

Honourable Members

I have an announcement to make.

My attention has been drawn to a press article published in Le Defi Quotidien of today under the caption “Une PQ d’Osman Mahomed modifiée”. In the said article, the Hon. Member is reported to have made remarks regarding the amended version of his PQ on the Public Service Commission. In fact, the Hon. Member has a Parliamentary Question, PQ B/322, appearing on today’s Notice of Questions, standing in his name addressed to the Hon. Prime Minister.

The Hon. Member has complained that his original question, as submitted to the Clerk was in reference to the Public Service Commission, the Local Government Service Commission and the Disciplined Forces Service Commission.

In that regard, the attention of Hon. members is drawn to the provisions of Standing Order 22(1)(a), under the heading “Contents of Questions” which provides in no uncertain terms that not more than one subject shall be referred to in any one question.

In connection with his complaint, the Hon. Osman Mahomed sought support on two precedents, in 2011 and 2016, respectively, whereby, Parliamentary Questions in regard to the three mentioned Commissions were admitted.

Honourable Members,

In the light of the provisions of Standing Order 22(1)(a), referred to above, these cases cannot be relied upon as binding precedents.

It is a matter of regret that the Hon. Member instead of taking the matter privately with me in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 21(4), chose to go to the press thereby conveying the wrong impression that the Assembly faulted in its duty.

I thank you.