

**COUNCIL MEETING OF THE WESTERN PROVINCE
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

03rd June 2014, at 09.30 a.m.

**at the Council Chamber of the Provincial Council Building Complex of the Western
Province at No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Sri Jayawardhanapura,
Battaramulla**

AGENDA

- I. Announcements by the Chairman**
- II. Presentation of Papers**
- III. Presentation of Committee Reports**
- IV. Petitions**
- V. Questions**

01. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Ajantha Niroshan Padukka from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information . (Q/vi(01)/14/01)

- a) According to the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination results of year 2013 of the schools in the three districts of the Western Province, which are controlled under the Western Province, what are the places secured by those districts in the island ranking in terms of examination results?
- b) What is the number of students who sat for the Ordinary Level Examination in year 2013 under the Western Provincial Council?
- c) What is the number of students who failed in the Mathematic subject of the schools controlled under the Provincial Council?
- d) What is the number of students who failed in the English subject of the schools controlled under the Provincial Council?
- e) Are you satisfied about those results?
- f) If not, why is that? What measures were taken?

02. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipunaarachchi from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information . (Q/vi(01)/14/02)

- a) (i) Was action taken to recruit graduate teachers?
- (ii) On which basis was the selection made?
- (iii) How many persons were recruited as teachers?
- (iv) For which subjects?
- b) (i) What is the situation of teacher vacancies in the Province according to each subject?
- (ii) Will action be taken to recruit graduates for those subjects?
- (iii) What would be the method of recruitment?
- (iv) Would you mention the time period for the taking of necessary action?
- c) If not, why is that?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipunaarachchi from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Housing and Construction, Water Supplies and Drainage, Social Welfare and Urban and Estate Infrastructure Facilities. (Q/vi(01)/14/03)

- a) Do you accept the fact that when a number of provincial roads are developed, there are places released for development of roads from one's own land extent by the people living beside roads without obtaining compensation?
- b) Do you accept the fact that even though the road was widened on such places, the electricity posts and telephone posts remain in the same places as they used to be ?
- c) Do you accept that remaining of these posts within the space limit used as road is dangerous?
- d) What action would be taken to change the said dangerous situation?
- e) If not, why is that? What measures were taken?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipunaarachchi from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information . (Q/vi(01)/14/04)

- a) Would you inform this Council as to;
 - (i) What affairs do belong to the subject of local government roads,

- (ii) Whether there is a work plan according to those affairs,
 - (iii) What tasks are relevant to the plan?
- b) Do you agree with the fact that many roads belonging to the local government authorities are not in satisfactory situation in terms of road development?
 - c) If you accept it what action would be taken?
 - d) If not, why is that?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member George Perera from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information . (Q/vi(01)/14/05)

- a) Are the Advisory Committee meetings of your ministry held on each month? Or once in three months? If not, would you state the periods?
- b) How are the Members' Structural Committees of Zonal and Divisional levels of the three districts held? Would you present that programme?
- c) Would you invite the Members of the Opposition for those Members' Structural Committees?
- d) Are Principals' meetings of schools of Zonal and Divisional level held? Can you mention that period?
- e) Are meetings conducted for Teacher Instructors of Zones and Divisions? In what manner are they held?

06. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Ashoka Dayarathne from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information . (Q/vi(01)/14/06)

- a) How many Special Education Units are there in the schools of Gampaha district that are controlled under the Western Provincial Council?
- b) What is the maximum number of students that can be contained in one class?
- c) How many students are handed over to one teacher?
- d) Are separate provisions allocated by the Western Provincial Council for Special Education Units?
- e) Are special trainings provided to teachers of Special Education Units?
- f) Are you satisfied about the current functioning of the Special Education Units maintained in schools?

- g) What is your agreement with regard to the implementation of new projects for the psychological development of children?

07. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Sunil Watagala from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information . (Q/vi(01)/14/07)

- a) Do you accept the fact that the stamp duty for deeds written and certified by Notary Publics of the Western Province shall be paid as per the Western Province Finance Statute No. 06 of 1990 and its amendments?
- b) Is there proper authority contained in the Western Province Finance Statute for assessing of lands included in deeds written and certified by Notary Publics? If it does include thus, in which sections?
- c) Has authority assigned by the aforesaid statute to assess certain amount of money by exceeding the considerations included in deeds by Notary Publics?
- d) Are there one or several assessment units in the Western Provincial Department of Revenue? What are those Assessors' names and their qualifications with regard to assessment of immovable property?
- e) If there are proper qualifications to assess immovable property thus, what are the criteria used for assessing the immovable property?
- f) What is the methodology followed at present by the Department of Revenue of the Western Province to determine the Stamp Duty payable on value?
- g) After how many years of adopting the Western Provincial Finance Statute No. 06 of 1990 was this methodology was put into practice? In which year was it implemented first?

08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services and Information . (Q/vi(01)/14/08)

- a) What is the number of schools belonging to the Western Provincial Council by Zonal level?
- b) According to each school category how many schools are there under each category?
- c) How many Principal vacancies are there according to each school category?
- d) According to each school category, how many schools are there which have Acting Principals?
- e) How many appointees are there within the Province who have been appointed to the Principals' grades but are not functioning as principals?
- f) For how many schools have the Principals been appointed external to the proper procedure?

- g) What is the hindrance that is there to properly and transparently call applications and through interviews, to select and appoint qualified Principals to schools according to school categories?
- h) If there is no hindrance, why action is not taken accordingly?

09. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe from the Minister of Health and Indigenous Medicine, Probation and Child Care Services and Council Affairs.
(Q/vi(01)/14/09)

- a) Are you aware that a Maternal Home dating back more than 70 years is located in Basiyawaththa, Thalahena of Negombo polling district?
- b) Do you know that more than 5000 families of that area were greatly benefitted from this Maternal Home?
- c) Do you know that the people of this area have to travel 6 Km to the Pamunugama Hospital and 10 Km to the Negombo Hospital to obtain treatment?
- d) Do you know that this Maternal Home consisting more than 02 Acres in extent and has served greatly to the public of the area throughout the past is crumbling down due to lack of maintenance?
- e) If so, why it is not repaired? From which date onwards would it be renovated?
- f) Are you aware that a motion has been presented by the Thalahena Community based organization to repair this Maternal Home?
- g) If so, would the details related to that be presented to this Council?
- h) Why is not a permanent doctor appointed to this Maternal Home?
- i) If a permanent doctor would be appointed, from which date onwards? Until then, would the service hours of the currently existing doctor be determined?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

**VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of
the Ministers**

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Private Members' Affairs

01. Hon. Member Ajantha Niroshan Padukka

“Western Province Solid Waste Management Authority, for the past seven years, has been incapable of successfully implementing the control, collection, disposal of garbage and solid waste of Western Province as well as production of electricity and compost manure as by-products of the said process.

Within this period, the requirement for implementing this process, which is a major and essential process of the province, in more effective and efficient manner, has been felt by the whole province.

Therefore, to strengthen more the town development process carried out by the Urban Development Authority at present, this Provincial Council is in the opinion that in collaboration with the Urban Development Authority of the Central Government which has strong finances and technology to implement such projects; short term and long term plans limited to certain time frame should be planned and implemented.” **(M/vi (01)/14/01)**

02. Hon. Member Mahesh Almeida

At present we see the children of school attending age of the Western Province are afflicted by various diseases and suffering in large numbers. The main reason affecting this situation is bad health habits and abnormalities in behavior systems. As a result, children get afflicted by non-contagious diseases commonly and largely.

Similarly, children are commonly affected by deadly Dengue fever and it has become evident that our lack of interest to keep the environment cleanly has caused this situation. Considering all these situations, as a step towards saving the children from these diseases and suffering, this Council proposes that having established Health Societies in schools by Western Provincial Education Ministry and Health Ministry in collaboration, to mediate through a legal framework for matters like raising awareness in children, providing medicine and instructions on illnesses and cleaning the environment.” **(M/vi (01)/14/02)**

X. Adjournment of the Council

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