

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

**ANNOUNCEMENT 4
SITTING OF 17 OCTOBER 2023**

Announcement by Mr. Speaker – Hon. Joanna Bérenger uttered the word ‘corrompu’ to the address of the Hon. Minister Lesjongard - Behaviour considered grossly disorderly and contemptuous to the decorum of the House-Matter left in the hands of the House.

Motion for suspension – Hon. Joanna Bérenger suspended by the House for the day’s sitting and the next 3 sittings unless unreserved apologies are tendered to the House

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Mr Speaker:

“After the Hon. Luchmun-Roy took a point of order to the effect that the Honourable Joanna Bérenger had uttered the word ‘corrompu’ to the address of the Honourable Minister Lesjongard, I have checked the recording which confirms that the word ‘corrompu’ was uttered several times by the Hon. Joanna Bérenger. I consider her behavior to be grossly disorderly and contemptuous to the decorum of the House. I therefore leave the matter in the hands of the House.”

The Hon. Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology:

“Mr Speaker, Sir, in view of your ruling, I beg under Standing Order 17(3) to take the time of the House for urgent business.”

Dr the Hon. Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management seconded.

Mr Speaker put the following question:

“The question is that the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology be allowed under Standing Order 17(3) to take the time of the House for urgent business. Those in favour say AYE. Those against say NO. The AYES have it.”

The Hon. Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology:

“Mr Speaker, Sir, having obtained your permission, I beg to move under Standing Order 29(1) to present a motion without notice.”

Dr the Hon. Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management seconded.

Mr Speaker put the following question:

“The question is that the Hon. Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology be allowed under Standing Order 29(1) to move a motion without notice. Those in favour say AYE. Those against say NO. The AYES have it.”

The Hon. Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology:

“Mr Speaker, Sir, in view of your ruling, I beg to move that the Honourable Joanna Bérenger be suspended from the service of the Assembly for today’s sitting and the next three sittings unless unreserved apologies are tendered to the House”.

Dr the Hon. Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management seconded.

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