can we have the information about how many workers were concern with this decision

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir of course all the staff were involving in this realignment process

**Mr Baptiste:** Can we know the number of workers employed by Rod Clean Company

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir I know I have to let me have the exact figure because there have been some retirements I would said around 200 but 198 exactly due to those have been retired

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson the Chief Commissioner confirm or inform the house whether there was a first set of uniform done and the employees were not satisfied and we are doing under the same matter, is it true?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir I am not aware of that but if ever there has been a change in the uniform but it's should to have 2 sets of uniform,

**Chairperson:** next question

**Ms Roussety:** Mr Chairperson Sir item number vote 22900.9440 promotion of the environment, there is a significant increase can we know from the Chief Commissioner more details about that

**Chief Commissioner:** provision is made so as to make Rodrigues an ecological island in the context of internal projects greening the islands 100% renewable energy island with the aim to first of all used the renewable energies, use of renewable energies to decrease the use of carbon (2) segregation of waste (3) sensualisation campaign in all educational campaign institutions throughout the island and massive participation in all environmental events being national or international

**Mr Randally:** Item number 2203001 rental of building, there is a significant increase, can I ask the Commissioner what is this what building is being rented?

**Chief Commissioner:** provision is meant for the payment of rental building for environment department increase is due to additional space is now occupy rental by environmental unit.

**Mr Lisette:** yes, item vote 22120035 service fee for the management of Roche Bondie dumping side, there was a decision that was announced in this Assembly for the award for the tendering of such activity to a private contractor, I would like to know if this has been awarded and how much is being paid per month?

**Chief Commissioner:** this has not been awarded Mr Chairperson Sir same is being manage by the Rod clean and the management is under the supervision of Rod clean ltd and the cost is

around Rs190,000 monthly including the carting and levelling of waste by higher vehicles such as JCB

**Mr Lisette:** you mean that in addition that is being given to Rod clean you are giving additional money for this job itself

**Chief Commissioner:** yes, Mr Chairperson Sir

**Mr Ramdally:** Mr Chairperson Sir item vote 25110.006 subsidy on solar water heater, in this financial year there was Rs1M and there is an increase, can I know how many solar water heater has been awarded and what number is being contemplated?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir around 40 has been awarded so far and this year we are we have some more money to increase the number of household to benefit from this scheme. Mr Chairperson Sir its depends on the markets price 1M we were able to give 40 beneficiaries with 2.5M it's a mathematical exercise its around 100 thank you

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson sir 25110.010 renewable energy production initiative, I would like to know how many households had benefitted from this scheme and what are included in the solar kits

**Chief Commissioner:** yes, Mr Chairperson Sir we are at the tender stage tendering stage and same will be delivered to the Commission before this financial year and for this financial year only 100 families will benefit from the solar kits and for the next financial year we are contemplating to occupied some 200 more families with this useful tool. It is a solar lamp with special characteristic which can help people during cyclone power cut and so on

**Mr Baptiste:** in the last budget you talk about the solar kits including charger solar, ventilator solar, pomp a eau solar can we know whether all these also are included in the

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir, for this year it's only about the lamp solar because upon market survey with the amount we had we could only buy solar lamp we could only buy solar lamp

**Minority leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir with to the item vote 25110007 solar photovoltaic rebate scheme for small and medium enterprise, we can see that for the current financial year we have a provision of 3 hundred thousand rupees can we know from the Chief Commissioner how many enterprises PME have ben benefitting from this scheme and why is it that he is not allocating funds for the next financial year

**Chief Commissioner:** Yes, Mr Chairperson Sir no provision made under this financial year as no demand for the previous year. We receive no demand for this previous year

**Mr Lisette:** Was there a request for, was there any how to say campaign was there any such information I never hear for that

**Chief commissioner:** Yes, Mr Chairperson Sir I think the answer is yes but still even for the solar water heater we had to launched the *appelle d'offre* twice and we had also to extent it ok, so why I think one of the reason is that the SBM and the other in Mauritius even the DBM they offer this kind of service of grant and the beneficiaries they tent to go there to ask for rebate this solar rebate scheme.

**Mr Lisette:** can we have an idea of the category and criteria that is apply for providing of same

**Chief Commissioner:** yes it is for SME and specially home base activities Mr Chairperson Sir specially these type of categories of SME which were targeted.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir under the same item vote I would like to know from the Chief Commissioner since that it is not a grant it is a subsidy since he has been advertising and there has been no interest from the public whether he is contemplating to review the subsidy and to may be make it more attractive.

**Chief Commissioner:** the answer is yes Mr Chairperson Sir

**Chairperson:** page 36

**Mr Ramdally:** item vote 31113009 protection of the environment, on a project value of Rs312,0000M last year there was budgeted 19M and this the next Rs23M 6T

**Chairperson:** can we take another question in the meantime? Page 36

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir 31113009, protection of the environment, when we look at the estimate of 24 we see that the project value was Rs550M547T and there was already 36M,19M but now we see that only 312M as the project value, why only 36 plus 19 why has there this decrease in this project value?

**Chief Commissioner:** The project has been completed and being remove from the project value

**Mr Baptiste:** can we know in this case Mr Chairperson Sir what are the project which has been completed and the value of the completed projects?

**The Chief Commissioner:** Same project has been completed remove to committee development for example green spaces, there have been move to ....

**Mr Baptiste:** in this case last year you talk about the project of rehabilitation of wall of Anse aux Anglais can we know how much it has cost and how much whether the works has been completed for the same item?

**Chief commissioner:** yes Mr Chairperson Sir we have work on it and they are carried on a survey with the help of the P.I to launched the tender we have been also using labour forciers during octopus closure to repair some other wall

**MR Ramdally:** Mr Chairperson sir I still don't understand why the project value is 312M650T in this document *be si pas ti enas ti bsoin zero*

**Chairperson:** we move to page to page 37

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir with regard to 22120.043 NGO resource centre for cost. We can see that a provision of Rs80000 Is being made for the next financial year can we know from the Chief Commissioner how will this NGO resource centre be operated?

**Chief Commissioner:** yes, the amount that are provided will be use for the running of cost of the NGO centre such as wages, furniture, equipment and others.

**Minority Leader:** can we know from the Chief Commissioner whether there will be any recruitment because he has been talking about wages, and how many staff will be recruited?

**Chief Commissioner:** yes, Mr chairperson Sir it is about we will be recruiting general workers soon and not only that Mr Chairperson Sir we also have other staff that we are going to transfer there and it also it caters also for the cleaning we have to pay for the cleaning services which can be equivalent to the wages of the Rod Clean Staff.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir the Chief Commissioner mention about wages how can because the general workers their salary is being the basic salary in the personal emolument there, he can't then come here and talk general worker will be affected there and will be paid in this fees how can he account

**Chief Commissioner:** will be for the office auxiliary and also for the maintenance of the building also cleaning as I have just said

**Mrs Roussety:** 26313.004 operating grant to six Regional Councils, there is a significant increase can the Chief Commissioner give more details?

**Chief Commissioner:** yes, Mr Chairperson Sir sufficient provision is made to cater provision for six Rodrigues Regional Council expenses to the organisation of workshop and activities for the members

**Minority Leader:** Monsieur Le Président je retourne sur le même item vote 22120043 NGO resource centre operating cost est que le Chef Commissaire peut nous dire selon sa vision de chose comment ce centre va opère va fonctionner. ?

**Chief Commissioner:** Monsieur Le Président nous avons eu une visite avec le Commissaire de la jeunesse et de sport nous avons vu qu'il y a pas mal d'espace bien sûr il y aura un espace qu'on va voir on va décider ensemble dédiée au NGO mais aussi on a vu que par exemple on peut donner l'espace par exemple aux artiste qui dise que il ont pas assez d'espace dans pour performé pour se rencontre etc. et il y a aussi espace pour les filles ce qui font la danse par exemple ils peuvent aussi utiliser cet espace là pour danser pour faire des performance donc on va voir, le

bâtiment ne pas encore termine on a des souci avec le consultant et le contracteur comme partout et bien sûr on va voir ensemble avec le Commissaire de la jeunesse et de sport comment mieux utiliser le bâtiment.

**Minority Leader:** est-ce que le Chef Commissaire par exemple envisage que dans ce bâtiment les ONG qui ont un certain nombres d'année d'expérience auras un pied à terre un espace un bureau dans ce bâtiment?

**Chief Commissioner :** Monsieur Le Président moi je pense que oui mais je vais emmener ça au conseil puis on va décider ensemble comment utilise le bâtiment

**Chairperson:** page 37

**Mr Baptiste:** 31009 protection of environment I would like to know what are the projects for the coming year with the 23M

**Chairperson:** page 37

**Minority Leader:** Page 36 item 26313004 for operating grant

**Chairperson:** I already said 37, ok ask your question

**Minority Leader:** can we know for the item vote 26313004 operating grant to six regional councils there was a provision of Rs600,000 for this financial year and Rs1M for the next financial year

**Chairperson:** already been answered. page 37

**Mr Speville:** 28212.040 support to six Rodrigues Regional Councils can the Chief Commissioner gives details on this huge increase?

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson sir provision is made to cater for the operating and maintenance and cost of IRO officers, such as the setting up of office, payment of utility cost, wages salary and purchase of equipment of furniture

**Chairperson:** last Question

**Mr Baptiste:** Can we know who the persons who will benefit from these salaries?

**Chief Commissioner:** Yes, Mr Chairperson Sir as announced at La Ferme the principle of our office is to give the facilities to put all the facilities offered by the government together in one office for example you have the agricultural staff, 1 for the environment, 1 from labour etc, so this is the principle of an Integrated Regional Office we offer the services so we go to toward to people to offer them the services it is an integrated regional office

**Chairperson:** Time is over so I put the question, the question is that the sum of Rs273M92,000 for vote 2/3 instance part of the Draft Estimates those in favour say I those against say NO, so the I have it

Deputy Chief Commssioner's Office vote 3:1

**Chairperson:** page 47

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir item vote 22900112 digitalising of school management system, can we know from the Deputy Chief Commissioner where matter stand with regard to this project?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** Yes, Mr Chairperson Sir, provision made during this financial year for introduction a web base school management software in view of modernising and allowing more flexible and efficient management in secondary school, this new system will have allowed student to communicate online with their educators and facilitate communication with parents. Bids over consultee services were launched on 8 February closing date is 25 of March

**Minority Leader:** The Deputy Chief Commissioner tell the house whether he expect to complete the project by the end of the first part of the project by the end of this financial year

**Deputy Chief commissioner:** we may not complete the project but we may have a draft of the Web base management software, these are software which are readily available if we want to purchase them we can purchase them immediately but we need this consultancy to advice about what is best for our system here in Rodrigues

**Ms Roussety:** Mr Chairperson Sir item number vote 28212.031 Nine Year Continuous Basic Education, can the Deputy Chief Commissioner give more details about that increase?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** Yes, estimates were use during this financial year to made the cost of activities in connection with Nine School Basic Education such as Teachers Day activities in connection, Eco school, tiny forest, training and workshop in connection with performance management audit and quality at the assurance framework, RRA Award, etc, so we will need this additional money to cater for all these activities exchange program for secondary educators, inter-primary schools sports activities, sports fun day, sociaux pedagogical activities example GIPY programme etc.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir, item vote 311122.819 setting up on an online learning platform, there was a provision of Rs1M for the current financial year and no provision for next financial year, can we know from the Deputy Chief Commissioner whether this project is link to the digitalising of the school management system and how?

