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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 27 July 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 the recent reported cases of attempts to use Mauritius for trafficking of arms, following an interim report from the Conflict Awareness Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the –**

- (a) **Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto, indicating –**
  - (i) **if two known Russians, former associates of convicted arms trafficker Viktor Bout, are involved therein and, if so, why their involvement went undetected; and**
  - (ii) **the identity of their local contacts;**
- (b) **Financial Intelligence Unit, the Financial Services Commission and the Independent Commission Against Corruption, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiries carried out thereinto, indicating if –**
  - (i) **a local bank reported a failed compliance check involving the two known Russians referred to above; and**
  - (ii) **officers of the Police, of the Board of Investment and of the Ministry of Labour and Industrial Relations are involved therein?**

**R. R. Dowlutta**  
*Clerk of the National Assembly*