



## Mauritius National Assembly

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**Mr Speaker:** Thank you very much. Hon. Leader of the Opposition, my ruling is the following: I have already stated earlier that you cannot reflect upon the character and conduct of the hon. Prime Minister unless you come by way of a substantive motion to that effect, in accordance with the provision of Standing Order 40(5). Furthermore, in reply to your Private Notice Question, the hon. Prime Minister had already stated the reasons as to why he cannot legally provide the information requested by you in the PNQ.

In this connection, I wish to draw your attention to Standing Order 25(4), according to which -

“(4) An answer to a question cannot be insisted upon if the answer is refused by the Minister.”

Nevertheless, I have allowed you enough latitude to put general questions not related to the conduct of the hon. Prime Minister. However, considering that some of your supplementary questions have a direct bearing on the conduct of the hon. Prime Minister and others cannot be replied by the hon. Prime Minister for reasons he has stated earlier, I deem it appropriate that I am not entertaining other supplementary questions on this Private Notice Question. We will now move to questions addressed to the hon. Prime Minister.