



Mauritius National Assembly

Honourable Members,

I have a short announcement to make in regard to PQ B/25, put by the Honourable Assirvaden at the sitting of last Tuesday.

In the course of a supplementary question to the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, the Honourable Assirvaden asked, I quote –

“.....Est-ce qu'on peut savoir du Ministre si l'Ambassadeur Soodhun est déclaré *persona non grata* aux Emirats Arabes Unis ? », unquote

It is a fact that Ambassador Soodhun is, since 25 January 2021, accredited to the United Arab Emirates.



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I consider the interrogation of the Honourable Assirvaden unfounded and misplaced and puts the Republic of Mauritius in an embarrassing situation vis-à-vis the United Arab Emirates.

Honourable Members,

I am, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me under Standing Order 77, ordering that the mentioned interrogation be expunged from the Hansard and the video footage of the proceedings.

I thank you.