**Deputy Chief commissioner:** The online learning platform provision was to hire the services of a consultant for the setting up the learning platform for education sector, the continued production of online material as well as maintenance of learning management system. No provision is made for the next financial year as the possibility that the online learning platform will be integrated in the web base school management software which has been tendered

**Minority Leader:** Yes, Mr Chairperson Sir but the Deputy Chief Commissioner just inform the house that he is recruiting a consultant for the digitising for the school management system and he recruited another one for the setting of the online platform and then he is awaiting so don't he think that there is a miss match in the way the project is being conducted?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** We will not recruit for this one setting up of an online learning platform we did not recruit consultant for this year

**Chairperson:** page 48

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir item vote 28212041 support to pre-primary schooling we can see that there is a grant of 35M for the actual financial year can we know from the Chief Commissioner what is the actual trend of expenditure regarding the salaries and wages and compensation of the staff of the pre-primary school actually?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** estimate was used to brings this financial year for provision of quarterly grant to the Association de *Ecole Maternel de Rodrigues* for payment of monthly emoluments, basic salary, travelling's, salary compensation other allowances and retiring benefits of teachers and helper and for the operation of 31 pre-primary school in Rodrigues. Provision for the next financial year is for the setting up of new LTD ecole maternel de Rodrigues LTD, under the aegis of the commission for education in line with budget speech and payment of quarterly grant to the *Association de Ecole Maternel de Rodrigues* pending the operationalisation of the company. Increase in precision is due to payment of management and operational grant to the company upon its operationalisation. It is to be noted that payment of salaries managers to managers, assistant manager, assistant teachers and attendants will be made by the ECCEA under the grant in age scheme for three pre-primary educations in the republic.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir, the question was about the funds the amount so I will put the question again for the same item vote what is the annual emolument for the actual staffs for the pre-primary?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** The quarterly grant is about Rs9M if you take  $9 \times 4 = 36$  so there is 35 so where is the issue

**Mr Baptiste:** yes, but we should know whether it is only for emolument or for other expenses of the cost related

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** Quarterly grant I repeat to the *Association de Ecole Maternel* for payment of monthly emolument, basic salary, traveling, salary compensation other allowance and retiring benefits of teachers and helpers for the operations of 31 pre-primary schools in Rodrigues

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir other on than the wages the emolument, the pre-primary school they have different activities for the year can we know whether this the expenses for the activities are being catered in this provision?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** I don't think so Mr Chairperson Sir we are aware that we know that these pre-primary school they are mostly under the *association de ecole maternel* and parents do contribute also for buying of for example commons school materials like pencil coloured pencils, paper etc. every parent knows about this and the grant is for the operation of these schools.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir for the same item vote The Deputy Chief Commissioner inform the house that ICCEA will cater for the support, for the salary and wages, can he account then for the provision Rs38M for the next financial year?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** this pending we finalise the ICCEA introduction of the ICCEA measures in Rodrigues which will be made as we have said through the new company we want to form with the association des *ecole maternel* which is *ecole maternel de Rodrigues* ltd which will then receive fund from the ICCEA. But of course as you aware there are there will be an increase in the number teachers etc. because the ratio of student to pupil is being improve reduce

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir we already know that for the school and the staffs to be registered with the ICCEA there is a very long procedure, the school should be registered we should have fire certificate, we should have insurance for all the student there are many procedure and this cost money and this is very lengthy can the Chief Commissioner informed the house whether they have agreed with the ICCEA that our staff will be paid under them until they will or not fully registered with the centre and the different school and so on

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson sir there is a process it's just like for colleges, private colleges under the PSEA of course we will accompany all the pre-primary schools to so that they meet all the necessary standards by the ECCAE it is good that they upgrade so that we have quality education in the pre-primary schools. One issue is the under qualification of certain members of the staff, we will see we are looking into this matter, some of them they do not meet the minimum requirement for the basic salaries as the pre-primary school teacher we will find we will find a solution to this.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir, the Chief Commissioner inform the house that this increase or this cette relation avec le ECCA c'est aussi en lien avec le Free Education free primary education in Mauritius which started in January 2024, can the Chief Commissioner inform the house whether it has been agreed with them with the ECCEA to back pay these teachers and managers with regard to the free education system?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** Yes, there are some of them they want to be back paid because there has been the PRB in 2019 and they want to be back paid for those who are qualified, so this is something they will have to take with the ECCEA, they want to ensure that we have improve the quality education in the pre-primary sector

**Minority Leader:** Chief Commissioner in his budget speech announced the additional recruitment of 440 staffs for the pre-primary sector can we know from the Deputy Chief Commissioner regarding this budget whether they will wait for all the schools to be ECCEA registered before the recruitment or the 440 will be recruited and then they will be unconcerned with the ECCAE

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** I think they have to comply Mr Chairperson Sir it is only when you comply your school is registered then you will get the grant for the necessary staff, you are aware of it, I think it will function on the same basis as private colleges if you don't have the requirement, when you want gets the grant but we will assist it's a big job ahead, we will assist the *ecole maternel* to comply and for course get their necessary staff for this and I encouraged young people young ladies young women who are interested in the job let us start yes why not young man also

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir, the Chief Commissioner talk about the company, we know that a consultant has been recruited since one year and we would like to know whether the consultant submitted a report regarding the company that is being to be set up for the pre-primary school

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** yes, there is a draft report Mr Chairperson Sir and being given there has change at the level of the executive council and other occurrences we will now that we are settle the desk is a bit settle we will look into the matter and work with the consultant so that we obtain the necessary clearances and we will launch the company which will be a historical recognition of the work done by Miss Maternel

**Minority Leader:** The word of the Chief Commissioner the historical contribution of the miss *l'ecole maternel*, we know that all the miss has been asking for a recognition of their services since the day will be transferred their day they join the service and this request has been made to the Commissioner for education, can we know whether he is considering this request?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** no issue with recognising all these people from the date they assume service provided they meet all the requirement of their scheme of duty as I have told you most of them they have gone through training over the years but I think there is still one or two who have some issues for example they don't have a school certificate can you be a pre-primary

school teacher without a school certificate, we will look into the matter and of course we will have to recognised their experience and see how to cater for them.

**Mr Baptiste:** Sir 31112001 education infrastructure can we have a breakdown of the projects Ermarks for this financial year

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir, for the next for the following projects upgrading works in all pre-primary schools, construction of one additional classroom in 4 pre-primary school at La Ferme, Latanier, malartic and Mt Goyave and construction of new classroom and mess room at Grand La Fouche Corail pre-primary school

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir in the budget speech it was announced that there will be *la construction d'une nouvelle ecole pre-primaire a Gravier*, I would like to know whether this will be in this budget?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** Yes, Mr Chairperson Sir I think the item is the next capital item which is on page 49 education infrastructure development and the school at Gravier is. I Apologies but it is here the primay. Education infrastructure development sorry its continued what I said is new projects still in this same item, it is the school at Gravier is to start I is in there

**Mr Baptiste:** item vote 22030 rental of personal computer, I would like to know what is the rental fee number of computers in rented and how many school are concerned with this policy?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** There are 110 personal computers in 12 primary schools the contract was awarded on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 additional fund of Rs3000 will be made available for reallocation within other items of the Commission

**Mr Baptiste:** I would like to know whether all the schools concerned are provided with internet connectivity because there was in the audit report the fact that some schools were not connected and they could not use the computer correctly, I would like to know what has happened since?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** I was surprised also Mr Chairperson Sir while visiting primary school to note that there are they have no official internet connection, the fact is when we have enquired is that the ministry of education was paying for these connections but Mauritius telecoms had disconnected them not knowing that the ministry was paid, so we are solving this issue, I requested to be solve by the end of January, so if they have done it they are late.

**Minority Leader:** Item vote 28212004 primary school supplementary feeding project, as I mention in reply in the budget speech normally we were talking about *repas chaud* now we talk about repas can we know from the Deputy Chief Commissioner what we will be serve as the next financial year for during the 5 days' school feeding projects?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir there will be a mix of food items hot meal and also *pain fourre* like we say so a mixture of both hot meal and other type of prepare sandwich call food macaroni

**Minority leader:** wither regard to the school feeding project can we know from the Deputy Chief |commissioner what is the expected amount to be disbursed as from the next financial year for the 5 days' provision of school project according to the actual rate at the caterers are working

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** I will have to spent the Rs78M Mr Chairperson Sir

**Minority Leader:** Does The Chief Commissioner agree that for this provision of Rs78M since we know that in the past PQ for small children we le petit c'est 60 par repas pour le plus grand c'est 100 par repas ont donc d'après le compte que nous faisons 3000\*60 environs et 4000\*100 ça nous fait pour un année budget budgéter Rs107M de rupée est ce que le Chef Commissaire est d'accord que la provision qui a était mis ici ne sera pas du tout suffisant pour le Project

**Minority leader:** I thank the Minority Leader for pleading my cause for this wonderful project of feeding but all the Commissioner will have to take the money from any else where they are not spending of course but it is a good policy that we have we are entering into this challenge and again Mr Chairperson Sir there will be logistical challengers and I do hope that with the help of all the PTA the school management, he Commission we will be able to meet this challenge. If there is a lack of funds we will at the level of the Executive Council see to it that we make necessary reallocation for the, at the start let us start it see how our trend of expenditure go and then we will make necessary our provision Mr Chairperson Sir. Somebody was speaking about contribution we won't ask for contribution at this time but I believe in the long term we may ask for example somebody who is Minority Leader can contribute may we petit enfant yes I have it very young children if need to pay for them subsidies this is how society work people who can contribute, for the food of their children like people who are teachers ok, if it cost Rs100 person can contribute Rs50 in any case I think the Chief Commissioner will agree with me we have to tell the school how much money we have, how much we are giving per student and again participatory *democracy participative* with the help of the IRO we can see how their can be other additional contributions that can come from other sources, the school because we have to make it at some point in time, we are starting it income-base ok because I know people which are rich in Rodrigues they have wonderful ford outside here you 've seen they can afford if they can afford Rs4.8M for buy ford I think they can buy contribute some but for the middy people we will pay fully but the question of paying does not arise at the stage this year

**Dr Agathe:** item Mr Chairperson Sir can we provide a balance diet for a cost of Rs100?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** I think it depends Mr Chairperson Sir bred *gondole* which is free at your home if you go fishing *beng* does not cost and some rise how much does it cost Rs25 for me it's a balance diet I will love to eat thing like every day, it depends a balance is over time it is not on one day also but it is a challenge and we are here to look into that challenge

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir item vote 28212.036 tablet, I would like to know how many tablets have been procured and how many have been issued to the students?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** Yes, Mr Chairperson Sir provision made for this financial year and next financial year for the procurement of tablets for student of grade nine and grade eleven to 13 whose parent receive social aid or assistance from NEF, provision is also made for internet education pack for all student of grade 11, 12 and 13. Increase in provision is due to increase in beneficiaries of tablets and an increase in the number of student for provision of internet education pack, there are 260 beneficiaries 1325 internet pack at the rate of 152.7 monthly

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir my question of many tablet have been procured and how many have been issued

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** 262 beneficiaries

**Chairperson:** Time is over, I put the question: the sum is that the sum of 816M219T for vote 3/1 stands Spart of the Drat Estimates those in favour say I those against say NO, so the I have it

Deputy Chief Commissioner office vote 3/2

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr Chairperson Sir with your permission I move that vote 3/2 of the Deputy Chief Commissioner Office that is water be amended as per amendments circulated.

