

Announcement 2
Sitting of Tuesday 23 April 2024

“Allocation of Seats expressly provided for in Standing Order 6 – the allocation to Members of seats in the Assembly Chamber shall be made by the Speaker”

Hon. Members

The Hon. Bhagwan is reported to have stated in the l'Express newspaper of Wednesday 17 April 2024 in regard to the new seating arrangement, I quote –

“a été fait exprès par le Speaker et une fonctionnaire pour embarrasser l'opposition »

I wish to set records straight and refer Hon. Members to Standing Order 6 of the Standing Orders which expressly provides as follows –

“the allocation to Members of seats in the Assembly Chamber shall be made by the Speaker”.

I totally assume my responsibility in accordance with the aforementioned provision. The dragging of a civil servant in this matter is most regretful, inappropriate and unjust.

Hon. Members

Furthermore, regarding the seating arrangement, reference has also been made in the press to the practice which obtains in the House of Commons.

I reiterate that the allocation of seats is **expressly** provided for in Standing Order 6 of our Standing Orders.

In the light of paragraph 2 of Standing Order 1, since allocation of seats is **expressly** provided for in our Standing Orders, it does not serve any purpose to refer to the practice which obtains in the UK House of Commons.

I thank you for your attention.
