



# **RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

## **Executive Council**

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### **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING - FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2021**

#### **MAIN DECISIONS**

#### **The Executive Council met today under the Chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, G.C.S.K.**

1. The Executive Council has agreed to the extension of Exemption of payment of Operating Licence Fee and Rental Fee for State Land leases in favour of Tourism Operators up to 30 June 2022.

For financial year 2021/2022, 255 Tourist Enterprise Licensees have been exempted from payment of Licence Fee and Rental Fee for State Land leases. In addition, 86 holders of Pleasure Craft Licences have also been exempted from payment of licence fees for renewal and re-issue of Pleasure Craft Licences.

2. The Executive Council has approved the modalities for the refund of electricity costs for two months for registered tourism businesses under the COVID-19 Socio-Economic Response Plan.

Refund of electricity bills shall be as follows:-

- (i) 100% subsidy for bills equal to or less than Rs. 10,000;
- (ii) subsidy of Rs. 10,000 for bills up to Rs. 20,000; and
- (iii) 50% subsidy up to a maximum of Rs. 20,000 for bills above Rs. 20,000

3. The Executive Council has approved the extension of the Senior Citizen Scheme to disabled persons accompanied by one relative for a minimum stay of 2 nights in a registered tourist accommodation certified Safe Travel. An additional subsidy of Rs 500 for a stay in certain categories of tourist accommodation will also be provided.

Senior Citizens and disabled persons may also benefit alternately from an allocation of Rs 500 for a meal in a restaurant, certified safe travel.

4. The Executive Council has approved the proposed procedure for the setting up of a centralised booking platform for Paid Quarantine Establishment in view of the resumption of commercial flights. The platform will be administered by the Rodrigues Tourism Office.
5. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Education provides a grant to each Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of primary schools for the provision of local made lunch bag at subsidised price to each primary school pupil. The bags will be manufactured by local entrepreneurs under the supervision of the Commission for Industrial Development.
6. The Executive Council has approved that the Commission for Education fully subsidises Educational Tours for students of primary schools including Special Education Needs (SEN) Schools, Secondary schools and Le Chou Multipurpose Training Centre (MITD) at the following sites:
  - a. Ile aux Cocos;
  - b. Caverne Patate and other sites along the route; and
  - c. Cultural and historical sites.
7. The Executive Council has agreed to the launching of a Poster Competition and a Short Video Competition on Gender Based Violence in the context of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and Girls which was commemorated on 25 November 2021 under the theme "Orange the World: END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN NOW".

8. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Public Infrastructure has issued a Works Order for the Upgrading of the access road from Cygangué to Mont Lubin (Phase 1) over an approximate length of 750 m under the rate contract Maintenance, Upgrading, Resurfacing and Construction of Roads in Rodrigues.
9. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Education in collaboration with the Mauritius Institute of Education is organising a 3-day online Refresher Course for all Primary School Educators of Grades 1 to 3 from Monday 29 November to Wednesday 01 December 2021.
10. The Executive Council has taken note that the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has submitted the Terminal Report for the project Strengthening Rural Development Planning in Rodrigues through Land Suitability Maps and Natural Information Systems. The project aims to assist the Commission for Agriculture to better manage agricultural land.
11. The Executive Council has taken note that the Commission for Environment has awarded a contract for the supply of 27,000 Households Plastic Recycle Bins with Lids. The Commission in collaboration with the Rodrigues Council of Social Services (RCSS) will officially launch the distribution campaign at Crêve Coeur on Tuesday 30 November 2021.
12. The Executive Council has taken note of the progress in the COVID-19 Vaccination Programme. As at 25 November 2021, 26,315 persons have been administered the first dose of vaccine. 26,080 persons have been administered the second dose of COVID-19 vaccine in Rodrigues. 916 persons have received a booster dose.
13. The Executive Council has taken note that the International Day of Persons with Disabilities will be commemorated on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.

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**Date: 26 November 2021**