**Chairperson:** The question is that vote 3/2 of the Deputy Chief Commissioner office water be amended as per amendment circulated those in favour say I those against say No, so the I have it

**Chairperson:** page 62, 63, 64

**Mr BAPTISTE:** Sir item 21 110001 basic salaries we note that there is a decrease in the basic salary and I would like to understand because there is an inverse relationship with the other items and the end of bonus and salary compensation where there is an increase in salary compensation but decrease in salary I would like to know why this how will your account for this?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** Basic salary so provision is meant for basic salary in post the number of this vote decreases from what I have hear 200 to 199 due to change in posting but don't think that the decrease in 1 worker will explain a difference of Rs5M. I'm waiting for the information

**Chairperson:** can we take another question on the same page 64

**Minority Leader:** Can we know Chief Commissioner we can Mr Chairperson Sir we can see that there is a new item for rental of vehicle so there is no provision for this financial year but a provision of 1.5M for the next financial year rental of vehicles 220030003 can the Deputy Chief Commissioner account for this?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** so I think Mr Chairperson Sir they have vote this amount to cater for the hire of private water lorries for water supply during periods of drought may be formally it was someone else or under another items.

**Minority Leader:** for the item vote 21111002 travelling and transport there is a considerable decrease of a Rs80000 compare to for the next financial years can the Deputy Chief Commissioner account for this decrease?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** All this is related to the formal question Mr Chairperson Sir I'm afraid that we are waiting for the that at page 71 the numbers of workers since to have decrease by only one, I don't know why there has been. Mr Chairperson Sir I'm inform that the provision which was made in 20/23 included new recruitment proposed new and promotions which has not being done till now and now provision is made for the number of officers in post. Compensation, salary compensation I agree with you, may be it 15,00 to 2000 *pou ban ki deja la* the money that we had for the personal emoluments basic salary It was budgeted in excess in even they wanted to recruit new workers which has not been done but we have 199 staffs the money which was budgeted this year is in excess for this 199 staffs ok, 199 see page 71

**Minority Leader:** I ask the Chief Commissioner then if there he made provision for recruitment of staffs why had he not recruit staffs?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** The policy Mr Chairperson Sir is to move toward distribution with the RPUC, so we are recruiting at the level of the RPUC which has its own budget because it will be the RPUC as the operator which will distribute operate the water distribution system.

**Chairperson:** Page 65

**Mr BAPTISTE:** Mr Chairperson Sir with regard to item vote 31113.440 Road and safety maintenance, I would like to know how many bridges have been constructed during this financial year?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** The Chairperson Sir there was a provision of Rs6500000 provision made for the construction of footpath from Le Chou to Malabar provision of circle path from Baie Iascar To Grand Aux Anglais, construction of Rond point at school premises other road safety measures including cut for visibility and installation of ward race. The increase in provision

is for construction of food path and ward race from palisade to Latanier, installation of road safety equipment's along Soupir to Port Mathurin, and installation of traffic light which we have to decide.

**Mr LISETTE:** Mr Chairperson Sir I refer to item vote 22900011 Road safety awareness; I would like to know from the Deputy Chief Commissioner how many sensitisation campaign has been done to warrant the increase from 200 to 400 thousand

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** Provision is being made for the recruitment of an appropriate technical person to.... education and sensitisation programme as well as the sensitisation and communication tool in terms of pamphlets, brochure, social and talk. The increase in number of vehicle warrant and aggressive sensitisation campaign.

**Minority Leader:** under the same from the item vote 31113.440 for the provision for the next financial year, can the Deputy Chief Commissioner gives us an idea what will be done in this sum?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** From palisade to Latanier 440, road safety maintenance and foot path *a coter la route trottoir pou fer*

**Chairperson:** page 66, 67, 68, 69: item vote 229000016 extension of CEB network in morcellment can we know for this financial year, what has been done and what will be done in the next financial year which morcellement will be concerned for the next financial year

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** provision made for presentation of sorry is it extension of CEB network? In morcellment at Mourouk and Mt Cabris? Mourouk and Mt Cabris base on demand during previous financial year, I don't know I'm near at public infrastructure you will agree this is the first time I'm doing this and you are just asking information I'm not even seen in the file, there was a big crisis

**Mr LISETTE:** Mr Chairperson in fact I'm want to question *sur le term de la discord* improvement renewals and minor project and infrastructure in villages 31113.010, I would like to know as regard to the ongoing track road construction, how many kilometres has already been completed as regard to the tendered which was awarded formally?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** To come back to the last question by the Minority Leader, I'm inform we will have at patate Theophile and of course it is a priority that in those morcellement people build their house and have mud, we will make an effort even with money from this item, item what you said item de la discord if we can use this money for providing electricity if the Rs5M is not sufficient, so we have completed, we still need to have the certificate the reports from the contractor 15 kilometres of track road on this project and a total of 30 so we have to complete these

remaining and we will look into the contract and see how we can help people socially vulnerable people who were sick and give access to ambulance old age etc.

**Mr LISETTE:** referred to page 60 of the present document, it is since that number of kilometres of track road constructed for 2022/2023 is only 4.5 kilometres, if I see at the back on page 60, I would like to know why is the progress slow in as regard because for 2 years you have constructed only 15 kilometres as and just for this year it is only 4.5 targeted when you can go up to up at the 25, why is this progress so slowly Mr Chairperson Sir?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** The problem is over contractors Mr Chairperson Sir and of course as you aware we cannot split the contract it's not allowed by the procurement law, we will have to look at it how the initial one was made and may be the next exercise how we are going. We would prefer also to have local contractors, to have the money injected into the local economy for small local contractors but have the capacity they don't have the money, presently I have a contractor who has 17M waiting for payment we are waiting for the payment, the money is not being yet disbursed and we are approaching the end of the financial year and the second issue with small local contractors is the issue of quality, you seen the track road we are building its at list 200mm and they are resistant, this is the quality when you get from relatively bigger contractor. Small contractors you know how they mix the concrete, we've heard story of *fer feril marcher* so it's a question of implementation and fortunately contractors who get contracts in Rodrigues at times they don't have cement and they have cement they don't have water, they take a lot of time and they take a lot of delays, we would they may be need to break into lot so that contractors are involve and, but I don't think as you said small contractors have the capacities to pay, they don't even have the working capital and may be

**Chairperson:** page70

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir item vote 25500 Public transport subsidies we can see that there is significant increase from Rs3M to 5M can the Deputy Chief Commissioner account for that?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** yes, depends on the number of buses to be replaced. We have two outstanding applications and three new applications, for example we have to pay for the la Cocksinel in Malartic the student from Citron Donis sit there is increase in. yes thank you

**Minority Leader:** can we know from Deputy Chief Commissioner whether for this public transport subsidies there are request from other villages to be serve?

**Deputy Chief Commissioner:** Yes, I am talk Mr Chairperson Sir there are 2 outstanding applications and 3 new applications, I don't have the information for the time being.

**Chairperson:** I Put the question, the question is that the sum of Rs7,8810900 for vote 3:2 as amended stand part of the Draft estimates those in favour say I those against say No, so the I have it

Commission for Agriculture, food production, and animal quarantine, co-operative, forestry, fisheries and marine parks vote 4:1

**Chairperson:** page 85

**Minority leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir for item vote 31112.829 Construction of upgrading of the agricultural infrastructure can we know from the Commissioner for infrastructure what has been done this year under this item and what will be done for the next financial year?

**Mr PERRINE:** Mr Chairperson sir the project is to be completed that is construction of a veterinary complexed and extension of the office.

**Chairperson:** next question page 86

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir item 22900.963 Control of Stray dogs I would like to know what has been done so far and how many dog has been caught up to now.

**Mr Perrine:** Mr Chairperson Sir provision has been made for the management of dog pound at Solitude and for dog catching, ok so I'm that sterilisation that will have 98, dog pound at Solitude 4 and they are now proposing to rehabilitate the dog found which is at Mt Plat

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir the question was how many dog has caught and so can we know from the same item vote in

**Mr Perrine:** According to the law, the law had been amended so we cannot just catch and dispose, we have to catch sterilised and then people who want to adopt and they call which call rehome then we have to let them to go out that is we are called rehome

**Minority Leader:** so le donc le the same item Mr Chairperson Sir would like to know Mr Chairperson sir would like to know from the Commissioner for Agriculture in Mauritius there is a scheme for veterinaries officers to give to support this project of controlling of stray dogs where they are being paid a sort of stipends per head of dogs can we know whether this is applying in Rodrigues and how is it walk?

**Mr Perrine:** The scheme will soon be applying in Rodrigues that is Rs1300 per head bet to provide drug free and this scheme will soon be applied in Rodrigues

**Minority Leader:** This is an alarming situation the Commissioner has been talking about that either the Commissioner for health they has been talking about that in his speech and we think that it is an urgent issue if we want really to have to gain this battle so I je déplore le fait qu'on a mis au temps de temps parce que c'est un schème qui existe depuis un bon bout de temps à Maurice, est ce que le Commissaire de l'agriculture peut confirmer a la Chambre que très très bientôt il a

parlé de soon, sometimes we ask how soon is soon est ce que il peut nous dire le schème existe il n'a qu'a l'implémenter il a le budget quant est que concretement il va faire ce projets?

**Mr Perrine:** Monsieur Le Président vous savez l'Ancient gouvernement avait un accord avec le MSAW ils ont même importe un van ce rester presque 2 ans dans le port plus de 10 ans le van avait plus de 10 ans ils ont importé le van on a dû retourner le van a Maurice, maintenant on vient parler de urgence, vous ne fait rien nous nous savons ce que nous faisons, nous travaillons d'après la loi et nous suivons la loi et nous n'allons aller plus vite pacqué il faut suivre ce que le règlement nous disent et appliquer par exemple dans le passer on pouvait disposer des chiens mais maintenant les vétérinaires sont là ils sont pas autoriser à disposer il faudrait release rehome garder comme de prince dans le dog pound et puis relâcher, c'est la loi je ne peux pas aller contre la loi et ça va prendre le temps qu'il faut mais seulement il faudrait que la communauté aussi soit informer c'est impossible qu'une famille à Rodrigues a 6 ou 7 chiens nous allons enregistre faire enregistrement de chiens et il faudrait voir et il faut payer aussi on va voir comment y faire il faut prendre notre temps pour expliquer la communauté on travaille sur un projets à long terme que la population puisse comprendre et que un chien c'était l'amie de l'homme maintenant le chien est venue l'ennemie de l'homme et des animaux il faudrait qu'on, non il ne peut pas avoir 5 *lichien pas donne manger nek jet ene zafer en bas mirail apres li chien dehors*. C'est sa traiter les chiens comme ça, non nous allons prendre notre temps Monsieur Le Président et nous allons agir d'après la loi. Merci

**Chairperson:** 87,86 again

**Mr Ramdally:** Mr Chairperson Sir 22900.970 Bird net we see that there is a too fall increase can I know how many beneficiaries have obtained have benefited from this scheme

**Mr Perrine:** Mr Chairperson Sir I'm inform that provision is being made for increasing demand for anti-bird net 83 application have been approved so far.

