

27 May 2008

To: The Financial Secretary

**Private Notice Question**

I have to inform you that the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, Mr Paul Raymond Bérenger, GCSK, MP, has given notice of the following Private Notice Question which he proposes to put to Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development at the sitting to be held today, **Tuesday 27 May 2008 at 11.30 a.m.**

*To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-*

**Whether, in regard to inflation and the declining purchasing power of households, he will state –**

- (a) the rate of food price inflation for 2007-2008, indicating the impact on same of the on-going depreciation of the rupee;**
- (b) if Government will improve on the recommendations of the National Pay Council, indicating by how much old age pensions and social security benefits will increase;**
- (c) if income tax deductions and allowances will be raised; and**
- (d) the measures that will be taken to help over-indebted households?**

**R. R. Dowlutta**  
Clerk of the National Assembly