

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

17th July 2018, at 09.30 a.m.

AGENDA

I. Announcements by the Chairman

II. Motion for Leave of Absence

III. Presentation of Papers

IV. Presentation of Committee Reports

V. Petitions

VI. Questions/ Interim Questions

01. Question asked by Hon. Member Nirosha Athukorala on 03.07.2017 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/18/31)

- a) How many are the number of students who sat for GCE (O/L) Examination in year 2017 from Negombo Education Zone?
- b) How many are the students of Provincial Schools among them?
- c) How many are the number of students who passed in or failed in GCE (O/L) Examination in year 2017 in Negombo Education Zone?
- d) How many are the failed number of students in year 2017 in relation to year 2016?
- e) How many are the students who have failed in the mathematics subject in GCE (O/L) Examination of year 2017 in Negombo Education Zone?
- f) How many are the number of students who failed in mathematics in year 2017 in relation to year 2016?

02. Question asked by Hon. Member M.S.M. Fairouz on 03.07.2018 from the Hon. Minister of Education, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs and Information Technology. (Q/VI(1)/18/32)

- a) Does a distribution of dates by your ministry's mediation to Muslim mosques take place during the Ramazan fasting season?
- b) When did that project commence?
- c) How much is the money allocated annually to distribute dates and the amount of dates distributed separately?
- d) What are the mosques to which dates were provided in each year and how much is the amount of dates distributed to them separately?
- e) What is the methodology to select mosques when distributing dates?
- f) What is the procedure for purchasing dates for the said project and what are the institutions from which dates were purchased in each year?
- g) What is the post inquiry confirmation whether the relevant dates were received by the relevant mosques?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Upali Kodikara from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/35)

- a) How many vacancies are there in the post of Regional Manager MM 1-1 in the Transport Authority? In which places are they?
- b) For how long do the said vacancies exist?
- c) What has happened to those vacancies currently?
- d) How many vacancies are there in the post of Regional Manager MM 1-1 (acting) in the Transport Authority??
- e) How are appointments made to that post?
- f) Are you aware of the fact that these appointments have been suspended by Hon. Governor?
- g) Do you know that Hon. Governor has given instructions to conduct a new interview and award appointments? Why are not those instructions implemented?
- h) As the interview conducted earlier was illegal, how was only one person, i.e., Mr. Chanaka , the manager of Homagama given the said post?
- i) Why those appointments are not suspended based on Hon. Governor's order?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi from the Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Engineering Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity and Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/18/36)

- a) Do you know that an investigation about the difference in Stock Balance and physical Stock Balance, also, the difference between balances of Fixed Asset Accounts and value of physically existing assets relating to the period of year 1999 to 2015 has been carried out in Maharagama Urban Council?
- b) (i) Do you know that the said investigative report states that according to conclusion No. 6.1(iii) under No. 06 of the investigative report, the officer who has decided to abandon accounts-keeping in the ledger has taken the said decision with the motive of facilitating a process of forgeries, corruption and irregularities?

(ii) Do you know that the investigative report also states that according to 6.1 (ix) of the report, the Chairman who held the post within the said period has neglected his/her responsibility by not heeding attention to the matter for a long time?
- c) Would accept the fact that according to the traceable documents, an amount of Rupees 40 Million has been lost to people of Maharagama owing to forgeries and irregularities, whereas, according to the value of things received as donations and prizes, the financial value of these irregularities escalates more?
- d) What will be the measures taken with regard to this matter according to the powers of supervision of Local Government Authorities?

05. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Susil Kindelpitiya from the Hon. Minister of Roads, Transport, Cooperative Development and Trade, Housing and Construction, Estate Infrastructure Facilities, Industries and Rural Development. (Q/VI(1)/18/37)

- a) How many employees were recruited to the Road Passenger Transport Authority subsequent to your appointment as the minister in purview of the subject?
- b) For which posts were the said appointments made?
- c) On which basis were the relevant appointments (permanent, temporary, contract, substitute or other) made?
- d) Can you explain the recruitment procedure?
- e) Do you agree that some have not fulfilled qualifications according to the prescribed recruitment procedure? If not, why is that?

VII. Personal Explanations

VIII. Statements on Breach of Privileges

IX. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers/ Replies of Breach of Privileges

X. Council Affairs:

To be presented by the Hon. Minister of Council Affairs:

Motion:

“No impediment whatsoever shall be caused by provisions of Rules of Procedure Rule Nos. 39(1), 39(3) and 52(5) for the affairs under the subject of Public Affairs in the Agenda today (17.07.2018).

XI. Public Affairs

01. Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Engineering Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity and Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism Affairs (W.P.)

Motion:

Supplementary Estimate 02 of 2018

“In order to provide allocations for year 2018 for the under-mentioned requirements in the Education Ministry of Western Province , i.e.,;

- To allocate provisions for completion of partially completed school buildings of the province, to carry out compulsory school building constructions including other constructions and allocate provisions for the requirements in the education sector - [Seven Hundred Fifty Million Rupees (Rs. 750,000,000/-)],*

as a Supplementary Estimate needs to be presented on behalf of year 2018, the Supplementary Estimate 02 of 2018, prepared for a total sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Million Rupees (Rs. 750,000,000/-) and prepared with the expectation of setting off the said amount from part of the money invested under Treasury Repos, should be adopted.”

02. Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Engineering Services, Law and Order, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Economic Promotion, Electricity and Energy, Environmental Affairs, Water Supplies and Drainage and Tourism Affairs (W.P.)

Motion:

Appropriation Statute relating to the Supplementary Estimate 02 of 2018

“The Appropriation Statute No 02 of 2018 which authorizes the payment of money needed for the Supplementary Estimate 02 of year 2018, to a value of Seven Hundred Fifty Million Rupees (Rs. 750,000,000/-) from the Western Provincial Council Fund and the acceptance of money for the said Western Provincial Fund provided by the Sri Lankan Government as grants or any other means, should be adopted”

XII. Private Members’ Affairs

01. Hon. Member Sunil Watagala :

“When human lives including the total environment faced destruction by the collapse of the garbage dumps such as Bloemendhal, Meethotamulla and Karadiyana, the responsible authorities exaggeratedly stated that permanent solutions would be searched for them and action will be taken to prevent such mishaps. They said that Meethotamulla and Bloemendhal garbage dumps will be turned into urban parks. However, the said garbage dumps remain as they were. There is no long term programme. When the Kelani River overflows annually, the people inundated will be consoled temporarily by distributing among them some dry rations or a packet of rice. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council proposes that long term solutions should be presented by the ministries in charge of each such destruction.

(M/VI/(1)/18/04)

02. Hon. Member Upali Kodikara :

“The number of schools for students with special needs which have been established at Zonal Education level in Western Province is around 182 and the number of students with special needs who receive education in such schools is 3713.

Although there is a student-aid system based on the results of Grade 5 Scholarship Examination is there for normal students of Government schools, also Mahapola Scholarship Programme for undergraduates; there is no student-aid system to provide for students with special needs.

Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council is in the opinion that some allowance or aid amount should be provided to students with special needs who are studying in schools for students with special needs in Western Province to encourage such children in their education.” **(M/VI/(1)/18/05)**

XIII. Adjournment of the Council

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