**Minority Leader:** Monsieur Le Président for le item vote 22900.982 Establish Standard for 5 Key Rodriguan products donc le Commissaire de l'agriculture a parler de ce projets hier par rapport à vous parler du limon , vous parler des haricots on voit qu'il a une provision de Rs90,000 seulement et pour l'année prochain c'est pareil est ce qu'on savoir du Commissaire que-ce qu'on a fait avec ce petit Rs90 cette année et qu'est qu'on fera l'année prochaine l'année financier prochaine

**Mr Perrine:** Mr Chairperson Sir we are waiting for information but in the meantime I can inform the house that for lemon, chilly and honey, characterisation has been completed, now we are working on onion toupî and local red bean,

**Dr Agathe:** Mr Chairperson Sir item 22900983 Seed production Scheme the Commissioner has talk a lot about the scheme and we can see that there's no provision made either for this current financial year or for the next financial year, how is this?

**Mr Perrine:** Mr Chairperson Sir I'm inform that provision for the scheme has been made under item .959 Incentive for agricultural crop production,

**Chairperson:** Next we move to page 87

**Mr Baptiste:** 22900.959 Incentive for agricultural crop production, we see that there has been a very consequent increase from Rs5M to 35 can we know exactly what is what are these incentive for crops production

**Mr Perrine:** I'm inform Mr Chairperson sir that all the scheme has been lump into this item, it is not only for incentive for agricultural production

**Mr Speville:** item 202900054 fruit flies control Can I know from the Commissioner if the he will do less regarding the fruit flies control?

**Mr Perrine:** I am informing that as I said earlier that is all item, all scheme that we have in the Commission has been lump into this item

**Chairperson:** Ok page 88

**Mr Baptiste:** With regard to item 31113.017, Water distribution, can we know what are the projects which has been completed in or will be completed during this financial year and what are the new projects

**Mr Perrine:** Mr Chairperson Sir I think I have been given the wrong, I'm inform that a retenue colliner at Anse Baleine of 100mm<sup>3</sup> d'eau and 2<sup>nd</sup> setting up of 4 brackish water treatment plant at Riviere Banane, Port Sud Est, Baie Malgache and Baie Topaz and 3<sup>rd</sup> improvement and production and distribution infrastructure. The retenue coliner water of estime structure at Anse baleine has not been constructed yet it is still at consultancy

**Dr Agathe:** On the same item Mr Chairperson Sir what about the water irrigation system that need to be made operational in Baie Malgache?

**Mr Perrine:** Mr Chairperson Sir that for irrigation we have for the valley bottom we are giving equipment to farmers that is to reorganise the network and also to give them equipment likes sprinkles, pipes, and also assistance by extension officers or talk to them and also we have to labourers who are responsible for the operation of the system. I must said that in Port Sud Est may you are interested in Port Sud Est we have the water harvesting system about 6000m<sup>3</sup> which is used specially for planters, for onion growers and we have a government workers which operate the system. Now I inform that irrigation network at Baie malgache is under procurement stage that is we have looking forward to purchase the equipment and to make this harvest rainfall harvesting

equipment been able to operate. I must say that there was this structure already in constructed but it was not operational, non

Interruption

**Mr Perrine :** Non c'est à dire on ne peut pas entendre la vérité, vous voulez entendre ce que vous voulez entendre c'est bon

**Chairperson:** page 89,90, 91

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir 22030001 Rental of Buildings, can we know what building it is and for what purpose how much

**Mr Perrine:** I'm inform that provision Mr Chairperson Sir is being made for the payment of rent for the fisheries department

**Mr Baptiste:** Can we know where is the building located

**Mr Perrine:** I'm inform Mr Chairperson sir that next to Kalachand building partition work are being carried on server already install for internet connection

**Dr Agathe:** Mr Chairperson Sir item vote 31410.003 I would like to know about the status of the intation about the botanical garden projects, what has been done the current year and what is projected to be done next year

**Chairperson:** 31410

**Mr Perrine:** I'm Mr Chairperson Sir that the terms of reference are being prepared for consultancy for the implementation of the project

**Chairperson:** Last question 92

**Dr Agathe:** Mr Chairperson Sir the item vote 27210.107 You have mention Mr the Commissioner that was a shorter of term for this year for this item vote and you have announced also an increase in the number of fishers will be participating to octopus's fishery closure alternative livelihood project so there only an increase of Rs6M, can you explain how you will be able to fund for this increase of fishers

**Mr Perrine:** Mr Chairperson sir I am inform that provision has been made to cater of payment of allowance to alternative livelihood octopus's fisher's and to regional supervisors during the 2 closures of octopus's fisheries, due to an increase in number of days in the summer closure season from 1 month to 2 months so the 6M is to be able to cater for the 1-month addition

**Dr Agathe:** Mr Chairperson Sir was whether the amount provided for will be sufficient?

**Mr Perrine:** I am informing that the fund will be sufficient according to control mechanism race so I have to follow

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir can we know from the Commissioner for agriculture fisheries regarding the number of fishers involved in the octopus's closure season and what is the

daily amount you are paying them what is the amount, last year you mention 1460 whether for this closure you have increase and what is the

**Mr Perrine:** Well Mr Chairperson Sir I am informing that the amount is 1500 this year amount paid daily is Rs650 per day

**Chairperson:** Time is over, so I put the question, the question is that the sum of 603,567800 for vote 4:1 stands parts of the Draft estimate those in favour say I those against say NO so the I have it

**Chairperson:** I suspense for 30mins

Commission for health, housing, social security, fire services, prison and reform institution, probation and social rehabilitation was called vote 5-1

**Chairperson:** page 105

**Mr Ramdally:** Mr Chairperson Sir item 220303003 rental of vehicles, can the Commissioner explain the increase and in the amount and what vehicles are being rented?

**Mr Volbert:** Mr Chairperson Sir provision made for monthly payment for rental of private vehicles comprising of two for convenience of specialist and three mini buses for convenience of patient and dialysis treatment and staffs after working hours to respond to the shortage of government vehicle in the health services, the provision comprises of also payment for hiring of lorries, for convenience of medicine for pharmacy thus resulting in an increase in provision for financial year 2024/2025

**Mr Ramdally:** item 22120.030 Operation and maintenance of sewerage system, there is significant increase can the Commissioner explain what is this item meant for and why such an Increase

**Mr volbert:** provision made Mr Chairperson Sir to cater for payment of fees for the operation and maintenance of water sewerage system at QEH the provision for financial year 2024/2025 is align with the payment to be made compare to the financial year 2023/2024 showing an increase monthly payment is Rs3271750 and yearly Rs3, 9003300

**Mr Ramdally:** Accommodation cost 22900002 there is significant decrease what is this item meant for and why the decrease?

**Mr Volbert:** Provision made to meet cost for accommodation of officers pertaining to sub head 5101 general only, proceeding on official mission to Mauritius the accommodation cost for patient have been transferred to sub head 5102

**Mr Ramdally:** item 22900.003 passage cost, here also there is a decrease what is item meant for and why the decrease

**Mr Volbert:** the same answer Mr Chairperson Sir the passage cost for officers pertaining to sub head 5102 have been transferred to the respective sub head

**Chairperson:** 106

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir, can we know from the Commissioner for health with regard to item vote 27210008 assistance to patient sidling specialise treatment whether how many request has the office obtain from patient going on private treatment in Mauritius what is the trend of expenditure

**Mr Volbert:** Mr Chairperson Sir I'm inform that there is more than 120 in process

**Minority Leader:** Can we know from the same item how many has been already reimbursed?

**Mr Volbert:** Number of 50 patients have already been paid and still on going the others for processes

**Mr Baptiste:** I would like to know why there are no budget provision for the different NGO's such as CRAK, Diabet Pro etc

**Chairperson:** Respected member Baptiste which item vote are you referring to?

**Mr Baptiste:** sorry 26313-003

**Mr Volbert:** the provision for these item have been transferred to item 28212039 support to NGOs for the implementation for minor projects

**Mr Baptiste:** Yes, Mr Chairperson Sir may the Commissioner then enlighten us what is the difference between to household 28039 and grants these are grants how can grants be transfer to households?

**Chairperson:** can we take another question in the meantime? Same page 106

**Minority Leader:** Mr the Chairperson Sir, for the item vote 21110 personal emolument, can we know from the Commissioner for health whether there has been recently the recruitment of personnel to assist the public health inspector in the comeback against dengue?

**Mr Volbert:** il n y a pas eu de recrutement on a eu de, on a pris de personnes sur contracté mais pas des recrutement comme je sais ou vous voulez venir mais c'est pas de recrutement

**Minority Leader :** Monsieur Le Président on peut recruter sur contracté on peut recrute sur establishment, est ce que le Commissaire peut nous dire s'il y eu de recrutement sur contracté pour épauler le public Heath inspecteur

**Mr Volbert :** yes

**Minority Leader :** Dans ce cas le Commissaire peut nous dire quel était la procédure pour le recrutement de ses personnels et combien on a pris ?

**Mr Volbert :** la procedure c'est on procurement un procurement exercise et on a recruter

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**Mr Lisette :** A public tendering ?

**Mr Volbert:** I think so

**Minority Leader:** Can we know the grades of these person what is the name given the title given to these people who have been recruited?

**Mr Volbert:** enlistment of 3 persons on direct procurement due to emergency to give assistance AT health inspector level on a month to month basis up to 3 months

**Minority Leader:** Can we know from the Commissioner what is the process, you have a recruitment under contract direct procurement what is the process for that, whether there is committee how is this done?

**Mr Volbert:** direct procurement due to emergencies

**Mr Lisette:** I would know whether these persons who were recruited on contract had rather a specific qualification for the

**Mr Volbert:** they are all qualified Mr Chairperson

**Mr Lisette:** Can we know from the Commissioner inform the house the qualification requires for that particular contract?

**Mr Volbert:** Of the 3 candidates 2 have the diploma in sanitary science and 1 BSC in public health and environmental science

**Mr Ramdally:** item 31113914 health infrastructure development project, in 2023/2024 were 35M what were the project under for this financial year and we see that there is an increase to 64M what will be the project that will falls under this item?

**Mr Volbert:** Mr Chairperson Sir provision made to cater for payment in respect on ongoing projects. Projects upgrading renovation of wards units at Queen Elisabeth Hospital, area health centres, and community health centres, construction of medical waste incinerators, construction of radiology samu, cardiac, neonatal unit lift at maternity block, construction of chicatric ward at Gita Jean Louis completion , new kitchen at la Ferme completion, covering alert administration block Mt Lubin, and up grading of community health centres at Baie Topaz and new project consultancies for new modern hospital and construction of medy clinic and digitalisation of the health services in Rodrigues

**Mr Ramdally:** New hospital where Mr Chairperson?

**Mr Chairperson:** At Plaine Maho

**Mr Ramdally:** what is the amount for the new hospital what will be done?

**Mr Volbert:** consultancy services

**Minority Leader:** Mr chairperson sir regarding item vote 21110110 overtime, we can see that there is for this financial year is Rs8M and for the next financial year Rs9M can we know from the Commissioner for health whether it is in this item that the ambulance driver attendance drivers are being paid if yes what is the trend of expenditure per month?

