



## RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

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### **MAIN DECISIONS**

#### **Executive Council Meeting – Friday 29 March 2024**

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

#### **DECIDED**

- (i) That Easter Monday the 01<sup>st</sup> April 2024 will be considered as a school holiday for all educational and training institutions in Rodrigues; that is all Pre-primary, Primary, Secondary, SEN and Vocational Schools and Training Centres including the teaching and non-teaching staff.
- (ii) To approve the organisation of a Meat Subsidy Campaign on Saturday 30 March 2024 on the occasion of Easter. The subsidised prices of meat for sale to public will be :

<b>SN</b>	<b>Meat</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Selling Prices of Meat – Rs</b>
1.	Mutton and Goat	Meat and offal	95
2.	Beef	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	100
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	85
3.	Pig	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice	115
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice	100

- (iii) That the Chief Commissioner's Office will proceed with the setting up of a Protection and Conservation Committee to provide the necessary institutional arrangement for the implementation of the agreement signed between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation to facilitate the relocation of some existing endemic/native plant species in the context of the airport development project at Plaine Corail.
- (iv) That the Rodrigues Regional Assembly will convey its no objection for the container park to be declared as restricted area, under the Police Act, as recommended in the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Drugs and Illicit Trafficking.
- (v) That the Commission for Education will provide a grant to Association des Ecoles Maternelles de Rodrigues for the enlistment of six (06) Supply Teachers and nine (09) part-time Helpers as from beginning of the second school term on a month-to-month basis pending the setting up of Ecoles Maternelles de Rodrigues Ltée.
- (vi) That the Commission for Water Resources will provide funds to the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation Ltd for the urgent procurement of two replacement borehole pumps for Songes desalination plant. Currently, there is no water production from Songes desalination Plant, causing a deficit of 800m<sup>3</sup> per day in total water production, thus affecting distribution in the southern region.
- (vii) That the Commission for Community Development will authorise the Lions Club of Rodrigues to renovate and upgrade the children playground located at Mangues in collaboration with the Mangues village committee. Last year the Club donated a public fountain which was installed near the children playground.
- (viii) That Discovery Rodrigues Company Limited will proceed with the preparation and launching of tender for the Upgrading of Caverne Patate to provide a safe, comfortable and accessible facilities and services to visitors.

The scope of works will consist of the construction of :

- An information centre, ticketing area, gift shop and coffee shop approximate gross floor area of 150m<sup>2</sup>. Made of timber structure and concrete foundation complete with electrical/plumbing, toilet facilities for both staff and public, waste water network, rainwater harvesting;
- Parking space for staff and visitors; and
- Access road from the main road to parking space.

## **TAKEN NOTE**

- (i) That Honourable Ms Naveena RAMYAD, Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives will lead a delegation for an official mission to Rodrigues from 03 to 07 March 2024 comprising Mr. R. K. BHUJUN, Acting Permanent Secretary, SMEs Division and Mrs. C. JHOWRY, Permanent Secretary, Cooperatives Division. Mr. R. RAMPERSAD, Chief Executive Officer, SME Mauritius Ltd and Mr. S. COONJOBEEHARY, Director, National Cooperative College. During the mission, the delegation will:
- (a) Have meetings with officials of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly;
  - (b) Visit SMES and Cooperative Societies;
  - (c) Award Grants to SMEs; and
  - (d) Award certificates to Cooperators of Cooperative societies who have followed online courses delivered by the National Cooperative College including Good Governance, Risk Management and Quality Management.
- (ii) That the following vacancies have been filled during period 15 March 2024 to date:

<b>Sn</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Number of Posts</b>
1	Flight Data Officer	2
2	Public Health Nursing Officer	2
3	Employment Officer	1
4	Occupational Safety and Health Officer /Senior Occupational Safety and Health Officer	1
5	Scientific Officer	1
6	Prisons Welfare Officer	1
7	Health Care Assistant /Senior Health Care Assistant	15
8	Environment Officer	1
9	Head, Employment Service	1
10	Deputy Head Master	1
11	Forest Conservation and Enforcement Officer	9
12	Family Welfare and Protection Officer	3
13	Sports Officer	1
14	Medical and Health Officer /Senior Medical and Health Officer	3
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42</b>

