

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

*Debate on Financial Statement of year 2015*

on 01<sup>st</sup> , 02<sup>nd</sup> , 03<sup>rd</sup> and 04<sup>th</sup> of December 2014, at 09.00 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 asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi on 04.11.2014 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, Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/14/46)**

- a) How many Provincial Council schools are there in the Colombo Education Zone?
- b) What is the total number of students in these schools in Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 who are unable to write or read letters?
- c) Would you provide a report by schools and grades in relation to students who are unable to read and write?
- d) If not why is that?

**02. Question taken time as per provisions of Rules of Procedure Rule No. 31 a (1)**

- **Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe at the time of Council adjournment on 04.11.2014 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, Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/14/ADJ/02)**

- a) (i) How much money has been provided by Western Provincial Ministry of Education to schools of Western Province for the colour-washing purposes of the schools?

- (ii) In what quantities has that money been provided to schools?
- (iii) Have you instructed to hold functions in schools by obtaining the participation of Members of Provincial Council to distribute the said money?
- (iv) Are you aware that as a result of those functions, the teaching-learning process of schools gets hindered?
- (v) Are you aware that in these days seminars for discussing the papers sent by the Examination Department are being discussed in schools on behalf of students facing the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination?
- (vi) Do you accept the fact that the aforesaid functions cause obstructions to these seminars?
- (vii) Do you accept the fact that the obstructions do occur to the school final term tests due to commence on 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2014 as a result of the aforesaid functions?

**03. Question asked by Hon. Member Mahinda Jayasinghe on 18.11.2014 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, Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/14/54)**

- a) Are you aware that objections have arisen within school itself in relation to the Principal of Maharagama Vidyakara Balika Vidyalaya who was appointed to the said post recently?
- b) To which category does this school belong under the school categorization?
- c) When formal appointments are made to the vacant Principal Post in a school belonging to this category, a person in which services, in which grades can apply for that?
- d) What are the circulars that have made provisions for such appointment?
- e) Is there a formal procedure to be followed when selecting and appointing a person to a vacant Principal Post of a school?
- f) If so, what is that?
- g) Was this procedure followed in relation to Vidyakara Balika Vidyalaya of Maharagama?
- h) If so, would you present to this Council all the documents relevant to it, interview marking sheet and reports relevant to it?

**04. Question asked by Hon. Member Anuruddha Lekamge on 18.11.2014 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, Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/14/55)**

- a) How many international schools are located within the Western Province?
- b) Have all those schools obtained registration under Western Provincial Council?
- c) Have those schools been subjected to certain categorization as the Government schools are?

- d) Are those schools subjected to the education based rules and regulations of Western Provincial Council or Ministry of Education?
- e) Is there an inspection conducted by the Western Provincial Council with regard to qualifications of the Principal including the teaching staff of those schools?
- f) Is it the Provincial Council or the Ministry of Education that provides the approval required to commence teacher training schools?
- g) Which institution awards the teaching-certificate to teachers who obtained the training?
- h) Does the Provincial Council conduct an inspection with regard to fees charged by the said schools periodically and while enrolling students?
- i) Do rules like 'number of students per class' apply to those schools?
- j) Has an inspection team been appointed by the Provincial Council to inspect about the infrastructure facilities provided by the said schools for the children studying in those schools?

**05. Question asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal from on 18.11.2014 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, Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/14/56)**

- a) (i) How many students at zonal level studied in schools of Western Province in year 2013?
- (ii) How many left school (due to different reasons) from the student population of that year?
- (iii) Was certain study-based or inquiry-based measures taken to find out the reasons that compelled the children to leave schools in that way?
- (iv) If so, in the said study, have the reasons that compelled children to leave schools being identified? What are they?
- (v) What programme has been put into operation to provide solutions to the aforesaid reasons and to minimize school-drop-out rate, and, what is the progress of the said programme?
- b) (i) Have divisions or zones been identified as plentiful in terms of school-drop-out?
- (ii) In addition to the common reasons affecting the said situation, have other special situations been identified?
- (iii) If so, would you mention as to what those situations are?
- (iv) If not, why is that?