**Mr Volbert:** Mr Chairperson sir provision made to cater for payment of overtime to officers pertaining to sub head 5101, general increase in provision is meant to cope for shortage of staff. can you repeat your question please?

**Minority leader:** I would like the Commissioner to inform the house whether in this item we pay for the overtime of ambulance driver attendants and so on

**Mr Volbert:** yes, Mr Chairperson Sir

**Minority leader:** under the same item vote Mr Chairperson Sir can the Commissioner then inform the house whether it's true that these grades ambulance driver attendant have not been paid since the month of June 2023 and if yes how much money we owe these people in total?

**Mr Volbert:** The figure to be compiled need further time to compiled the figure

**Mr Baptiste:** Sir on the same item vote 21111.100 overtime, can we know how much had been paid out of the 8M which had been budgeted for the ongoing financial how much had been paid so far out of the 8M

**Mr Volbert:** All the amount of 8M have already been paid

**Minority leader:** in this case Mr the Chairperson sir under the same item vote we can see that there is only an increase in provision of Rs1M can the Commissioner for health tell the house whether this provision will be sufficient for the one year to come for the overtime added to those figures you are being compiling for one year

**Mr Volbert:** May be this will not sufficient that's why we are recruiting the process recruitment of officers to decrease the amount of overtime to be paid.

**Ms Roussety:** Mr Chairperson Sir item number vote 22900.002 Accommodation cost, no budget for last financial year and there is 34M a huge amount for 24/25 can the Commissioner give more details

**Mr Volbert:** Mr Chairperson Sir provision made to cater for accommodation cost in favour of patients undergoing for treatments in Mauritius and the accompanying proactive, nursing, doctors, officers on tour of service and on official missions and specialist, senior specialist which was previously funded under sub head 5101 general, provision for financial year 2024/2025 is based on the actual trend of expenditure of about 2.0M per month

**Mr Ramdally:** On the same item Mr Chairperson Sir can I ask the Commissioner if there is any outstanding amount due to the service provided to Mauritius?

**Mr Volbert:** May be for the last for the last month

**Mr Ramdally:** What amount?

**Mr Volbert:** about Rs1.7M

**Mr Ramdally:** Mr Chairperson Sir 22900.951 laundry cost there is an increase from 300,000 to 500,000 can I know what is this item meant for?

**Mr Volbert:** Mr Chairperson Sir provision is made to cater for procurement of detergent and washing solutions for the laundry section increase is due to more linen clothes use by patient that's need to be clean frequently.

**Mr Ramdally:** under the same item has this service been contracted Mr chairperson Sir?

**Mr Volbert:** I don't know I'm not aware I think, I should be made aware I

**Minority Leader:** The Commissioner inform the house on the same item vote that my colleague just put the question, whether there have been cases where the laundry have been sent to a private hotel in the Region of the north for washing

**Mr Volbert:** no

**Minority Leader:** with regard to item vote 28212.006, repatriation expenses, can we know from the Commissioner for health whether there is a new Company actually engaged in the repatriation of corpses from Mauritius to Rodrigues?

**Mr Volbert:** Monsieur Le Président étant donné que la Compagnie qui faisait le rapatriement avant était illégal donc on donner la chance au 2 compagnie de ramener le corps jusqu'à ce que la procédure qui est en cour soit finaliser pour le rapatriement de corps

**Minority Leader:** est-ce que le Commissaire veut dire que en ce moment il y a en ce moment il y a 2 compagnie a tour chacun son tour qui font le rapatriement des corps de Maurice ?

**Mr Volbert :** oui mais une Compagnie à désister la compagnie qui vous ai familier à désister la dernière minute

**Minority Leader :** Monsieur Le président on ne familier a aucune compagnie on fait notre travail, est ce que je peux savoir du Commissaire de la Santer combien cela nous coute en moyen pour le rapatriement d'un corps en ce moment ?

**Mr Volbert :** Rs 65,000

**Minority Leader:** Est-ce qu'on peut savoir l'autre compagnie qui ont désister quelle est le montant qu'on payer pour le rapatriement d'un corps ?

**Mr Volbert:** Le montant que vous avez initié Rs30000 mais le faite que le corps ne pas embaumer donc sa représente un risque quand on transport le corps, le corps décompose tout ça, c'est pour ça que il a fallu que l'autre compagnie ajiste intervienne pour que on a un service digne complet et hygiénique

**Mr Baptiste:** but was there any contractual agreement with the company to give detail about what you expect from them embaumer etc? or you just ask him like that to

**Mr Volbert:** Il y aura le tendering process qui renter en cour et il y aura tous dedans donc l'autre compagnie peut avoir tous le renseignement nécessaire

**Mr Volbert:** Mr Chairperson Sir 28212025 Subsistence allowance to patient on treatment in Mauritius, l'année dernier il était question de changer le mode de paiement de accompagnateur, on verser l'argent au accompagnateur au lieu du patient et c'était dit dans le, quand est-il ou ça en est Monsieur le président est ce que c'est ?

**Mr Volbert:** Monsieur le Président l'argent est destiner au patient mais la faite que le patient est admis à l'hôpital donc c'est le accompany relative qui touche l'argent.

**Mr Ramdally:** c'est encore pareil que l'année dernier, il n'y eu de changement

**Mr Volbert:** subsistence allowance paid to patient who admitted to hospital to accompany relative due to complaint by patient

**Mr Ramdally:** Le paiement c'est fait à l'accompagnateur ou au patient c'est ça le question

**Mr Volbert :** Le paiement c'est pour le patient mais c'est l'accompagnateur le faite que patient est admis à l'hôpital

**Mr Ramdally :** item 31122004 medical equipment, this financial year there is Rs58M and it has now increase to 93M, this financial year there is a provision for MRI I think does is this project included in the 93M for next year

**Mr Volbert:** Non Monsieur Le Président pour le MRI il faudra d'abord construire le bâtiment parce que il y a de mesure de sécurité qu'il faudra prendre donc c'est pas destiné dans ce 93M

**Mr Ramdally :** What about the medical oxygen on the same item and the scanner ?

**Mr volbert:** yes, Mr Chairperson Sir

**Chairperson:** page 108.109

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir item 31113.012 housing, can we know from the Commissioner how many beneficiaries of construction material have completed their housing units?

**Mr Volbert:** there are fifth teen at finishing level

**Mr Baptiste:** what does it mean finishing level?

**Mr Volbert:** je pense que le quinze at finishing level c'est le maison déjà le dal a déjà étai couler crépit met la porte peut être le Caro ou ça, mais il y a quinze qui est finishing level et quatre déjà terminer.

**Mr Baptiste:** can we know how many beneficiaries have received their opening

**Mr Volbert:** Le quinze qui ont étaient at finishing level ont eu leur openings

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr the Chairperson Sir the Commissioner has said that there will be a new scheme *cle en main*, can we have more information about the modus operandi?

**Mr Volbert:** on est en train de travailler sur le schème et on viendra à l'Assemblée pour

**Chairperson:** page 100

**Mr Baptiste:** last question relating to item 28012.012 casting of roof slap how many beneficiaries

**Mr Volbert:** on a 80 beneficiare jusqu'a maintenant

**Mr Chairperson:** page 110 and last question

**Mr Baptiste:** 22900.105 senior citizen scheme can we have more information about this, about the number of beneficiaries of this scheme during this financial year and what are the details of the scheme.

**Mr Volbert:** around 800 senior citizens and we are still working on the scheme

**Mr Baptiste:** you are still working on the scheme how can 860, I have asked how many have benefitted on the scheme in this financial year?

**Mr Volbert:** Monsieur le Président étant donné que tous les establishment hôtelier rempli en ce moment il y a 800 demande mais on n'a pas pu avoir des place jusqu'à maintenant pour ses bénéficiaire on attend mais on le fera jusqu'a mais on le fera jusqu'à la fin de cette année financier

**Mr Chairperson:** ok 111

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir with regard to item vote 28212013 gift to centenarian dans toutes les célébration que nous participons pour les centenaires le Commissaire de la sécurité sociale arrê pas de dire comment il n'a pas de budget et qu'il a que Rs500,000 pour ses centenaires, je voulais savoir pour vu que le montant est resté le même combien de nouveau centenaire pour le prochaine année financier et si ce montant sera suffisant ?

**Mr Volbert :** On aura deux centenaire dans la prochaine année financière et pour le gift Rs 500,00 c'est suffi.

**Mr Baptiste:** in your speech also you mention that you give housing unit and track roads, can we know from which budget item these are paid and whether all the centenarian during this financial year have benefit from their housing unit?

**Mr Baptiste :** on répare une bonne maison mais pour cette année financiers oui tous les centenaires même ce que vous n'avez pas donner aussi, pendant que vous étiez là on donne ok et les items dans qui on retire ça c'est dans item de work division public infrastructure

**Mr Baptiste:** I have visited at least deux of these centenarians but they have what they have said I will ask you to go and visit and confirm because I know that a least deux of them have

receive nothing as such in term of improvement of their housing units, can you go and look into the matter.

**Mr Volbert:** pour pouvoir savoir quelle sont ses centaines vos devez me donner ok thank you

**Chairperson:** Time is over

**Chairperson:** so I put the question, the question is that the sum of 2B,789M69,000 for vote 5:1 stands spart of the Draft estimate those in favour say I those against say NO so the I have it

Commission for women affaires family welfare child development consumer protection price fixing unit and handicraft vote 6:1

**The Chairperson:** we start from page 1 to 9

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir with regard to vote item 31112.815 renovation of family integrated centre, ca we know from the Commissioner for women what will be done with this provision of Rs7M

**Mrs Agathe:** Provision is made to cater for the renovation of the integrated family centre final tender document submitted and tender will be launched this month

**Minority Leader:** can we know from the Commissioner for women for the same item vote, what is the scope of work for this renovation?

**Mr Agathe:** construction of covered passage, new toilet block, replacement of existing chain, fencing, buy new to existing boundary wall, roofing, wood work and metal work refurbishment, embellishment, upgrade rainwater harvesting system

**Minority Leader:** with regard to item vote 28212.030 *programme d'autonomisation de famille* we can see the basic provision of 950K for this financial year and 1.9M for the next financial year, can we know from the Commissioner for women how many beneficiaries actually are benefiting from the project and how is the project being implemented?

**Mr Agathe:** we have around 50 vulnerable families who will benefit from the project with the sum of Rs950 and we are expecting twice the number of families to benefit from the programme. Actually we have already, we are working with the Student Need Association so that they can implement the project and as I have said in the budget speech we have also a project co-ordinator for this project.

**Ms Roussety:** Mr Chairperson Sir, Item vote number 22900.939 parental empowerment programme single mother, there is no fund for parental empowerment programme for the year 24/25 Commissioner enlighten the house please

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr The Chairperson Sir provision for parental empowerment programme has been transferred to sub head 6-103 child protection and parental empowerment

**Minority leader:** Mr chairperson Sir for the item vote 22900.936, promotion of women development and family welfare, we can see that there is a significant decrease from 4M to 2.8M can we know from the Commissioner for women actually what is being done with this provision and what is the trend of expenditure?

