

## VOTE 1-4 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### CONTEXT FOR BUDGET INTERVENTION

The Parliament of Mauritius is modelled after the Westminster system of parliamentary democracy comprising the National Assembly. Members of the National Assembly are voted in at regular general elections.

The National Assembly is made up of 70 Members of whom 62 are directly elected in 21 constituencies on the basis of a first past the post system. The island of Mauritius is divided into 20 constituencies returning 3 members each and that of Rodrigues is a single constituency returning 2 members. After a general election, the Electoral Supervisory Commission may nominate up to a maximum of 8 additional members in accordance with section 5 of the First Schedule of the Constitution with a view to correcting any imbalance in community representation in Parliament. This system of nominating members is commonly called the best loser system.

The political party or party alliance which wins the majority of seats in the National Assembly forms the government and its leader usually becomes the Prime Minister. It is the Prime Minister who selects the members of the Cabinet from elected members of the Assembly, except for the Attorney General who may not be an elected member of the Assembly. The political party or alliance, which has the second largest majority forms the Official Opposition and its leader is normally nominated by the President of the Republic as the Leader of the Opposition. The Assembly elects a Speaker, a Deputy Speaker and a Deputy Chairman of Committees as one of its first business.

### SUMMARY OF BUDGET

	<b>2007/08 Estimates</b>	<b>2008/09 Estimates</b>	<b>2009/10 Estimates</b>
<b>A Expenditure by Programme (Rs)</b>			
1 Parliamentary Affairs	109,320,000	192,800,000	180,800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,320,000</b>	<b>192,800,000</b>	<b>180,800,000</b>
<b>B Expenditure by Economic Categories (Rs)</b>			
<b>1 Recurrent Expenditure</b>	<b>89,320,000</b>	<b>92,800,000</b>	<b>95,800,000</b>
1.1 Personal Emoluments	40,756,000	42,237,000	43,543,000
1.2 Other Staff Costs	20,370,000	20,805,000	21,852,000
1.3 Other Goods and Services	20,644,000	22,008,000	22,435,000
1.4 Subsidies and other Current Transfers	7,550,000	7,750,000	7,970,000
<b>2 Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>	<b>85,000,000</b>
2.1 Acquisition of Fixed Capital Assets	20,000,000	100,000,000	85,000,000
2.2 Purchase of Land/Intangible Assets	-	-	-
2.3 Capital Transfers	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>109,320,000</b>	<b>192,800,000</b>	<b>180,800,000</b>
<b>C Staffing - funded positions</b>			
1 Managerial positions	3	3	3
2 Technical positions	16	16	16
3 Support positions	26	26	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>

## Programme 1: Parliamentary Affairs

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<b>1 Recurrent Expenditure (Rs)</b>	<b>89,320,000</b>	<b>92,800,000</b>	<b>95,800,000</b>
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<b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>	<b>89,320,000</b>		
Personal Emoluments	40,756,000		
<b>Other Staff Costs</b>	<b>20,370,000</b>		
Wages	9,930,000		
Travelling and transport	9,215,000		
Staff welfare	5,000		
Overtime	1,220,000		
<b>Other Goods and Services</b>	<b>20,644,000</b>		
Office expenses and incidentals	650,000		
Telephone bills	300,000		
Maintenance and running of vehicles	900,000		
Office equipment and furniture	125,000		
Maintenance of buildings, grounds, plant and equipment	200,000		
I.T. facilities	200,000		
Electricity charges	6,000		
Publications	250,000		
Luncheons	4,500,000		
Facilities allowance to Honourable Members	11,262,000		
Uniforms	36,000		
Hospitality	300,000		
Postage	15,000		
Printing and stationery	1,600,000		
Printing of debates	300,000		
<b>Subsidies and other Current Transfers</b>	<b>7,550,000</b>		
Contribution to the Mauritius Branch of the CPA	200,000		
Contribution to the Mauritius Branch of the "APF"	200,000		
Contribution to International Organisation(s)	7,150,000		
<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>20,000,000</b>	<b>100,000,000</b>	<b>85,000,000</b>
Refurbishment of Government House	20,000,000	100,000,000	85,000,000
<b>Staffing - funded positions</b>			
Managerial positions	3	3	3
Technical positions	16	16	16
Support positions	26	26	26
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