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**PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION**

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The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière  
**(Mr Lepoigneur)**

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –*

**Whether, in regard to the construction of drains at Verger Bisambar at Mont Roches, he will state where matters stand?**

**REPLY**

Madam Speaker,

In view of the complexity of the project to address the flooding problem at the lower region of Mont Roches, which includes Verger Bissambar, the National Development Unit decided to appoint a Consultant to, *inter-alia*: -

- (i) effect topographical surveys and undertake an inventory of the existing drainage infrastructure;
- (ii) identify causes of flooding and forecast their evolution with future developments;
- (iii) identify possible alternatives to address the flooding problems;
- (iv) prepare the preliminary design of the selected drainage system and work out the cost estimate; and
- (v) prepare bidding documents.

In September 2018, Luxconsult Ltd was appointed as consultant and the latter has submitted a Preliminary Design Report in January 2019, which includes the following proposals:

- (i) the re-construction of the drain/irrigation canal along Subramanian Bharat Road up to an existing reservoir belonging to Medine Ltd;
- (ii) the construction of a drain along part of St Martins Road (B101) through Chellumbrum Street to an existing earth canal downstream of the reservoir; and
- (iii) drains at Verger Bissambar and along other lateral Streets.

At present, the Consultant is working on the Detailed Design Report. The latter is expected to submit the report by July 2019.