**Mr Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson Sir before the promotion of women development and family welfare all the programme that we do at the level of the Commission was with these Rs4M now we have speed the different item and the provision will be sufficient for promotion of women and family.

**Mr Roussety:** Mr Chairperson Sir item number vote 26313.14 *Grant to Fille de Marie* for shelter, there is no funds for year 24/25 can the Commissioner enlighten the house who will occupied the shelter *Fille De Marie*?

**Chairperson:** next question

**Minority Leader:** for the Commissioner for women, regarding the item vote 222900.936 what are the activities that are being conducted in this provision?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr The Chairperson Sir, the different activities are as follows; basic short courses with the collaboration of MITDs, Organisation of International Women's Day, leadership courses, for women and girls, international Man Day, workshop seminars and talk, exchange programme at national, regional and international level for women entrepreneur, sensualisation on gender equality and gender mainstreaming and sports day for man and woman

**Minority Leader:** Can I know from the Commissioner for woman under the same item whether there are new activities that will be done under this item for the next financial year?

**Mrs Agathe :** Mr the Chairperson Sir, jeux de femme et jeux de hommes

**Chairperson:** ok

**Mr Ramdally :** Mr Chairperson Sir 22120027 Crest scheme: this year there is a provision of Rs500,000 can I know what have been done with this sum, this amount and for the next there is no provision can you explain?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson Sir the provision has been used for placement of Child day Care givers and other sensitisation and programmes for them

**Mr Lisette:** same item vote Mr Chairperson Sir I would to know from the Commissioner where matter stand as regard to the regulation that she was to bring to the Assembly as regard to the problem that was being faced as regard to the *creche* the *garderie* around the Island

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson Sir provision has been made for consultancy services for policy framework on early childhood development under vote item 22120.047

**Chairperson:** page 131

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir item vote 31112.1815 infrastructure for women 's empowerment we can see that there is an actual provision of Rs30M and there is a very large decrease for the next financial year, can we know from the Commissioner for women what is being done with this earmark budget for the current financial year and how much money has been spent from this item?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson Sir, provision have been made for the following project upgrading of administrative block at La Ferme, setting up of market fair for women entrepreneur, conversion of restaurant at Mt Limon into market fair. However, provision for capital project for child protection and family welfare unit has been transferred to their respective subhead.

**Mr Roussety:** Mr Chairperson sir item number vote 20030.001 rental of buildings, can we know from the Commissioner where is situated the buildings to be rental for child protection?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr The Chairperson Sir the rental is meant for setting up of a family life structure for children place in residential care

**Chairperson:** page 132

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir item vote 22900.939 child protection and parental empowerment, can we know from the Commissioner for women what is the actual trend of children in need of services at the Commission?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr The Chairperson for the year 20/21 there was 282 children, 20/22 420 children, 223 409 and since January 2024 more than 75 cases

**Minority leader:** there is a great increase for the past year more than double and we can see that there is a provision of 2.4M, can we know from the Commissioner for Child development what are the activities that will be conducted in view of trying to curve this figure down?

**Mr Agathe:** Mr The Chairperson Sir the following activities are alternative care, child mentoring and poster Care, International Day of African Child, universal Children Day, preventing online and offline Child sexual grooming, sensitisation of parent at village level, café de parent.

**Mr Ramdally:** Mr chairperson Sir 22120027 creche scheme, in this present financial year there is a provision of 600,000 can the Commissioner tell the house what will be done with amount of money?

**Mrs Agathe:** assistance to child day care centre to obtain their registration and provision of training in favour of home base care giver

**Mr Ramdally:** how many crèche are targeted in this amount?

**Mrs Agathe:** 25 care givers

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr chairperson Sir item 22030.001 renting of building, can we know for what purpose is this new provision and whether it has already the building has already been identified?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson Sir in view of the de institutionalisation of alternative care for children provision is made for rental of building to set up a home base structure for children place in alternative care, identification of building has not yet been done

**Minority Leader:** Can I know from the Commissioner for women regarding item vote 31112.840 infrastructure for child development and empowerment there is a provision of 10.5M can we know from the Commissioner for Children what is this meant for?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson sir provision made for project upgrading works at Foyer Marie Madeleine de La Croix, extension of transit home and residential recreational centre for children.

**Minority Leader:** can we know from the Commissioner for women regarding the item vote 22900.123 promotion of family welfare and protection from gender base islands, whether actually the shelter welcoming family's victims of violence are still operational and if not when will it be operational?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson Sir the answer is yes

**Minority Leader:** item vote then can the Commissioner for women tell us where this shelter is situated?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson sir unfortunately I cannot answer this question for the security of the victims

**Minority Leader:** so can I know from the Commissioner for women how many families have been place in this particular centre and who is managing the centre?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson Sir only one family has been place in the shelter and we have been working with the Foyer Marie Madeleine de la Croix to have a short so that one or two employees can go there

**Mrs Roussety:** Mr Chairperson Sir item vote 3112.839, infrastructure for family welfare, can the Commissioner enlighten the house with the budget estimated 16M for year 24/25?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the chairperson Sir provision made for project setting up of family nature park, setting up of family resource and wellness centre, and setting up family recreational areas.

**Chairperson:** page 134

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr the Chairperson Sir item 22900.903 sensualisation and awareness campaign. I can see that there only 7 talks and the consumer education programme organised, I would like to know how many customers have been sensitized during these session?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson Sir 400 college student and all population on radio

**Mr Baptiste:** relating to same item let me talk about the key performance indicator where I see that last year there were 1500 checks premises inspected while now when we know as the Chief commissioner himself mention avec la difficulté que font face les consommateur face à la hausse de prix l'inflation etc. cette année ci we can see that only 748 trade premises have been inspected, can we know why there is such a decrease Significant

**Chairperson:** we take another question on the same page because time is

**Mr Baptiste:** a decrease in the basic salary when we know that there are post that should be funded and at the same time the Commissioner mentioned in his budget speech la professionalization du bureau de consomateur can we have more detail about this professionalization, what will have happened what will be reorganised or re-in structure?

**Chairperson:** we are almost in injury time

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson Sir recruitment of 3 additional staff and setting up of a sub office at La Ferme and Malabar

**Chairperson:** let us move to 135

**Mr Baptiste:** it was announced in the last budget that Rs11.5M earmarked for the creation of a price fixing information system, it was under sub-head 2101 now I see that there is this item 311122.008 computerisation of RRA I would like to know from the Commissioner how much has been disbursed from the 11.5M earmarked last year and what has been done where matter stance as to this project

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson Sir the price fixing information system of the ministry will be extended to the fixe fixing unit of Rodrigues, testing will be done in June 2024

**Mr Babtiste:** item 22030.001 renting of building, can we know where is the building and for what purpose I see it a new item?

**Mrs Agathe:** Mr the Chairperson sir, a building will be rented to accommodate the price fixing unit which is now occupying the conference room at the integrated family centre.

**Chairperson:** I will put the question: the question is that the sum of Rs99000690 for vote 6/1 instance spart of the Draft estimates those in favour say I those against say NO. so the I have it

Commission for Tourism employment, labour and industrial relation and information technology and telecommunication vote 7:1

**Chairperson:** we start from page 147

**Mrs Roussety:** Mr Chairperson Sir item number vote 22030.003 rental of vehicle, can we know from the Commissioner for Tourism combine de voiture sont louer parceque votre commission n 'as toujours de voiture depuis l'annee dernier avec l'Assemble Regional le meme montant que l'annee

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson Sir, provision for 2024/2025 is meant for the hiring of private vehicle without driver on week days pending the posting of one government vehicle at my Commission the estimate is maintain and will be sufficient.

**Mrs Roussety:** Chairperson Sir item number vote 22900.002 accommodation cost can we know from the Commissioner why such increase for accommodation cost and which building is concerned?

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson Sir concerning this item, provision 2024/2025 based on actual trend of expenditure is meant for payment of accommodation for officers on official mission on Mauritius government officers formally accommodation cost in respect of promotion of tourism, Commissioner and other delegates under the preview of sub-head 7101 were being met under item 7102 promotion of tourism, provision is being made under proper item.

**Mrs Roussety:** item number vote 31112.015 refurbishment and renovation of public office, can the Commissioner informed the house of the detail of the Rs2M?

**Mr WongSo:** Mr Chairperson Sir concerning this item provision is being made for refurbishment and renovation of public office under the preview of my commission of tourism that in the offices of the commissioner.

**Chairperson:** 148

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson sir with regard to item vote 22990.136 plan *d'accompagnement* for the tourism sector, we can see that there is a provision of 1.2M can we know from the Commissioner for tourism how many enterprises he is targeting for the next financial year?

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson Sir this provision is meant for the development of a plan *d'accompagnement* for tourism enterprises which will be headed by a consultant in the tourism sector, the scope is to assist existing services proposed recommendation and assist tourist enterprise implementing same, the number of tourist enterprises to benefit from this plan *d'accompagnement* will be determine from the work plan which will be established by the expert, it is expected that project be extended under the World bank fund as well.

**Mrs Roussety:** Mr the Chairperson sir item number vote 22060018 embellishment of tourism cultural sites, can we know from the Commissioner which site will be embellish for the year 24/25 because there is an increase in the budget?

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson sir for the provision for the year 2024/25 provision is meant for the upgrading of green space and view point at Pointe la Guelle region 4 and maintenance and repair of existing high king trail from St Francois to Trou d'Argent.

**Minority Leader:** can I know from the Commissioner to tourism with respect to item vote 222900.995 training and capacity building in the Tourism Sector, we have had a jointly funded programme IU/RRA for the Capacity Building Programme in 3 years back, can we know from the Commissioner how many operators or employees were involve in this programme and what will be differed between this programme and the one we did?

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson Sir concerning the training and Capacity Building in the Tourism sector, the provision is meant for the organisation of training programme in professional front office operation and management and accounting for small Tourism businesses in view of professionalising the sector and to improve the delivery of tourism services. Provision is also meant for the training of skippers for 12 and 24 nautical miles which was organised once a year but with the increase in demands same will be organised twice in a year that is in the financial year 2024/2025 and there will be a foundation course in tourism where we expect to meet the expectation of 900 tourism operators.

**Minority Leader:** question was jointly financed by the RRA and the IU how many operators and employees have been paid already?

**Mr Wong So:** as I said earlier almost 900,

**Minority Leader:** for the same item vote how any operators and employees are you targeting for this the next financial year?

**Mr Woung So:** you know in this sector we have almost 1800 direct employment so we have to have at least 1500 we expect to meet at least for this coming financial year 24/25 1500 we expect

**Ms Roussety:** Mr chairperson Sir item number vote 22900.922 promotion of tourism, can we know from the Commissioner which new countries his commission is targeting for the promotion of Rodrigues because last year the Commissioner mentioned, he could be that he will go to SA South Africa, Madagascar and Seychelles, Monsieur Le Commissaire pouvez nous vous dire si ses Pays ont étáis bénéfique en terme d'arriver pour Rodrigues sinon comment comptez-vous aller promouvoir Rodrigues dans ces Pays dans l'Océan Indien ?

