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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, **Tuesday 23 October 2012 at 11.30 a.m.**

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

Whether, in regard to the National Assembly Elections, he will state –

(a) in the matter of the requirement for prospective candidates thereto to identify themselves as members of one of the four categories of the Mauritian population, before the Human Rights Committee, acting under article 5, paragraph 1, of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights –

- (i) the reasons for the failure of the State to provide the Committee with an adequate justification as to why community affiliation has not been the subject of a census since 1972; and**
- (ii) if information has been sent to the Committee about the measures being taken to give effect to the ruling thereof; and**

(b) when a Bill on Electoral Reform will be introduced?

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