

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF CABINET MEETING – FRIDAY 10 JULY 2026**

1. Cabinet has taken note that on 02 July 2026, the Attorney-General along with officials of the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade had a virtual meeting with the Director, Overseas Territories and Polar Directorate of the United Kingdom (UK) Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. The purpose of the meeting was to take stock of developments on the Chagos Archipelago issue. The UK side informed that a new UK Prime Minister was likely to be appointed by 20 July 2026, but the UK Policy with regard to the Chagos Archipelago was unlikely to change.

The UK expressed appreciation for the measured position which Mauritius had taken but was informed that Mauritius' stand could be reviewed by September 2026. The Mauritian side highlighted the need for the new UK Prime Minister to lay down a road map for ratification by the UK of the Agreement on the Chagos Archipelago.

The UK also expressed the view that the engagement mission of Chagossians, which was led by Mr Olivier Bancoult, GCSK to the UK last month was broadly positive. According to the UK, the mission had made it possible for key members of the House of Lords to hear more balanced views on the Agreement between Mauritius and the UK on the Chagos Archipelago. The UK also proposed that –

- (a) a UK delegation visits Mauritius during the week of 05 October 2026 in order to undertake a maritime capability needs assessment; and
- (b) the heritage visit for Chagossians to the Chagos Archipelago be organised during the first or second quarter of 2027.

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2. Cabinet has agreed to amendments being brought to the Civil Status Act and relevant legislation to address the issue of undeclared children. The amendments will include putting in place a mechanism to monitor and fast track cases of undeclared minors in the Republic of Mauritius.

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3. Cabinet has agreed to the promulgation of the Workers' Rights (Labour Contractor) (Agricultural Sector) Regulations 2026 for the registration of labour contractors to enable the supply of migrant workers to small planters and small farmers by the labour contractors in the agricultural sector. The Regulations will include -

- (a) the definition of "Agricultural Sector" as meaning the field crop, livestock, orchard, sugarcane and tea sector;
- (b) the labour contractor will act as employer, and will ensure that the migrant workers are supplied to work in the Agricultural Sector only according to the tasks or occupation agreed in the written agreement between the labour contractor and the migrant worker; and

- (c) the remuneration of migrant workers will be governed by prevailing “Remuneration Regulations” applicable to the sector where the migrant worker is supplied to work, namely the Field-crop and Orchard Workers (Remuneration) Regulations 2019, the Livestock Workers (Remuneration) Regulations 2019, the Sugar Industry (Agricultural Workers) (Remuneration) Regulations 2019, the Sugar Industry (Non-Agricultural Workers) (Remuneration) Regulations 2019 and the Tea Industry Workers (Remuneration) Regulations 2019.

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4. Cabinet has taken note that on 28 June 2026, Mr Miguel Lerace was involved in a serious accident whilst participating in the Mauritius National Road Cycling Championships. The High-Level Sports Unit Board at the level of the Ministry of Youth and Sports has examined the case and, taking into consideration the exceptional circumstances, has recommended that Mr Lerace be granted, on compassionate and humanitarian grounds, a one-off financial assistance of Rs250,000.

In recognition of Government’s commitment to the welfare of athletes, Cabinet has agreed to grant, on an exceptional and humanitarian basis, a one-off financial assistance of Rs250,000 to Mr Miguel Lerace.

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5. Cabinet has taken note of the status of the Price Stabilisation Account of the State Trading Corporation (STC) and the forecasted evolution of Mogas and Gas Oil over the next few months. In view of the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, the deficit in the Price Stabilisation Account of the STC has reached a combined deficit of Rs3.28 billion for Mogas and Gas Oil, of which Rs3 billion alone represents the loss incurred by the STC on the sales of Gas Oil.

The STC has successfully ensured security of supply of all petroleum products during periods of crises. Accordingly, Mauritius presently has a stock of 18,565 metric ton of Mogas and 18,081 metric ton of Gas Oil, representing around 29 and 27 days of sales, respectively.

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6. Cabinet has taken note that the Primary School Achievement Certificate Assessments 2026 will be held as follows –

| <b>Date</b>              | <b>Subject</b>                                            |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Thursday 22 October 2026 | French                                                    |
|                          | Science                                                   |
| Friday 23 October 2026   | English                                                   |
| Monday 26 October 2026   | History and Geography                                     |
|                          | Asian Languages/Arabic/Kreol Morisien/<br>Kreol Rodrigues |
| Tuesday 27 October 2026  | Mathematics                                               |

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7. Cabinet has agreed to authorise public higher education institutions to establish Study Centres in Mauritius and abroad for the delivery of their accredited programmes through recognised affiliated institutions, within the framework of a two-tier funding model governing such programme delivery.

The initiative supports the internationalisation of the higher education sector, promotes income generation, contributes to the transformation of Mauritius into a regional knowledge hub, and enhances the financial sustainability and institutional autonomy of public higher education institutions. Public higher education institutions will be able to deliver their programmes off-campus through two routes, as follows –

- (a) the Study Centre model, whereby the public higher education institution delivers and assesses its own accredited programmes through a recognised Study Centre established locally or overseas; and
- (b) the Validation model, whereby an affiliated institution delivers a programme that has been validated by the public higher education institution in accordance with Mauritian academic standards.

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8. Cabinet has agreed to the Ministry of Tertiary Education, Science and Research signing the Artemis Accords and joining the growing community of nations committed to the peaceful, transparent and responsible exploration and use of outer space. The participation in the Artemis Accords would complement Government's objective of strengthening science, technology, innovation and digital transformation as key enablers of sustainable socio-economic development.

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9. Cabinet has taken note that the KOREK! App launched in January 2026, provides two services, namely access to details of driving licence of citizens and number of points accumulated under the Penalty Points System. Since its launch, the following services are available on the KOREK! App –

- (a) a citizen is able to update his address on the KOREK! App;
- (b) notifications are sent to apprise citizens of the current power consumption. The Central Electricity Board relies on a three-colour code to notify citizens on power consumption; and
- (c) citizens access information on vacancies in the public sector, Cabinet highlights and tender notices.

The reporting of water leakage will be the next service which will be available on the KOREK! App. The service will enable citizens to capture and upload photographs of water leakage incidents, which will be analysed using an Artificial Intelligence tool to assess the severity of the leakage. The complaint will be transmitted directly to the database of the Central Water Authority for it to act upon. A citizen will be provided with a ticket number which can be used to follow up on the status of his complaint through the KOREK! App.

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10. Cabinet has taken note that at the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD), Mauritius was elected Chair for the period 2026/2027. The ARFSD is an intergovernmental and multi-stakeholder platform mandated by the General Assembly. The Forum conducts integrated follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want, of the African Union.

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11. Cabinet has taken note of the outcome of the SADC Extraordinary Summit of Heads of State and Government which was held virtually and was attended by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade.

The Extraordinary Summit considered the report of the Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation on the fact-finding and diplomatic missions to the Republic of Madagascar.

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