**Mr Wong So:** well Mr Chairperson Sir concerning the promotion of tourism, a provision will cater for all expenditures related to the operation and all promotional activities to be undertaken by the Rodrigues Tourism office which comprise; participation in Tourism Fares, prescripts, editors and familiarisation clips, publicity in magazine, sponsorship of local event and fabrication of giveaways it will also for expenditure related to mission abroad for attending fares. Concerning South Africa for your information next week, in ten days a delegation from Rodrigues is attending Jioberg and Capetown and at the same time doing promotion for the World Tourism market Africa

**Dr Agathe:** Mr Chairperson Sir regarding item 22900.987 I would like to know what survey or surveys have been carried out this year or the current year and what are the surveys that are planned for the next financial year which account for this increase of 1M?

**Mr Wong So:** For this financial year 2023/2024 there was a provision of Rs400,000 but no survey has been done until now but for the coming financial year 2024/2025 a provision of 1.5M this provision is meant for the carrying out of Rodrigues Tourism survey by the statistical unit of the RRA and other surveys and activities to be carried out by the Tourism Enterprise licencing Office

**Dr Agathe:** in the same item are you planning to have a Tourism outgoing survey?

**Mr Wong So:** yes Mr Chairperson Sir, the Rodrigues Tourism Survey will be carried out at the departure lounge of Plain Corail airport with the primary objectives of gathering crucial information pertaining expenditure patterns of Tourism in Rodrigues and the survey will also be conducted over a full calendar year due to seasonal fluctuation.

**Minority Leader:** Monsieur le Président toujours concernant le promotion of tourism 22900.922 je voie que le Commissaire du Tourism vont pratiquement à tous le salon pour la promotion de Rodrigues avec les officiers techniques est ce que je peux savoir en dehors de Maurice bien sûr quel sont les Policy Maker comme lui qu'il rencontre dans ses Pays et comment parce que c'est important aussi que après qu'on quitte ses Pays la promotion de Rodrigues continue, quel sont ses Policy Maker en dehors du Ministre du Tourisme a Maurice qu'il rencontre et pour continuer cet promotion

**Mr Wong So :** Monsieur Le Président je me permet à la question de Minority leader de pouvoir élaborer sur ces point, ce vraie je reconnait moi-même que de fois je me plein un petit peut parce que il y a quand même de voyage à faire mais sachez que dans tous le salon ou toutes les foire que nous allons quant i y a un Political figure sur le stand ca attire la presse, je parle sur la correction du mois du RTO ca attire ;la presse audiovisuel et la presse écrite parce justement ils sont intéresse à savoir quel est la politique qu'on dégage. Maintenant votre question madame de

savoir qui sont les Policy Makers, je peux vous dire qu'a 90% de foire et de salon qu'on assiste le ministre est a coter de moi le ministre du Tourisme je peux vous dire que monsieur Radegond le Ministre du Tourism de Seychelles ont est voisin sur le stand on se rencontre souvent, juste pour vous donner des information, je ne peux pas vous donner toutes la liste des gens mais je peux vous dire. Monsieur Radegong ce le Ministre du Tourism de Seychelles

**Mrs Roussety :** Monsieur le President item number vote 22900.104 sustainable Tourism Project on a vue le Commissaire qui a mentioner qui implementer le project de one visitor one tree c'est pas one visitor one tree c'est fishermen hundred trees which project is the Commissioner envisaging to implement for the year 24/25

**Mr Wong so :** Mr Chairperson Sir it is still one visitor one tree, even we have put the fisherman from the octopus closing livelihood there meaning to say that we can't do, they are doing livelihood programme so this provision of Rs2M is meant for the second phase because for your information the project is on we have already planted 1000 trees and we expect that all the high official now who will be visiting Rodrigues will hope that will be able to go there and to plant a tree just to commemorate this action.

**Chairperson:** next page 149

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr the Chairperson Sir I can see that there is a decrease in the basic salary can we know why this decrease?

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson Sir effectively there is a decrease the provision for this year is Rs1,70059 this provision is meant for the salaries of officers with increment 2025 under the preview of subhead 2103 empowerment and placement of job seekers, the decrease in estimates is due to retirement of senior most officer in financial year 2023/2024

**Mr Baptiste:** So can we know how many technical officers are posted for the time being?

**Mr Wong So:** for this finical year we have 4 employees at this section

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir I see that in your strategic direction you have talk about provision for employment of counselling services by phone etc, can we know how many workshop have been carried out?

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson Sir to answer this question it concerns about 25 workshop and we are targeting, we have been targeting 350 job seekers.

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir I also see that there is re-engineering of the employment office into the NED I ask this question last year I see that still the officer in Rodrigues are employment officers while their counter parts in Mauritius or counsellor, I would like to know where matter stands with regard to the Rodrigues division because in Mauritius they have all been re organised.

**Mr Wong so:** Mr Chairperson sir concerning the naming of employment officer re styling of post will be made in the fourth coming PRB 2026, this is the answer that I have

**Mr Baptist:** 28212003 Plan de Prestation Transitoire I would like to know how many beneficiaries are there and how much have been paid?

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson Sir concerning the question for the Plan de prestation Transitoire I would like to mentioned right at the outset the objective of the plan of le Plan de Prestation Transitoire is to provide support for ex employment relief Programme trainees to enable them to start an income generating activity they are provided a starter kit up to the tune of Rs50000 provision is meant for 1<sup>st</sup> to have a starter kit for 10 beneficiaries of ex ERP trainees 2023 and 2024 and (b) to have a starter kit for 40 beneficiaries of ERP trainees for this coming year 2024/2025 and finally (c) there is also make the provision for the allocation a la production of Rs3000 per month to PPT upon implementation of their project estimates for 2024/2025 is maintain and will be sufficient for your information there is already 21 approve case for 2023/2024.

**Mr Baptiste:** Yes Mr Chairperson sir 22120.0014 is to Chairman health and safety, I would like to know about the composition of this committee and the number of times they met since 2023?

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairman Sir concerning to Chairman and member of committee on occupational safety and health, this provision is to cater for fees to member in lines with PRB rate for the two new saturate committee and sub-committee, Rodrigues lodging accommodation committee and employment of foreign workers monitoring committee in line with PRB rate, for your information these two committee are not yet set up.

**Mr Baptiste:** why?

**Mr Wong so:** because it will be implemented in the coming fourth coming financial year

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir I know that this also is a very important committee especially with regard to migrant workers I would like to know whether the organisation structure that you have now or for health and safety as well as for euro, whether this will enable your office in Rodrigues to implement all the services like education and sensualisation, what is the policy of your commission?

**Chairperson:** is it on the same item?

**Mr Baptiste:** Yes

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson Sir concerning the foreign workers I can assure the house that concerning the enforcement for the ors and the labour inspector there is no problem, the problem lised with the PIO the passport and immigration office which from time to time are not able to look after people from foreign countries at their departure time, so we have this problem

right now that why we are establishing this committee for a foreign workers committee and they will sit in this committee and we will be able to deliver adequately

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir with regard to the structure for implementation of all what you want to set up as per your key performance indicator to meet all these objectives what are you planning to do because I see for example recruitment is very important but nothing has been done since these 2 years

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson Sir if you looking to the provision 2023/2024 there was no additional staff whereas for this year there is 2 new staff recruited for orsh and because here right now we have 3 existing orsh and we are expecting to have a new recruit for the coming year

**Mr Baptiste:** item 2230.001 renting of building there is an increase from Rs270000 can the Commissioner inform the house why such

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson Sir consulting this item rental of building, provision is meant for the rental fee for the office space of the RCCM with an increase of 50% on cost, the additional provision in estimate 2024/2025 is for the rental of office building to house labour division, for your information the amount of Rs250000 made for this financial year had not been used it's for the forth coming financial year 2024/2025 where the labour division will move from the existing place Commissioner Volbert Did you agree. So will have to move to a new office place and then that's why we are catering Rs870000 for this item

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir regarding item vote 22900013 promotion of ICT business development, when I see in the table for the outcome indicator regarding IcT development ICT business I can see that actually there are 5 ICT BPO call centre business set up can the Commissioner for tourism tell us where are these 5 business situated?

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson Sir we have 5 BPO call centre now operating in Rodrigues, the 1<sup>st</sup> is the CSL which is found at Camp Du Rois, the 2<sup>nd</sup> one is Solocal at Port Mathurin, we have the Pro contact which found also in Port Mathurin, assistant Virtuel in Port Mathurin and HBPO which is found in Mt Lubin. These are are the detail that I have from my offices right now.

**Minority Leader:** is it true that the one in Mt Lubin has closed Mr Chairperson Sir?

**Mr Wong So:** it could be Madame but the information that I have right now is that they are still operating it could be.

**Minority Leader:** Mr the Chairperson sir, can I know from the Commissioner for ICT development, where in this budget because I can see have heard about the one of the major announcement making Rodrigues a Wifi Island, in which item vote will this project be cater?

**Mr Wong so:** Mr The Chairperson Sir for the information of the Minority Leader is the item 31122.018, yes it completely at the end of the paper, provision is being made for Rs9000600

that the increase will be cater for the starting of the project, for the launching, for free wifi island 8 insides have been spotted for the first phase, the aim of the project is to attract more visitors and to promote social inclusion

**Minority Leader:** can I know from the Commissioner for Tourism regarding the item vote 22120.0048, consultancy services development of strategic plan for ICT, since 2022 the EDP proposed to they sent correspondences official to finance the development of the strategic plan for ICT for an amount of Rs5M can we know whether this project has been continued and whether we have not

**Mr Wong So:** Mr Chairperson Sir concerning the consultancy services for the development of a strategic plan for ICT, the consultancy services for development strategic plan is no longer being finance by EDB, the Commission has already completed all document for the tender will be soon launched. I will further give you the information that we were in a process of coming up with intention to contract a consultant services to develop and formulate strategic to further enhance the development of the ICT sector in Rodrigues thus creating employment opportunities by facilitating the setting up of businesses in the firm.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir regarding ICT Promotion Development again 22900013, I can see that the budget has been increase by 2 from Rs3 to 6M and we know that last year the Commissioner for tourism announced the organisation of road show just as he is doing for tourism, road show for ICT to attract investment investors and he is planning to have 8 call centres and 3 more, can we know whether he has been conducted any road show till now for the ICT business development and what has been the outcome and what is he envisaging for the next financial year?

**Mr Wong So:** Mr chairperson sir the strategy is to have the Rodrigues ICT Development and Promotion and Com Ltd market the ICT sector for Rodrigues, since the Company has not yet been staff no road show or any other marketing activity has been done, for our information the Commission Is organising an IT fair in the coming fortnight this is for local people. Thank you very much

**Chairperson:** time is over now I put the question, the question is that the sum of 237,776000 for vote 71 stands part of the Draft estimate, those in favour say I those against say NO. so the I have it

Commission for Youth and Sport Arts and Culture Museum Artic Historical Site and Building and Library Services vote 8:1

**Chairperson:** We start from page 162

**Mr Speville:** Mr Chairperson Sir item vote 21110.001, Basic salary can the Commissioner enlighten the house on this item vote?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson Sir provision is meant to cater for salary for all staffs of youth services

**Mr Speville:** On the same item vote 21110.003 can the Commissioner account for this increase in salary compensation since there has a decrease in the basic salary.

