

## **Announcement – Wednesday 14 June 2023**

### **Hon. Members**

It is an elementary Rule of behavior in the House that any Member must address the Speaker and not direct his speech to the House or any party on either side of the House.

This rule is reproduced in Standing order 39(1) of the Standing Orders which provides, I quote –

“A Member desiring to speak shall rise in his or her place and if called upon shall address his or her observations to the Chair.”

The aim is to maintain the civil tone and objectivity of the debate. It also avoids personal attacks.

The Hon. Bérenger, during his speech on the Appropriation Bill at the sitting of Monday last, ignoring the above provisions, chose on no less than 7 occasions to deliberately address Hon. Members instead of the Chair. The conduct of the Hon. Bérenger was in clear violation of the above provisions.

I am making an appeal to Hon. Bérenger and to all other Hon. Members to stand guided by the above mentioned rule.

I thank you.

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