

## **Announcement – Sitting of Tuesday 18 April 2023**

Honourable Members,

I have a short announcement to make following certain remarks made regarding the modalities for the selection of the order of Parliamentary Questions.

I wish to refer Honourable Members to the announcement I made on 29 March 2022 whereby I informed the House that henceforth the order of Parliamentary Questions would be determined by the drawing of lots. This followed an agreement to that effect which had been agreed upon by the Whips. The said Agreement co-signed by the Chief Government Whip and the Opposition Whip has been laid on the table of the Assembly.

The main objective of the agreement is to give a fair chance to all Members to have at least one, and in some cases, more than one Parliamentary question reached orally within the time limit prescribed by the Standing Orders for Questions requiring an oral answer.

In this context, I also refer Honourable Members to Standing Order 26(1) which provides as follows, I quote:-

“Supplementary questions may only be put for the further elucidation of the information requested and shall be subject to the ruling of the Speaker, both as to relevance and number”

Honourable Members may wish to be governed accordingly.

I thank you.