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.