

Announcement 5

Sitting of Tuesday 23 July 2024

“Suspended Members shall be allowed to have access to the precincts of the Assembly on any day other than a sitting day.”

Honourable Members,

My last announcement relates to the access to the precincts of the Assembly by Members who are under suspension.

I have been informed that access was denied to those Members on days during which the Assembly was not sitting except, when any of those Members was serving on any committee of the Assembly.

In that regard, my reading of the provisions of Standing Orders 49(5) and 49(6) of the Standing Orders and Rules of the Assembly is clear that Members who have been suspended from the service of the Assembly are precluded from the precincts of the House only on sitting days.

I therefore rule that henceforth suspended Members shall be allowed to have access to the precincts of the Assembly on any day other than a sitting day.

Moreover, I wish to apprise the House that it has been brought to my attention that some controversy has arisen concerning the modalities for the drawing of lots for determining the order of Parliamentary Questions.

I wish to inform the House that I will personally look into this matter to ensure that fairness and equity prevail at all time.

I thank you for your attention.