



**RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Executive Council**

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**MAIN DECISIONS**

**Executive Council Meeting – Friday 19 January 2024**

**The Executive Council met today under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Johnson ROUSSETY, G.O.S.K; and has among its deliberations:**

**DECIDED**

- (i) To approve that the Commission for Training implements the following budgetary measures in favour of post-secondary students from Rodrigues who are studying in Mauritius as from academic Year 2023/2024, in order to financially support them:
- (a) increase the one-off grant as setting up fees at the start of studies from Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000 for students with a monthly family income not exceeding Rs 25,000 and from Rs 2,000 to Rs 4,000 for students with a monthly family income between Rs 25,000 and Rs 30,000;
  - (b) extend the payment of registration fees up to the completion of studies for those students whose monthly family income does not exceed Rs 25,000; and
  - (c) double the grant for lodging from Rs 1,000 to Rs 2,000 for students with a monthly family income not exceeding Rs 25,000.
- (ii) To approve for further processing of eleven (11) applications for commercial and industrial projects and twelve (12) applications for land permits for small scale commercial activities.

- (iii) That the Commission for Training will organise a 3-day Training and Career Guidance Expo from Thursday 29 February to Saturday 02 March 2024 with the participation of training institutions in Rodrigues, Mauritius and abroad at the parking compound in front of Antoinette Prudence, Human Resource Development Centre, Malabar.

It is an annual event with the main objective of sharing relevant information to Grade 9 to Grade 13 students, HSC School leavers, out of school youth and the general public to enable them to take appropriate decision for their future career.

- (iv) That the Commission for Education will release the quarterly grant to the Association des Ecoles Maternelles de Rodrigues for the management and operation of 31 pre-primary schools as well as to meet payment of salaries of its staff.
- (v) That the Commission for Education will launch bids for the development and setting up of a Web-Based School Management Software for Secondary Schools with a view to modernising and improving the management of secondary schools. This system would track academic performance, progress and generate reports, as well as empowering school management in their daily duties. This system will also enhance effective communication among the school, students and their parents.
- (vi) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's Office will grant construction materials to 96 applicants under the Social Housing Scheme, 39 applicants of the upgrading of Trust Fund scheme and 23 applicants under the Infrastructure Development to Needy Families Scheme as recommended by the Rodrigues Housing Committee.
- (vii) That Rodclean Ltd finalise the recruitment of 100 additional Refuse Collectors to strengthen its workforce to cope its expanding increased responsibilities. The scope of services of the Company has widened since its inception in 2007 to cater for the cleaning of hospitals, educational institutions, green spaces, children recreational playgrounds and other public places.
- (viii) That the Commission for Community Development will provide chairs and tables to seventeen village committees to enable them to properly accommodate the villagers during their activities.

- (ix) That in the context of the celebration of International Mother Tongue Day celebrated on 21 February 2024, the Commission for Arts and Culture will organise the following programmes in collaboration with the University of Mauritius from Monday 26 February to Wednesday 06 March 2024:
- (a) the delivery of two short-courses intended for local stakeholders, namely "Lir ek Ekri Kreol Rodrige - Kour Fondasion" and "Lir ek Ekri Kreol Rodrige - Kour Kominikasion ek Administrasion" leading to an MQA Approved Certificate of successful completion or certificate of Attendance;
  - (b) the holding of a workshop regarding the conceptualisation and finalization of a pocket dictionary on Kreol Rodrige (KR);
  - (c) the holding of a meeting regarding the commercialization of the Diksioner Kreol Rodrige;
  - (d) the holding of a meeting with the relevant local stakeholders regarding:
    - (i) the sensitization campaign that the Commission intends to launch regarding the promotion of KR in Rodrigues; and
    - (ii) the writing-up of literature books in KR (which could to be eventually used at secondary level).

## **TAKEN NOTE**

- (i) That the Commission for Water Resources has awarded contracts for the procurement of pipes and fittings for a total amount of Rs. 7,139,547.70 VAT exclusive for use by the Water Resources Unit and the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation Ltd for improvements of existing networks, extension of networks for water distribution.
- (ii) That the Commission for Environment will sign an Agreement with the village Committee of Grand Baie for the rehabilitation of the beach in the village under the community and end-user participation procurement method of the Public Procurement Act 2006.

