

National Assembly
Sitting of Tuesday 23 April 2019
Parliamentary Question B/240

B/240 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance -

Whether, in regard to the advisers attached to his Ministry since 2015 to date, he will state the names thereof, indicating in each case the (a) qualifications (b) terms and conditions of appointment, including remuneration and benefits drawn and (c) number of overseas missions undertaken, indicating the aggregate costs thereof?

REPLY

Madam Speaker,

As the Honourable Member is aware, I was appointed Minister responsible for Financial Services and Good Governance on 24 January 2017.

My predecessor, the former Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms had, during his tenure of his office recruited twenty-four (24) Advisers. I am tabling the names, qualifications, terms and conditions of appointment and number of overseas missions undertaken by these Advisers.

Madam Speaker,

Since my appointment as Minister, I recruited an Adviser on Governance Matters on 03 August 2017 and he resigned, for personal reasons, on 04 February 2019. I also recruited an Adviser on Information Matters on a contractual basis with effect from 11 July 2017. I am tabling the details requested in the question in respect of these two Advisers.

Madam Speaker,

With your permission, I wish to inform the House that when I joined the Ministry, there was no technical staff in post, and worse there was no posts for technical officers on the Ministry's establishment, when it is obvious that technical officers are indeed essential for the smooth running of the Ministry.

Accordingly, an expert in the field of Anti-Money Laundering/Combatting the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT), to follow up on compliance with Financing Action Task Force (FATF) and Eastern and Southern African Anti-Money Laundering Group (ESAAMLG) requirements, has been recruited as Adviser on 25 September 2017 and she is fully involved in technical duties on AML/CFT.

Moreover, thirteen (13) other technicians have been recruited in an advisory capacity and are performing technical duties as Manager, Financial Services (3), Assistant Manager, Financial Services (4) and Analyst, Financial Services (6), respectively. I am tabling the names, qualifications, terms and conditions of appointment of these Technical Advisers.

Madam Speaker,

I wish to point out that only the Adviser on AML/CFT has undertaken three (3) overseas missions since her assumption of duty and all these in relation to FATF and ESAAMLG Meetings. None of the other Advisers has proceeded on overseas missions.