

PETITION

Petition presented by the Honourable Feroz Abdoola.

This Petition is endorsed with the signature of 12 persons.

This first day of June two thousand and four.

*Feroz Abdoola
Third Member for Stanley
and Rose Hill*

To Mr Speaker

1. Jane VALLS
2. Swatee CUTTAREE
3. Meena SEETULSINGH
4. Florence PRUVOST-SOORIAH
5. Damie RAMTOHUL
6. Jacqueline PILOT
7. Mary CUNDASAMY
8. Manda BOOLELL
9. Rassoul SAYED
10. Clairette AH HEN
11. Jacqueline LAURENT
12. Colette LECHARTIER

The persons mentioned above are the promoters of the Soroptimist Day Care Centre Trust Fund Act and hereby request the Assembly to grant leave for the introduction of this Bill, the object and functions whereof are as follows –

1. Objects of the Trust Fund

The Trust Fund shall –

- (a) be responsible for the maintenance and development of the premises on which the centre is situated, the building, furniture, fittings, equipment and all other assets;
- (b) provide and operate day care for the elderly of the region of Camp Levieux and its immediate neighbourhood;
- (c) manage and administer any Day Care Centre entrusted to it, and
- (d) promote the welfare of the elderly generally.

2. Functions

- (i) with an aging population, a rapidly developing industrial society, and a new generation less willing or able to look after elderly parents, there is an urgent need in Mauritius for facilities for the elderly;
- (ii) the site falls within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin/Rose Hill. It is expected that the aged population of this area will be the main beneficiaries. It is estimated that 12% of the 150,000 people who live in this area will be over 60 by the end of 2004;
- (iii) the Soroptimist Day Care Centre is expected to be served by society as well as serve society. Older people who are able to care for themselves and who will be present at the Centre will help others by organising games and recreational activities for others;
- (iv) the main building will accommodate the following facilities –
 - recreational area with various activities
 - medical area
 - reception
 - reading room
 - rest room
 - wash room
 - laundry
 - kitchen
- (v) the Soroptimist Day Care Centre will be managed by a Board of Trustees which will include members of Soroptimist International and other sponsors including representatives of the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin/Rose Hill and other funding organisations.

The petitioners therefore request the National Assembly to grant leave to introduce the Soroptimist Day Centre Trust Fund Act.