

Mr Speaker/Deputy Speaker:

Honourable Members

Earlier today in the course of the proceedings, the matter as of to whether the Honourable Deputy Chairman of Committees (**Mr Nuckcheddy**), was entitled to be present in the Chamber, following the mention made by the Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**) to the effect that the driver of Honourable Nuckcheddy, has been quarantined, was raised.

Honourable Members

I have to inform the House that, the matter has been queried and I am in presence of a correspondence from the Ministry of Health and Wellness to the effect that –

Mr A.K. S, (Police Officer attached to Mr Nuckcheddy) was placed in the Ambre Quarantine Center on 28 May 2021 following a direct contact with a COVID-19 patient.

His PCR tests for SARS-CoV2 done on 29 May, 04 June and 11 June were all negative. He was discharged from Ambre

Quarantine Centre on 11 June and was placed on a further seven days self-isolation. On 18 June, he did his Day-21-PCR Test at Belvedere Mediclinic and it was negative.

Furthermore, the Acting Regional Public Health Superintendent, Communicable Disease Control Unit of the Ministry of Health and Wellness, informed that, following a conversation with Mr A.K.S., the latter reported to have had his last physical contact with Honourable Nuckcheddy on 26 May and that he proposes to report to work on Monday 21 June.

In the circumstances, the presence of Honourable Nuckcheddy in the Chamber is not considered to be a matter of concern.

Thanking you