PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 8 April 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. JABEEMISSAR, G.O.S.K. and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED:

To approve that the Commission for Housing revise the criteria for the allocation of housing units under the “Build and Rent” Scheme which will be managed by the Rodrigues Housing and Property Development Company Ltd. which were as follows:-

(i) the applicant should not be the owner of a housing unit, priority will be given to married couples without houses and to single headed household families;

(ii) the total earnings of the family should be between Rs 5,000.00 and Rs 10,000.00 monthly; and

(iii) households earning below Rs 5,000.00 would be considered on a case to case basis.

The above criteria of family income at (ii) above from “between Rs 5,000 and Rs 10,000 monthly” is now revised to “between Rs 5,000 and Rs 14,000 monthly” to cater for a larger number of applicants.
TAKEN NOTE:

(i) that a delegation from ECORYS NEDERLAND B.V., the selected consultant for the feasibility study for a new runway at Sir Gaëtan Duval Airport in Rodrigues under the guidance of the Team Leader/Air Transport Economist, Mr Roelof Jan Molemaker will be on mission to Rodrigues from 10 to 15 April 2011 to kickoff the project.

(ii) that the Commission for Housing and the National Housing Development Company Limited (NHDC) will proceed with the handing over of cheques to some 76 beneficiaries under the Government Grant for Casting of Slab Scheme on Tuesday 12 April 2011.

(iii) that the Rodrigues Housing and Property Development Co. Ltd. (RHPDC) has submitted its Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement for financial year 2010 which has been duly audited in accordance with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Investment Management Regulations 2008 Section 19(2) and 20(3). The documents will be tabled at the Rodrigues Regional Assembly at its next sitting.

(iv) that in the context of the Anti-Influenza Vaccination Campaign for elderly which was launched on Wednesday 6 April, 2011 at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions has provided three thousand (3000) anti-influenza vaccines for Senior Citizens of 60 years old and above.

The programme for the vaccination is being held at the two Area Health Centres and various Community Health Centres. Thereafter, the Vaccination Programme will be extended to bed ridden persons and children attending training centres of "Association des Handicapés Mentaux de l’Ile Rodrigues” (AHMIR), Rodrigues Association for the Disabled (RAD) and Gonzagues PIERRE LOUIS Special Learning Centre.

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