

15 May 2018

To: The Secretary to Cabinet and Head of Civil Service, Prime Minister's Office

Private Notice Question

I have to inform you that the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, Mr Charles Gaëtan Xavier Luc Duval, GCSK, F.C.A., MP, has given notice of the following Private Notice Question which he proposes to put to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communication and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development at the sitting to be held today, **Tuesday 15 May 2018 at 11.30 a.m.**

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communication and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed elaboration of a National Drug Control Master Plan, he will –

- (a) **state, if in cases of possession of cannabis for personal use, it is proposed to –**
 - (i) **abolish custodial sentences;**
 - (ii) **provide for non-inclusion thereof on the Certificate of Character; and**
 - (iii) **authorize medical cannabis (cannabidiol), in line with the recommendations of the World Health Organisation; and**
- (b) **for the benefit of the House, obtain, for the period January 2014 to 31 December 2017, information as to the number of –**
 - (i) **persons arrested, provisionally charged and convicted for possession of cannabis for personal use; and**
 - (ii) **cases in which the Courts have applied the provisions of section 34(2) of the Dangerous Drugs Act?**

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Clerk of the National Assembly