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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, **Friday 16 November 2012 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 alleged case of smuggling of rosewood from Madagascar in June 2011, he will –

- (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Financial Intelligence Unit and the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if the inquiries carried out thereinto have now been completed and, if so, the outcome thereof, indicating if any arrest has been effected in connection therewith and, if not, why not;
- (b) state the assistance, if any, that has been received from the Malagasy and Chinese Authorities;
- (c) state where matters stand as regards the inquiry carried out by the foreign Forensic Customs Fraud Investigator in connection therewith; and
- (d) state if the World Bank has agreed to give assistance to Mauritius to curb the illicit smuggling and trade of rosewood from Madagascar and, if so, give details thereof?

B. S. Lotun (Mrs)
for Clerk of the National Assembly