## THE RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (AMENDMENT) BILL

(No. XIX of 2025)

## Explanatory Memorandum

The object of this Bill is to amend the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act to provide for –

- (a) the introduction of Performance-Based Budgeting (PBB) so as to
  - (i) link funds with results and outcomes, and improve operational efficiency in the administration of Rodrigues; and
  - (ii) enforce greater fiscal responsibility, accountability and transparency;
- (b) the preparation of estimates of expenditure based on programmes and sub-programmes on a 3-fiscal year rolling basis, specifying the resources to be allocated, the outcomes to be achieved and outputs to be delivered;
- (c) the estimates of expenditure for the first year to be approved by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly; and
- (d) the preparation of estimates of revenue on a 3-fiscal year rolling basis and the estimates for the first year to be approved by the Regional Assembly.

**2.** The Bill makes further provisions for matters connected and related thereto.

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# ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

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# A BILL

#### To amend the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows -

#### 1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Amendment) Act 2025.

#### 2. Interpretation

In this Act -

"principal Act" means the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act.

#### 3. Section 2 of principal Act amended

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended, in section 2 -

(a) by deleting the definition of "estimates" and replacing it by the following definition –

"estimates" means the Performance-Based Budget Estimates;

(b) by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetical order, the following new definitions –

"estimates of expenditure" -

- (a) means the annual estimates of expenditure based on programmes and sub-programmes prepared on a 3-fiscal year rolling basis, specifying the resources to be allocated, the outcomes to be achieved and outputs to be delivered, the estimates for the first year to be approved by the Regional Assembly; and
- (b) includes any supplementary estimates of expenditure so approved;

"estimates of revenue" means the annual estimates of revenue prepared on a 3-fiscal year rolling basis, the estimates for the first year of every such period of 3 fiscal years to be approved by the Regional Assembly;

"outcome" means the likely or achieved short-term and mediumterm effects of an activity's or intervention's outputs;

"outputs" -

- (a) means the products, goods and services resulting from the carrying out of an activity; and
- (b) includes changes resulting from activities relevant to the achievement of outcomes;

"programme" means a group of activities or interventions intended to contribute to a common set of outcomes, specific objectives and outputs that are verifiable, consisting of a defined target and a given budget, including staffing and other necessary resources;

"sub-programme" means the programme hierarchy which breaks programmes into sub-programmes and which in turn break into activities or interventions and is designed to achieve at least one specific objective;

#### 4. Section 42 of principal Act amended

Section 42 of the principal Act is amended, in subparagraph (c), by deleting the word "recurrent".

# 5. Section 44 of principal Act amended

Section 44 of the principal Act is amended -

- (a) in subsection (1), by deleting the words "draft estimates of recurrent revenue, recurrent expenditure, capital revenue and capital expenditure" and replacing them with the words "draft estimates of revenue and draft estimates of expenditure";
- (b) in subsection (4), by deleting the words "recurrent expenditure and capital expenditure" and replacing them with the words "estimates of expenditure".

## 6. Section 45 of principal Act amended

Section 45 of the principal Act is amended, in subsection (1), by deleting the words "recurrent expenditure and capital expenditure" and replacing them with the words "estimates of expenditure".

# 7. Section 50 of principal Act amended

Section 50 of the principal Act is amended, in subsection (1), in subparagraph (b), by deleting the words "the estimates of recurrent revenue and capital revenue" and replacing them by the words "the estimates of revenue".