- (iii) That the Commission for Education will organise capacity building workshops to empower Educators for the benefit of students as part of their Continuous Professional Development. The workshops target Educators at both Primary and Secondary school level and will be delivered by Resource Persons from the Mauritius Institute of Education during the second week of the Easter Holidays from Monday 15 to Friday 19 April 2024 as follows:
- (a) Two (02) days' training for Educators of Grade 5 and Grade 6 to empower Educators to enhance their teaching practices and equip students with critical skills in Mathematics and Science on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 April 2024;
  - (b) One-day training on Critical Thinking for Head Masters, Deputy Head Masters and Inspectorate Cadre on 17 April 2024;
  - (c) Three (03) days' training for Educators of Grade 3 and Grade 4 on differentiated approaches and strategies in teaching and learning for pupils of Grades 3 and 4 from Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 April 2024;
  - (d) Three (03) days' workshops for Secondary Educators of General Paper on the approaches and issues in teaching General Paper by Mr. D. K. PATHER, President of the English-Speaking Union from Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 April 2024; and
  - (e) Training for non-teaching staff of secondary schools on innovative approaches in development and application of soft and hard skills for office managerial tasks for increased productivity and high performance at work on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 April 2024.
- (iv) That during its meeting held on Thursday 14 March 2024 the Licensing Committee has approved twenty-one (21) applications for Trade Licence.
- (v) Of the proposed amendments that the Ministry of Land Transport and Light Rail intends to make to the National Land Transport Authority (NLTA) (Disciplinary Committee) in order to authorize a licensee or a person summoned before the NLTA (Disciplinary Committee) to be assisted by a representative of a registered Trade Union.
- (vi) That the Deputy Chief Commissioner's will award a contract for the repairs of its Elevator lorry which will be utilized for installation and replacement street lighting for the security of road users.

- (vii) That a team of Officers from the National Development Unit and the Land Drainage Authority will be on official mission to Rodrigues for period 03 to 05 April 2024 for a detailed presentation and site visits of projects to be implemented in Rodrigues.

The Ministry of National Infrastructure and Community Development (National Development Unit) has informed that the designs of projects for Baie Diamant (Phase I and II), Grand Baie, Baie du Nord, Riviere Coco, Mourouk (Phase I and II), Port Mathurin (Phase III) and Anse Aux Anglais are currently ongoing while those at Quatre vents – Dans Darisse, Pistaches, Baie Topaze and Accacaia have been completed.

- (viii) That at its meeting held on Tuesday 5 March and Tuesday 26 March 2024, the Building and Land Use Permit Committee has approved the grant of 37 residential Building and Land Use Permits.

- (ix) That the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has approved the financing of a project entitled "Technical Assistance on Fisheries Management in Rodrigues" which is to be implemented from November 2023 to October 2025. The technical assistance which will be extended to Rodrigues are as follows:

- (a) To carry out a study to develop a modern data base system for data collection of fishing catches.
- (b) Providing training on electronic data collection.
- (c) To develop and validate a modern database system.
- (d) Evaluation of the octopus fisheries management.
- (e) Sensitisation of fishers; and
- (f) Diversification of activities for fishermen during the closure seasons.

- (x) That the Commission for Family Welfare has identified three sites for the setting up of Family Recreational Areas through the upgrading of existing children's playgrounds to create a conducive and safe environment for children and their families to spend quality and enjoyable time together as well as enabling the children to develop their cognitive, judgement and problem-solving skills through plays.

The proposed scope of works for the project includes the construction of health track for joggers, construction of toilet blocks (male, female), construction of kiosks with table and benches, fencing of compound, provision and installation of kindergarten equipment and open air sports equipment.

- (xi) Of the participation of the Town and Country Planning Officer in a consultative meeting, regarding the Mainstreaming Sustainable Land Management and Biodiversity Conservation in the Republic of Mauritius, held on Wednesday 27 March 2024 from 09.00 to 15.00 at the Henessy Park Hotel in Mauritius. The project funded by the GEF is being implemented by the Forestry Services under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security and it seeks to address the main drivers of land degradation and ecosystems deterioration and put the Republic of Mauritius on a path to land degradation neutrality.
- (xii) Of the latest figures regarding the number of tourist arrivals for the month of February 2024 whereby 5,803 tourists have visited Rodrigues compared to 4,843 for February 2023 which depicts an increase of 19.9%. There has been a total of 116 flights to Rodrigues, out of which 113 flights were from Mauritius and 03 direct flights from Reunion Island.
- (xiii) Of the organisation of the "Programme pour la Promotion de L'Entreprenariat Jeunesse" (PPEJ) Youth Entrepreneurship Training for year 2024 in Rodrigues. The Programme meant to promote Entrepreneurship among Young People aged between 18 and 35 years and will comprise following activities:
  - (a) Sensitization Sessions in the Six Regions from 25th March 2024 to 4th April 2024 as per Annexed Programme;
  - (b) Training Course in Youth Entrepreneurship for some seventy-five (75) young people from Thursday 11th April 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024; and
  - (c) La Foire des Jeunes on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 April 2024 in Port Mathurin.
- (xiv) That a works order has been issued under the rates contract "Maintenance, Upgrading, resurfacing and Construction of Roads in Rodrigues" for the construction of Phase 2 (Zone 3) of Citron Donis to Anse Raffin Road for an amount of Rs 25m.

The handing over of site is scheduled on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and the scope of works will be as follows:-

- (i) Site clearance works;
- (ii) Excavation works (Cut ad Fill);
- (iii) Masonry works;
- (iv) Supply and lay recast drains (1m x 1m)
- (v) Supply and lay precast kerbs;
- (vi) Road structures Ch-1139 to Sh-1450;
- (vii) Construction of footpath;
- (viii)Asphalting with Bituminous Base Course and Wearing Course; and
- (ix) Supply of fixing of security barriers (Handrails and Guardrails).

**Chief Commissioner's Office  
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**Date: 29 March 2024**