



Mauritius National Assembly

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ANNOUNCEMENT

PAC REPORT – WEEK-END NEWSPAPER - ARTICLE - 22 NOVEMBER 2020

Mr Speaker: I have an Announcement. Hon. Members, I wish to inform the House that, on Friday 20 November 2020, I received copy of the first Report of the Public Accounts Committee for the First Session of the Seventh National Assembly, dated 19 November 2020, under the signature of hon. Xavier-Luc Duval, GCSK, Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee, for the presentation and tabling thereof before the Assembly.

I take it that hon. Members would have taken cognizance of an article which appeared in the newspaper *Week-end*, in its edition of 22 November 2020, under the caption – “*Dépenses publiques de 2017 à 2019 - la Santé souffre-douleur du PAC.*”

I wish to inform the House that I have perused both the Report and the said article, and it is ascertained that the article makes mention of part of the contents of the Report, including verbatim extracts thereof in relation to the then Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, the Economic Development Board and the National Empowerment Foundation.

Hon. Members, I take the view that through the publication in the newspaper *Week-end* of an article in its edition of 22 November 2020, prematurely disclosing part of the contents of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee dated 19 November 2020, prior to the laying thereof before the Assembly, that is, at today’s Sitting, offences may have been committed under section 6(1) (q) of the National Assembly (Privileges, Immunities and Powers) Act.

Hon. Dhunoo!

MOTION – S.O. 74(4)

Mr Dhunoo: Mr Speaker, Sir, in light of your ruling, I move that the matter, whereby the article which appeared in the newspaper *Week-end* in the edition of 22 November 2020 under the caption – “*Dépenses publiques de 2017 à 2019 - la Santé souffre-douleur du PAC*”, be referred



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to the Director of Public Prosecutions for appropriate action pursuant to Standing Order 74 (4) of the Standing Order and Rules of the National Assembly 1995.

Mrs Luchmun Roy rose and seconded.

The motion was, on question put, agreed to.