

B/198 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Acquisitive Prescription (Amendment) Act passed in the Assembly in 2018, he will state the reasons for the non-proclamation thereof as at to date?

DRAFT REPLY

Madam Speaker,

On 23 October 2018, in reply to PQ B/903, I informed the House that the Acquisitive Prescription Bill which was passed in the National Assembly on 16 October 2018, would be proclaimed soon.

2. I also informed the House then that the following actions had 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 and Lands prior to the issue of PIN.

- (c) the proclamation of sections 1 to 17, 41, 45, 51 and 52 of the Professional Land Surveyors Council Act since 3 January 2018.
- (d) initiating action for the proclamation of Section 22(5) of the Cadastral Survey Act for assignment of PIN to be mandatory in all transactions.

3. Regulations under the Acquisitive Prescription Act are being finalised at the level of my Office, and that of the Ministry of Housing and Lands. These Regulations deal with several important issues such as the requirements for a notice under the Act, and how applications for PIN are to be done.

4. Once those Regulations are finalised, the Act will be proclaimed and the Regulations made soon thereafter.