19 April 2022

To: The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Consumer Protection

PRIVATE NOTICE QUESTION

I have to inform you that the Honourable Leader of the Opposition, Charles Gaëtan Xavier-Luc Duval, GCSK, FCA, MP, has given notice of the following Private Notice Question which he proposes to put to the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection, at the sitting to be held today Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 1130 hrs —

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection —

Whether, in regard to medicines, he will state if, following the submission of the report of the Competition Commission on the Pharmaceutical Sector on 08 June 2021 and in view of the hardships being faced by sick persons, he will consider applying the following package of measures with immediate effect —

(a) amending the present fixed mark-up regime thereof to a regressive one;

(b) authorising parallel imports of branded pharmaceutical products; and

(c) facilitating and encouraging the widespread use of generic medicines?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
Clerk of the National Assembly