**06. Question asked by Hon. Member Mujibur Rahuman on 18.11.2014 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, Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/14/57)**

- a) Under the Department of Provincial Registrar of Companies of the Western Province, have institutions been registered as tuition classes, private schools and international schools ?
- b) If so, how many?
- c) What are the names and addresses of those institutions?
- d) Can the institutions that have been registered as educational assisting institutions function as normal schools while presenting children for national examinations and teaching the national curriculum ?
- e) Do you know that these institutions function as private schools?
- f) Do you know that under the Act No. 08 of 1961 and Assisted Schools and Training Colleges (Special Provisions Amendment) Act, No. 05 of 1960, private schools cannot be initiated?
- g) If so, what action would be taken with regard to the institutions maintained thus?
- h) Do you accept the fact that based on the lack of a formal system for enrollment of children of Western Province and irregularities existing among schools, the helpless children become prey to such institutions?

**07. Question asked by Hon. Leader of the Opposition- Manju Sri Arangala on 18.11.2014 from the Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Probation and Child Care Services and Council Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/14/58)**

- a) (i) Are you aware that an X-Ray machine has been purchased for the use of Ayurvedic Hospital of Meegoda?  
(ii) How much was spent on its behalf?  
(iii) When was it purchased?  
(iv) Has this machine been taken for use presently?  
(v) If not taken for use, why is that?
- b) (i) Was approval from the Atomic Energy Authority was obtained for this?  
(ii) Were radiologists recruited to operate the machine?  
(iii) If radiologists have not been recruited, what action would be taken with regard to that?
- c) (i) Are you aware that the room constructed to place the X-Ray machine had to be changed, as a result of it not being sufficient enough for that?  
(ii) Due to which reason did that happen?
- d) Would you mention the warranty period and the expiry date of which were agreed upon when this machine was purchased?

**08. Question to be asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal from the Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Women's Affairs, Food Supplies and Distribution, Cooperative Development, Domestic Economic Promotion, Fisheries, Rural Development, Tourism, Investment Promotion Coordination and Animal Production and Development. (Q/VI(1)/14/59)**

- a) Was applications called for 06 categories of posts in relation to this year by administrative circular No. 03 for vacancies in Road Passenger Transport Authority?
- b) Could you present before this Council as to the internal applicants applied for each such post including their names and marks obtained by them at the interview separately?
- c) If not why is that?
- d) Are you aware that critical malpractices, injustices and forgeries have taken place at the relevant interview procedure?
- e) If you are aware of such what are they and for whom was such?
- f) What are the steps and actions taken by you as the subject minister to rectify these critical malpractices?

**09. 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, Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/14/60)**

- a)
  - (i) Do you accept the fact that the school-final term test of the Western Province was conducted by the Western Provincial Department of Education?
  - (ii) Do you accept that the examination for Grades 10 and 11 concluded on 18.11.2014 while the examination for Grades 06 to 09 started by the date of 19.11.2014?
  - (iii) Would you explain to this Council as to the method of providing Grades 10 and 11 question papers to schools?
  - (iv) How does the method of providing question papers for Grades 6 to 9 change from the above mentioned method?
  - (v) If so, why is that?
- b)
  - (i) Did you hold an inquiry about leaking out of papers at the examination held for Grades 10 and 11?
  - (ii) If so, according to the results of that investigation, would you mention to this Council as to who was at fault for that leakage?
  - (iii) Would you explain as to the punishment given for that fault?

**10. 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, Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/14/61)**

- a) What was the action taken against the principal for the fault utilization of money related to construction of a deficient drainage system while presenting false bills to a value of Rupees 3.8 Million for the money taken from School Development Society of Kotte Ananda Balika Vidyalaya?
- b) Are you aware that the cheque issued by the name of old student of Kotmale Milk Products Ltd, on February of 2014 bearing the cheque No. 976407 of Seylan Bank to a value of Rs. 100,000 (One Hundred Thousand) was fraudulently cashed and taken possession of by the principal? What action was taken against it?
- c) Are you aware about the fact that the financial aid received in relation to the musical show held in the school premises in year 2013 was not reported properly through a report?
- d) Are you aware that the hall charges of Rs. 800,000/- (Eight Hundred Thousand), received from the sponsors for the “Anada Ranga Sobha” concert held in year 2011 and the money provided by the sponsors to the inner and outer pages of the souvenir printed for the same concert in year 2012 were not accounted properly?
- e) When the Old Students Association and School Development Society complained with regard to this matter, why wasn't an inquiry held?

