PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 09.00 hours this Thursday 26 April 2012 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. Louis Serge CLAIR, G.C.S.K. and has among its deliberations:

DECIDED:

(i) To approve the contracting out of mini-bus services to convey pupils attending Mt. Charlot Community Government School from and to Soupirs Bus Terminus until approval is obtained from the National Transport Authority (Mauritius) to include same under the Free Travel Scheme.

(ii) To approve the composition of the State Land Committee to scrutinize all applications for state land lease and after enquiry submit recommendations for approval. The Committee will also make recommendation how to (a) reduce delay between the date of application and the granting of a lease (b) establish a fast track system for the grant of lease to the vulnerable and hardship cases while at the same time take due consideration to land use planning.

(iii) To approve that bottles collected and kept at Le Chou from a cleaning up campaign conducted by the Environment Unit some two years back be sold to those eligible for collecting and exporting of wastes for recycling purposes instead of dumping same at Montagne Plate.
Taken Note:

(i) That the School Feeding Project has been extended to three other schools namely the (i) Association des Handicapés Mentaux de Rodrigues (ii) Rodrigues Association for the Disabled and (iii) Gonzague Pierre Louis Learning Centre since the beginning of the second term starting on 23 April 2012.

(ii) That the Commission for Environment in collaboration with the villagers of Port Sud Est and Mourouk/Anse Enfer, the Mauritius Wildlife Foundation and Ex-members of Thematic Group 4 of the Sustainable Integrated Development Plan for Rodrigues (SIDPR) proceeded with the planting of five hundred endemic plants at Port Sud Est on Saturday 21 April 2012 with view to address the problem of soil erosion in the region.

(iii) That the Fisheries Research and Training Unit (FRTU) has started to conduct practical training sessions at sea to members of the Port-Sud Est Ex-Large Net Cooperative Society to enable them to practice off lagoon fishing. The training is based on navigation, security aspects and fishing techniques.

(iv) That following advice obtained from the Veterinary Services of the Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security in Mauritius and subsequent consultation with technicians of the veterinary offices of the Agricultural services, the ban on the import of processed pork products to Rodrigues has been lifted as from 24 April 2012.

(v) That the Agricultural Service is proceeding with the land rehabilitation programme and that land derocking has restarted at Montagne Goyave under strict control so as to avoid soil erosion.

(vi) Of the different management letters from the National Audit Office regarding several areas falling under the responsibilities of the RRA.
(vii) Of measures taken to improve the management of waste at the stone quarry/ inert dumping site at Montagne Baie du Nord.

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