

## **Honourable Members**

I have an announcement to make.

My attention has been drawn to a declaration made by the Honourable Third Member for Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance), on 28 June 2021, aired on Radio Plus, expressing his views on the business to be transacted during today's sitting.

Hon Armance stated, amongst others – I quote –

*”Mo rappel la popilasion ki le parlman li siprem ek fodé pa ki samem tanp de la demokrasi li enn zwe dan lame l'exekitif, or, le gouvernman.”*

I wish to draw the attention of the Honourable Member and of the House that –

- pursuant to Standing Order 10(1), save for the special circumstances provided therein, the Assembly shall sit on Tuesdays at 11.30 o'clock; and that
- pursuant to Standing Order 24(3)(c), on any day fixed for the consideration of an Appropriation Bill or a Supplementary Appropriation Bill by the Committee of Supply, notice of questions, including private notice questions, shall not be entertained.

In the light of the above, there is nothing sinister in Supplementary Appropriation Bills, including the Committee of Supply in relation thereto, to be transacted on Tuesday sittings and this has been the case in all sessions and legislatures.

Such statement coming from the Opposition Whip may only damage the reputation of this temple of democracy.

I wish to reassure the House and the population at large that Parliament, as an independent institution, remains supreme and is not subject to the control of the Executive.

**I thank you.**