- (iii) That the Commission for Housing will hand over cheques to 20 beneficiaries of the Grant for Casting of Slab Scheme and 07 beneficiaries of the Elderly Slab Scheme to help the beneficiaries to meet the cost for purchase of construction materials for the casting or recasting of their roof slab.
- (iv) That the Commission for Agriculture proceeds with the sale piglets from the Baie Topaze Livestock Production Unit to forty-two breeders for fattening purposes.
- (v) That the Commissioner for Social Security, Mr J. N. VOLBERT will lead a delegation comprising members of the Rodrigues Monitoring Committee for Elderly for an official mission to Mauritius as from 24 to 26 January 2024 for consultation in connection with elderly abuse and the launching of the mobile app" Elderly Safe" to be used to alert the Welfare of Elderly Persons Protection Unit and the police immediately whenever there is a case of elderly abuse.
- (vi) That the SEGA (Surveillance Épidémiologique et Gestion des Alertes) – One Health network of the Indian Ocean Commission in matters of public health, animal health and environmental health is organising a training programme in the field Epidemiology Frontline in Mauritius in February 2024 and 5 Rodriguan candidates from the Rodrigues Health Services have been selected to participate in the training.
- (vii) That four (04) Trainee Medical Imaging Technologists recruited by the Public Service Commission will proceed to Mauritius to follow a part-time Diploma in Medical Imaging at the University of Mauritius as from Monday 22 January 2024 for a period of three (3) years.
- (viii) That Mr. V. REPEAR, Director and Mr. R. BHOOTOOA, Principal Museum Technician of Natural History Museum will be on official mission to Rodrigues from 06 to 09 February 2024 to provide technical assistance, as follows in the context of the setting up of the museum in Rodrigues: -
  - (a) to develop a concise layout of the proposed Museum with technical details, elaborating on different sections of the museum;
  - (b) to elaborate and work on the specifications for setting up an Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality on Solitaire and to work on interactive quiz questions on exhibits displayed;
  - (c) exhibition on Rodrigues Veterans who participated in World War 1 and 2;

- (d) training to staff in inventory, cataloguing, reserve collection, storage area and setting up of dioramas; and
  - (e) reorganisation of the storage area at Cultural and Leisure Centre.
- (ix) Of the provisional pass rate for each secondary schools in Rodrigues at the Cambridge School Certificate Examinations 2023 and pass rate for previous years are as detailed below:

SN	School	Pass Rate			
		2019	2020/21	2021/22	2023
	Ananias André Le Chou College	75.86%	83.73%	86.27%	82.70%
	André Lelio Roussety Songes College	-	-	37.50%	27.10%
	Grande Montagne College	29.85%	75.51%	87.80%	67.90%
	La Ferme College	12.70%	14.89%	35.71%	23.9%
	Marechal College	43.86%	69.54%	83.33%	77.90%
	Mont Lubin College	56.70%	85.71%	89.25%	69.10%
	Rodrigues College	94.12%	99.34%	97.78%	96.60%
	Terre Rouge College	13.33%	29.55%	40.82%	29.30%
	<b>Overall Pass Rate</b>	<b>57.00%</b>	<b>73.50%</b>	<b>75.48%</b>	

- (x) From 01 to 19 January 2024, the health services have registered nine (9) suspected cases of Dengue fever. In order to mitigate and control the spread of the disease, the Commission for Health is carrying out fogging and larvicing in the regions concerned and sensitisation program is done on local radio.

- (xi) Of the participation of a delegation from the Health Services in the International Conference on Diabetes, Obesity and Associated Diseases from Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 January 2024 at the InterContinental Mauritius Resort, Balaclava Fort.

The objective of the Conference is to bring together leading experts in the field of diabetes to discuss issues relating to non-communicable diseases and to take stock of the latest evidence-based best practices to address the epidemic and formulate practical remedies for its effective management. It will also serve as a platform for building strategic alliances among health experts and sharing of information.

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