



RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Executive Council

PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 5 March 2010 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. J. ROUSSETY, G.O.S.K and has, among its deliberations:

TAKEN NOTE

- (i) of the programme of visit of Honourable L. H. AIMEE, Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands and his delegation to Rodrigues from 6 to 9 March 2010 when he will meet the Chief Commissioner and members of the Executive Council, the Minority Leader and the Rodrigues Council of Social Services. He will also visit major development projects such as the South East Marine Protected Area, the proposed new runway development at Sir Gaetan Duval Airport, the reverse Osmosis Desalination Plant of Songes, the new Port Mathurin Market and the agricultural land rehabilitation works at Baie Malgache.
- (ii) that fifteen scouts of the Malartic Cheyenne Scout Group will undertake an Expedition and Residential Project in Mauritius from 31 March to 14 April 2010 in the context of the National Youth Achievement Award Programme. The residential project is part of the requirement for the participants to be awarded silver and bronze medals under the National Youth Achievement Award Programme.
- (iii) that in the context of the reforms of the water sector, two Consultants namely Mr. K. VALAYDON and Mr. K. STALLARD have been recruited by the UNDP to work out a draft water regulations which will encompass all the relevant aspects for an efficient administration and governance of the water sector in Rodrigues. A half day workshop will be held next week to discuss the findings of the two experts before the final drafting of their report which would be submitted within one month. The Rodrigues Water Regulations will clearly define and demarcate the functions, responsibilities and powers of the Rodrigues Water Company, the Water Resource Unit and a Water Resource Monitoring Committee to be set within the Commission for Water Resources and those of the Commission for Water Resources.

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- (iv) of the arrangements being made in the context of the National Day Celebrations for the flag raising ceremony and the reading of the Prime Minister's message and the distribution of refreshment and cakes in all schools on 11 March 2010.
- (v) that Mr. C. BALDEO, Pedagogical Inspector from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Human Resources is on mission to Rodrigues from 01 March to 06 March 2010 to conduct a pedagogical audit at REDCO colleges with a view to assessing the strengths and weaknesses in terms of pedagogical requirements and to run an induction course for newly recruited secondary school educators on Saturday 06 March 2010 from 9.00 hours to 12.30 hours at the Human Resource Centre, Malabar.
- (vi) of the outcome of the last meeting of the Rodrigues Transport Committee held on 25 February 2010 when 14 disciplinary cases were considered and two applications for transfer of Road Service/Public Service Vehicle Licence and one application for Public "A" Carrier Licence were approved.
- (vii) that contracts have been awarded by the Commission for Water Resources for drainage works at the Brackish Water Treatment Plant at Hauteur Accacia and for the fencing of the Intake Well at Songes to Mr. Glenford PEERMAMODE and Mr. Jean Noel NEMOURS respectively for the sum of Rs 265,180 (excluding VAT) and Rs1,005,150 (excluding VAT).
- (viii) that an island wide survey carried out to assess the impact of cyclone Gelane on the agricultural sector revealed that very little damage has been sustained mainly by flooding of maize and vegetables plantations. Seeds received from the FAO will be distributed free of charge to the few planters who have been affected.
- (ix) that a delegation of the NGO Trust Fund from Mauritius headed by its Chairman Mr. R.C. GOPEE will visit Rodrigues from 7 to 11 March 2010 to make an evaluation of NGO's having benefitted from project-based funding, to make an assessment of NGO's obtaining grants from the NGO Trust Fund, to obtain inputs for the National Policy on NGO and to officially launch a best practice guide for NGO's.
- (x) that the Commission for Agriculture is subsidizing the price of onion, garlic and potato seeds for planters, as it has been the case in previous years, with a view to increasing the production of onion, garlic and potato.

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(xi) that the Commission for Sports is placing floodlights and lighting facilities to enable night-sports at the following sports infrastructures throughout the island:

- (a) Rivière Banane Football Ground
- (b) Baladirou Football Ground
- (c) Terre Rouge Volleyball Ground
- (d) Mt Cabris Corail Football Ground
- (e) Ile Michel Beach Volley Pitch
- (f) Rivière Cocos Volleyball Ground
- (g) Songes Football Ground
- (h) Deux Goyaves Volleyball Ground
- (i) Oyster Bay Tennis Court
- (j) Dans Coco Football Ground
- (k) Port Sud Est Football Ground
- (l) Soupir Football Ground
- (m) Mt Du Sable Football Ground
- (n) Quatre Vents Handball Ground

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