To: The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment

**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 the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment, at the sitting to be held today, **Tuesday 31 March 2009 at 11.30 a.m.**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, following the promulgation of the Employment Rights Act 2008, he will state -

(a) the number of employees who have been laid off, indicating the number of firms concerned;

(b) the number of employees who have to contribute 1% of their wages, indicating the monthly estimate of the contributions;

(c) the amount paid as at todate as transitional unemployment benefit, indicating the number of employees receiving same; and

(d) the number of cases lodged before the Industrial Court?

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*Clerk of the National Assembly*