

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

B/903 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatres Bornes (**Mr Ramano**)

To ask the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms

Whether, in regard to the Commission of Inquiry on Prescription, he will state if the appropriate amendments to the existing legislation will be introduced in the House to give effect to the recommendations thereof and, if so, when?

REPLY

Madam Speaker,

1. The Acquisitive Prescription Bill was passed in the National Assembly on 16 October 2018. The Act will be proclaimed soon.

2. The following actions have already been undertaken by the Ministry of Housing and Lands –

- (a) the implementation of a digital cadastral database;
- (b) the audit of survey plan has been put in place at the level of the Ministry of Housing & Lands prior to the issue of PIN. These plans have to conform to strict provisions of the land survey standards provided for in Regulations under the Cadastral Survey Act; and
- (c) sections 1 to 17, 41, 45, 51 and 52 of the Professional Land Surveyors Council Act have come into operation on **3 January 2018**.

3. Furthermore, the Ministry of Housing and Lands has initiated necessary action for the proclamation of section 22(5) of the Cadastral Survey Act for assignment of PIN to be mandatory in all land transactions.