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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION

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The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West
(Mr Armance)

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 flooding problem at La Fourche Lane, at Richelieu, in Petite Rivière, he will state where matters stand as to the construction of drains and other amenities thereat by the National Development Unit?

REPLY

Madam Speaker,

The issue of flooding in the region of Richelieu and its surrounding was raised with me some time back by Hon. Alain Wong, Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment. In the reply I made to PQ B/260 at the sitting of 23 April 2019, I stated that in view of the complexity of the flooding situation at Richelieu and its surrounding, the NDU had decided to appoint a Consultant to carry out a feasibility study.

Madam Speaker,

The Consultant Servansingh Jadav and Partners Consulting Engineers was appointed in May 2019 to study the area and propose flood-mitigation measures.

As I indicated, the Scope of Services of the Consultant comprise, *inter alia*, the following:

- (i) effect topographical surveys and undertake an inventory of the existing drainage infrastructure;

- (ii) identify the causes of flooding and forecast their evolution with future developments;
- (iii) identify the possible alternatives to address the flooding problems;
- (iv) make recommendations regarding geotechnical investigations, and
- (v) prepare the preliminary design of the selected drainage system and work out the cost estimate.

Madam Speaker,

Following surveys carried out, the Consultant has already submitted an Inception Report and is currently carrying out the Feasibility Study. It is expected that the Feasibility Report would be completed by November 2019.