

Senior Chief Executive
Home Affairs Division
Prime Minister's Office

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 Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues at the sitting to be held today, **Friday 15 November 2013 at 3.30 p.m.**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to Government's decision to proceed with the licensing of local broadcasters to broadcast solely films, sports and entertainment television programmes, he will state –

- (a) the reasons why the monopoly of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation on news and local affairs is being entrenched;
- (b) if the Independent Broadcasting Authority Act will be amended to allow same; and
- (c) if he is aware that the world over, including in the Republic of Madagascar, in the Comoros islands and in Reunion island, private televisions have included news and local affairs for years?

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