

**CABINET DECISIONS – 3 MAY 2019**

1. Cabinet has taken note of the position taken by the United Kingdom on the Chagos Archipelago issue following the Advisory Opinion given on 25 February 2019 by the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

Cabinet has also taken note that on 30 April 2019, the UK Government made a written statement to the UK Parliament, in which it indicated that the Advisory Opinion is not a legally binding judgment and that it did not share the ICJ's approach. The Prime Minister's Office has, on the same day, issued a communiqué to condemn the UK Government's stand. The communiqué can be accessed on the website of the Prime Minister's Office. Mauritius, together with other countries, would be tabling shortly before the UN General Assembly, a draft resolution for the implementation of the Advisory Opinion.

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2. Cabinet has agreed to the Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms proceeding with the implementation of the Government Medical Insurance Scheme for the benefit of public officers.

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3. Cabinet has taken note that the Fifth Schedule to the Companies Act has been amended by way of Regulations to provide that written notice of meeting of shareholders shall be sent not less than 21 days (instead of 14 days) before the meeting, in line with international best practices for the protection of minority interest.

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4. Cabinet has agreed to the financing of the project for the construction of La Vigie – La Brasserie – Beaux Songes Link Road which would comprise the construction of a road over a length of 6.2 km starting from Motorway M1 at La Vigie and crossing the Phoenix-Plaisance Road (A10) at Forest Side to link to the western part of the island while bypassing Curepipe. The proposed road would be instrumental to connect La Vigie with the western part of the island while bypassing the highly built-up and congested urban centres and industrial areas. The project is expected to be completed in January 2022.

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5. Cabinet has agreed to the lifting of the restriction on the movement of plant and plant products from Rodrigues to Mauritius with immediate effect. However, all plant and plant products movement would be subject to the following conditions –

- (a) inspection of all cargo/consignments to ensure that they comply to all phytosanitary requirements. All consignments would be accompanied by the necessary Phytosanitary Certificates;

- (b) scanning of all luggage including hand luggage at the airport and seaport both in Mauritius and Rodrigues; and
- (c) disinfection of all flights using approved aircraft insecticide for cabin and luggage compartment.

An antenna of the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) would be set up by the end of June 2019, in Rodrigues to support research, extension services and training of planters and also to ensure better coordination of activities and communication on issues pertaining to crop management and control of pests.

Flights to and from Rodrigues would be restored to the normal schedule.

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6. Cabinet has taken note of the measures taken regarding the Electronic Ticketing System (ETS) for the Metro Express Project. ELIS Infotech System Co Ltd which has put in place the ETS of several metro systems in Singapore, Hong Kong and China, has been engaged by Larsen and Toubro Ltd to design, supply, install, and commission the ETS for the Metro Express.

An Expression of Interest exercise has also been launched to invite potential financial institutions to provide transaction services and manage bank card transactions from the automated ticketing machines at all Light Rail Transit (LRT) stations. Around 50,000 Smart Cards would be personalised and distributed by the launch of operation in September 2019.

The National Transport Authority would also launch a bidding exercise among financial institutions for the implementation of the Cashless Bus Ticketing System. The Cashless Bus Ticketing System would be installed as a priority on the feeder buses which would serve the LRT stations and would be integrated with the Electronic Ticketing System of the LRT.

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7. Cabinet has taken note that the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC) Assessment 2019 would be held as follows –

- (a) **Grade 5**

Modular Assessment (Module 1)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Thursday 10 October 2019	Science History & Geography

(b) **Grade 6**Modular Assessment (Module 2)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Tuesday 27 August 2019	Science
Wednesday 28 August 2019	History & Geography

End of Year Assessment

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Tuesday 22 October 2019	French
Wednesday 23 October 2019	English
Thursday 24 October 2019	Asian Languages/Arabic/ Kreol Morisien
Friday 25 October 2019	Mathematics

Some 18,106 pupils would take part in the PSAC Assessment 2019. Results would be announced around 12 December 2019. The re-assessment in specific core subjects for eligible pupils would be held on 20 December 2019 and results announced by 27 December 2019.

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8. Cabinet has taken note that the Minister of Health and Quality of Life would promulgate the Allied Health Professionals Council (Levying of fees) Regulations under the Allied Health Professionals Council Act. The application for registration as an allied health professional is accompanied by the payment of the prescribed registration and processing fees. The proposed fees have been approved by the Allied Health Professionals Council.

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9. Cabinet has taken note that following a proposal from the Nursing Council of Mauritius, the Minister of Health and Quality of Life would promulgate the Nursing Council (Code of Practice) Regulations under the Nursing Council Act with a view to establishing a code of practice for the nursing and midwifery profession. The code of practice would apply to all registered nurses and midwives involved in the clinical, teaching, research and administrative duties and is based on the following four core principles –

- (a) to make the care of people his/her first concern, treating them as individuals and respecting their dignity;
- (b) to work with others to protect and promote the health and well-being of those in his/her care, their families and the wider community;

- (c) to provide a high standard of practice and care at all times; and
- (d) to be open and honest, act with integrity and uphold the reputation of his/her profession.

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10. Cabinet has taken note that a total of 6,142 vacancies in the Civil Service have been filled during the period 1 July 2018 to 31 March 2019.

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11. Cabinet has taken note of the status of implementation of the Human Resource Management Information System Project by the Ministry of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, in collaboration with the State Informatics Ltd.

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12. Cabinet has taken note that, in the context of the celebration of Eid-UI-Fitr at national level, the following activities would, inter alia, be organised –

- (a) distribution of foodstuff, clothing and educational tools to Rodriguans by the Islamic Cultural Centre Trust Fund from 3 to 6 May 2019;
- (b) a lunch for inmates of orphanages and day care centres, and family gathering at the Islamic Cultural Centre on 8 June 2019;
- (c) a Street Shaeri and Qawali Show in Flacq on 16 June 2019 and a Cultural Show by a folkloric troupe from Turkey at Caudan Arts Centre, Port Louis on 17 June 2019; and
- (d) a Gala Show for the stage play “Bhandaari” at the Islamic Cultural Centre on 21 June 2019.

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13. Cabinet has taken note that Mr Christian Fanchette, Managing Director, Humansmart Ltd would be the Chairperson of the Panel of Jury for the Public Service Excellence Award Edition 2018.

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14. Cabinet has taken note that the Ministry of Youth and Sports, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, would organise the second edition of the activity “*Pédaler en sécurité*” on Saturday 11 May 2019 from 09 00 hrs to noon in Port Louis. The objectives of “*Pédaler en sécurité*” are twofold namely, to promote cycling as a sports, an affordable and environmentally sound activity, and to sensitise bicycle riders on road safety. The itinerary of the activity would be as follows-

Departure at Roche Bois Youth Centre - Cocoterie Road - Pamplemousses Street - Allée Père Laval - Sainte Marie Street - Reverand Snapp Street - Bernardin de Saint Pierre Street - A.R. Mohamed Street - Franklin Temple Street - Triangle Street - SSR Street -Intendance Street - Brown Sequard Street - Orleans Street - D’Entrecasteaux Street - Old Moka Road - Residence Vallijee - Place d’Armes - Royal Road - Pamplemousses Road - Roche Bois Youth Centre.

Some 200 participants are expected to attend the event.

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