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson Sir provision is made for payment of compensation allowance for 2022/2023, 2024/2025

**Minority Leader:** Mr the Chairperson Sir for item vote 22020001, rent cost, so I want to know from the Commissioner for sport whether there is any outstanding amount regarding fuel and oil item 2202000 il y a une provision de Rs100000 cette année et Rs100000 pour l'année prochaine est ce que il y a de dettes par rapport?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson Sir provision is made for payment of fuel in respect of vehicle under the youth services. The answer is No Mr chairperson

**Chairperson:** page 163

**Mr Speville:** item vote 22900.119 implementation of drug awareness and prevention programme, can the Commissioner give us more information on this item vote?

**Chairperson:** are you on page 163?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson Sir your item introduces for the implementation of the national implementation of drug awareness and prevention programme in line with the strategic plan of the National Drug Secretariat of the Prime Minister office.

**Minority leader :** Mr Chairperson Sir for item Vote 22900.116 Youth Empowerment and employability Programme Fond insertion Jeune il y a un montant de Rs4M le Chef Commissaire avait annoncer sur 3 ans la formation insertion de 750 jeunes est-ce que le Commissaire peut nous confirmer s'il va procéder pour la prochaine année financière pour 250 jeunes et quel seront la modalité pour ses formations là ? la dure, le montant qu'on va allouer à ses jeunes ?

**Mr Ravina :** Mr Chairperson Sir the FID Programme is the job placement Programme which will play a crucial role in bridling the gab between dream and employment by helping young people, secure stable job, experience in their respective field. The programme will include training session and workshop to enhance participant's employability skills. The objectives of the programme are as follows: employability skills of the young people and connect job seekers with potential employers thus contributing to reducing and employment rates to match the young people with suitable job opportunities and help them to utilise the work force efficiently and to understand the requirement of employers and guide them toward acquiring with necessary skills and

qualification for in demand position. A total number of 250 of beneficiaries is target over a 3 coming financial years. Each participant will be given a monthly stipend oh Rs10000 for a period of 6 months to cover his or her food, travelling expenses and for the time being about 60 Youth we are targeted for the 4<sup>th</sup> financial year.

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir the same item vote can the Commissioner inform the house whether these trainee pour l'insertion seront placer dans les Commission ou dans les entreprise privee?

**Mr Ravina:** Monsieur le Président dans le entreprise privée

**Mr Speville :** item vote 22060.020 swimming pool can the Commissioner give detail on where matter stand regarding this item vote?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson Sir Marechal swimming pool is presently not operational due to lack of water for maintenance, following the improvement in climatic condition and more irregular rainfall my Commission who the Rodrigues Sport Company has almost completed the replacement of all gathers of the swimming pool so that there is adequate water supply to start treatment of water.

**Minority Leader:** can I know from the Commissioner for youth and sport regarding item vote 31113013, youth centres, he got a budget Rs17.5M this year and 18.7M for the next financial year, what it his policy as Commissioner regarding equipping these youth centre?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson the amount will be used as follows: retention money for upgrading of atelier de savoir of Grand la Fouche Corail, construction of youth centre at Ile Michel, upgrading and renovation of Youth Centre

**Minority Leader:** I'm not asking for the list of activities that will be done, his policy regarding equipping Youth Centre?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson Sir a provision is meant for recruitment for Youth Band for family centre Grand Montagne, Youth Centre at Citron Donis, and also provision of equipment for atelier de savoir, provision of furniture and equipment.

**Chairperson:** Page 165

**Mr Baptiste:** Sir 22900 promotion of youth activities in the key performance indicator, promoting air light sports you have talk about the number of centre de formation, ecole de formation 15 last year and now 20, can we have information about these 5 new centre de formation ou ecole de formation?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson Centre formation has been created in volleyball boys and girls, hand balls, football girls.

**Mr Baptiste:** same item vote I ask where these new école de formation are being, yes there are 5 additional where?

**Minority Leader:** Mr the Chairperson sir regarding the vote item 22090946 Jeux De Rodrigues, I would like to know from the Commissioner for sport when with these games will held we know that normally there is a policy, there should not be activities during the 3<sup>rd</sup> term so when will these be done and which infrastructures will be concerned?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson the objective a game are promote a high level competition for Rodriguan least locally and promote the detection and talent within the population at last, the game target man and woman age 16 years old and over across 15 sport discipline mainly football, volleyball, basketball, handball, ruby, athletic, handy sport, karate, weight lifting, boxing, swimming, trail, tiacondo, judo, and wrestling. Respected number of participants, coaches, official and each for the final phase of the games is 2000. And will attract up to 3000 in 4 different region participants, a budget of Rs4M already allocated in budget 2023/2024 and same is being used for the preparation and acquisition of technical equipment and expenses to the organising committee. The budget of 5M provided in budget 2024/25 is meant for organisation of a game including the opening and closing ceremony price and reward, sport wear for at each official and refresh, transport among others. The total estimated budget of the organisation of the game including infrastructure is Rs12M as available budget is only 9M

**Chairperson:** I'm sorry the Commissioner the question was when not the detail

**Mr Ravina:** after the Olympic game

**Chairperson:** ok do we have a next question?

**Minority Leader:** The Commissioner for youth and sport the same item which infrastructure will be concerned for the organisation of the game?

**Mr Ravina:** all different infrastructure like gymnasium at Malabar, camp du Rois Stadium, same will be completed by the end of April Mr Chairperson

**Mrs Roussety:** Same item vote Mr Chairperson Sir can the Commissioner for Sport enlighten the house what has been done with the amount of Rs4M for this financial year?

**Chairperson:** this has already been answered with the long reply that he gave, yes already answered. Next question. Sorry now

**Mr Speville:** item vote 22900943 allowance to Sport Animators, can we know from the Commissioner how many Sports Animators do we have actually?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson 35

**The Chairperson:** next question

**Mr Baptiste:** 113.002 Sports complexes can we have a breakdown of all other different nature projects relative to this item?

**Mr Ravina:** provision made construction of Roche Bon Dieu stadium, upgrading of Camp Du Rois stadium phase 2, construction of maison de Art marcio, construction of multipurpose ground at Mt Cherie, upgrading of Marechal football ground, construction of Roche Bon Dieu stadium phase 2, professional lighting and other major sport infrastructure, setting of open gymnasium

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson same item I would to know where matter stand as regard to Roche Bon Dieu stadium can we know what is the progress of work and phase 2

**Mr Ravina:** Mr chairperson 80% completed by the end of June

**Minority Leader:** item vote 22900.943 allowance to sport Animators, last year in the committee stage the Commissioner for sport stated that he had 35 animators and that he is recruiting for the current financial year 27 additional, can we know from the Commissioner whether these 27 has been recruit?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson Sir recruitment is under process by the Rodrigues Sport Company

**Chairperson:** page 166

**Ms Roussety:** Mr Chairperson item 22900.0110 can the Commissioner enlighten us on this item given that it has been transferred and you have a significant increase from Rs300,000 to 2M

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson Sir provision is made for the provision of marquise, chapito, flags and belting same will be transferred to sport Company for management as they have required skill to operate same

**Mrs Roussety:** Mr Chairperson item 22120.040 can the Commissioner give details of this new item?

**Mr Ravina:** M Chairperson Sir provision is made for consultancy services in view of the setting up of this office to de la culture which will be set up under the PGs of the commission of the Art and Culture in a view to conduct generating activities in matters pertaining to Art and Culture

**Minority Leader:** Mr The Chairperson sir with regard to item vote 22900.928 promotion of Art and Culture we know that when we are promoting Art and Culture we are also promoting the contribution of the artist, there has been the Tane Grofie Award someone who has been figure in the history and the development of culture in Rodrigues we can see that since the new government is in place, this award in the memorial a la memoire de Tane Grofie pour cette grande dame qui a beaucoup contribuer de le depart au niveau de la culture , on voit que la commission

ne celebre plus ne fait plus cette award ne fait plus cette award je voudrais sapir que est la politique du Commissaire par rapport a vraiment honorer la memoire de ce grande personne qui ont vraiment contribuer au development de notre culture.

**Mr Chairperson Sir:** Mr Chairperson Sir same will be considered in the 4<sup>th</sup> financial year.

**Ms Raffaut:** Mr Chairperson item 22900.967 promotion of dictionaire Creole Rodriguais, so in this financial year there is a sum of Rs1M allocated and last year during the committee stage the Commissioner inform the house about the commercialisation of the Dictionaire Creole Rodriguais and finalisation of pocket dictionary for school and conduct of award courses, can we know from the Commissioner where matter stand?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson Sir provision is made for the commercialisation of the dictionaire Creole Rodriguais and the implementation of other related project which include workshop regarding the conceptionalisation and finalisation of the pocket dictionary on Creole Rodriguais. Sensitization campaign regarding the promotion of Creole Rodriguais in Rodrigues implementation of project regarding the writing up and literature book in Creole Rodriguais.

**Mr Baptiste:** Mr Chairperson Sir I would like to know relating to the measure in relation to 31112 the Chief Commissioner has mention a project of creation d'un site historique et culturel I would like to know whether this will be on this item for promotion of culture?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson sir provision is made for retention money for the construction of a parcour culturel et historique to the monument du Sega Tambour de Rodrigues. Consultancy services for the upgrading of a cultural and leisure centre, consultancy services for the construction of the stage of Art Conference, recreation of a historic religious and cultural site at la Ferme.

**Chairperson:** let us move to the last page 168

**Minority Leader:** Mr Chairperson Sir with regard to item vote 31112011 museum archive and art gallery, we can see that there is a provision for the next financial year for 4M and this year its 1M, can we know from the Commissioner what has been done what is being done with the 1M and what will be done with the 4M in the next financial year?

**Mr Ravina:** Mr Chairperson provision is made for the upgrading an equipping of museum at Baie Lascar and the scope of work of the project includes, completed phase 1 upgrading and demolition work at ex ram building of Baie Lascar including construction of a parking area

**The Chairperson:** Yes time is over.

now I put the question the question is that the sum of 231,363000 fro vote 8:1 stands part Draft estimates those in favour say I those against say NO, so The I have it

contingencies and reserve vote 9:1

**The Chairperson:** we are on page 172. The question is that the sum of 30,00000 for vote 9:1 stands part of the Draft estimates those in favour say I those against say No. So the I have it

*Revenue was called.*

**Chairperson:** the question is that the sum of Rs6,564,500 for revenue stands parts of the draft estimates those in favour say I those against say No, so the I have it

**expenditure**

**Chairperson:** That will do for the Draft estimates committee

**respected members house please**

**Chairperson:** Respected members I have to report to the house that the Draft estimates of recurrent revenue, recurrent expenditure, capital revenue and capital expenditure for the financial year 2024/2025 have passed the Draft estimates committee with amendment, the question is this resolve that for the purposes of section 441 of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act there is approved the Draft of recurrent revenue, recurrent expenditure, capital revenue and capital expenditure for the financial year ending 13 June 2025, those in favour say I those say against No, so the I have it.

**Adjournment**

**Chief Commissioner:** Mr the Chairperson Sir I beg to move that this Assembly is now adjourn to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 at 10.30 hours

*The Deputy Chief Commissioner rose and seconded.*

*Question put and agreed to.*

**Mr Chairperson:** The House stand adjourned.

*At 8.51 p.m. the Assembly was, on its rising adjourned to Tuesday 04 June 2024 at 10.30 a.m.*