

Announcement – Sitting of Tuesday 23 May 2023

Hon. Members,

At the sitting of Tuesday last, during the second reading of the Education (Amendment) Bill, after the intervention of Hon. Navarre-Marie, Dr the Hon. Chuckowy had the floor. While the Hon. Member was intervening, Hon. Navarre-Marie was behaving in a grossly disorderly manner by constantly interrupting the Hon. Member and the proceedings of the House.

Consequently, the Chair had no alternative than to order the Hon. Member to withdraw from the Chamber. The Hon. Member continued in an argument with the Chair. At some point in time, Hon. Minister Toussaint raised a point of order to the effect that Hon. Navarre Marie uttered the words “you are shouting like a dog” to the address of the Chair.

I asked Hon. Navarre-Marie to withdraw the words if ever she had said so. Instead, she questioned as to the words she had uttered.

I undertook to verify the Hansard and ordered the Hon. Member to comply with my prior order given to her to withdraw from the Chamber.

At that point in time, as I was not in a position to ascertain the words she had said, I could not name her.

Hon. Members

I have verified from the Hansard and it is clear that Hon. Navarre-Marie had indeed uttered the words “you are shouting like a dog”.

I consider these words to be disrespectful and derogatory towards the Chair and offensive to the decorum of the House.

Neither did the Hon. Member withdraw the words uttered by her nor has she up to now expressed any regret for having uttered those words.

In the light of the above, I leave the matter in the hands of the House for any action it may deem appropriate.

I thank you.
