

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

B/200 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Adrien Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a new Supreme Court Building in Port Louis, he will state the (a) timeframe set for the completion thereof (b) surface area of the proposed building and (c) courts that will be relocated therein?

REPLY

Madam Speaker,

1. As regards part (a), I am informed that the Supreme Court Building is scheduled for completion in December 2019.
2. As regards part (b), I am informed that as per the contract, the surface area of the proposed building is 25,012.2 M²
3. As regards part (c) of the question as to which Courts will be relocated in the new building, this will be a matter for the decision of the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The construction of the New Supreme Court Building is a Government to Government Project which is fully financed by a grant of USD 30M from the Government of India. The contract for the construction of the building has been awarded to Renatus Co. Ltd, an Indian Contractor, by NBCC (India) Ltd which is supervising the project on behalf of the Government of India.
2. Landscape (Mauritius) Co. Ltd is the implementing agency of the project and is supervising the construction on behalf of the Government of Mauritius.
3. Section 10 of the Courts Act provides as follows –

10. *Place of sittings*

The sittings of the Supreme Court shall usually be held in such building as the President shall assign as a Court House for that purpose, but where the Supreme Court sits in any other building or place for the transaction of legal business, the proceedings shall be as valid in every respect as if they had been held in such Court House.