

B/403 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)

To ask the Honourable Attorney-General, Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security

Whether, in regard to Rodrigues, he will state if consideration will be given for measures to be taken to alleviate the financial and other hardships caused to the residents thereof who are required to travel to and from Mauritius for the purposes of showing up at the trial of civil cases in which they are involved?

REPLY

Mr Speaker,

I am informed by the Master and Registrar that there are provisions in the Budget of the Judiciary to provide air fare to witnesses travelling to and from Rodrigues in criminal matters only. As regards civil cases, all costs are to be borne by the litigants.

The Judiciary is actually carrying out a comprehensive review of the administration of cases at court level including the Court of Rodrigues and recommendations will be made to relevant stakeholders, if need be.