**11. Question to be asked by Hon. Member K.D. Aruna Deepal 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, Information and Trade Affairs. (Q/VI(1)/14/62)**

- a) How many pawning centers are maintained within the Western Provincial Council?
- b) Would you take action to state them separately by names, districts and Divisional Secretariat level?
- c) Do you accept the fact that there are pawning centers that are conducted without licenses ?
- d) What are the pawning centers that are maintained at each Divisional Secretariat level, without licenses?
- e) What action has been taken with regard to those institutions?
- f) What actions have been taken by you and institutions functioning under you with regard to the said institutions?
- g) What is the revenue earned in this year through annual licenses of pawning centers?
- h) What is the expected revenue under revenue receivables for the annual budget document of year 2015?
- i) What is the proposed programme to collect that amount of money?

**12. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Lakshman Nipuna Arachchi 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 and Trade Affairs.**

**(Q/VI(1)/14/63)**

- a) What is the number of provincial council schools located in the Education Zones of Minuwangoda, Negombo, Kelaniya, Horana, Kalutara and Mathugama, separately, by zonal level?
- b) What is the number of students in Grades 2,3,4, and 5 who are unable to read and write letters in schools of those zones, separately, by zonal level ?
- c) Would you provide a report by each zonal level and according to schools and grades in relation to students who are unable to read and write?
- d) If not why is that?

**VI. Motions for Leave of Absence**

**VII. Council Meetings**

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

**Motion:**

**“Subsequent to the conclusion of affairs after dispersal of this Council on 04<sup>th</sup> December 2014, it shall assemble again on 06<sup>th</sup> of January 2015 at 9.30 a.m.”**

**VIII. Council Affairs**

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

**Motion:**

**“As per agreement reached at the Business Advisory Committee meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2014, no impediment shall arise from Rule No. 50(5) and 50 (11) for Council proceedings of 04<sup>th</sup> December 2014.”**

## **IX. Public Affairs**

**To be presented by Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services, Information and Trade Affairs:**

**“The Financial Statement prepared for year 2015 shall be adopted”**

The copies of the relevant documents have been distributed to Hon. Members at the Council Meeting held on 18.11.2014

**On December 01<sup>st</sup> 2014, at 9.00 a.m.**

**i. Common Discussion :**

(From 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.)

(From 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.)

**ii. Adjournment of the Council**

**On December 02<sup>nd</sup> 2014, at 9.00 a.m.**

**i. The debate on following Expenditure Heads (From 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.)**

Head No 100	-	The Governor
Head No 101	-	The Provincial Council of the Western Province
Head No 102	-	Provincial Public Service Commission

**ii. The debate on Expenditure Heads related to the Chief Ministry and Ministry of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services, Information and Trade Affairs :**

Head Nos. 104, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115

(From 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.)

(From 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. )

**iii. Adjournment of the Council**



## **On December 03<sup>rd</sup> 2014, at 9.00 a.m.**

- i. The debate on Expenditure Heads related to the Ministry of Electricity and Power, Provincial Roads, Housing and Construction, Water Supply and Drainage, Social Welfare, Urban and Estate Infrastructure Facilities**

Head Nos. 107, 122, 123

(From 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon )

- ii. The debate on Expenditure Heads related to the Ministry of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Women's Affairs, Food Supplies and Distribution, Cooperative Development, Domestic Economic Promotion, Fisheries, Rural Development, Tourism, Investment Promotion Coordination and Animal Production and Development :**

Head Nos. 108, 124, 125, 126, 103

(From 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.)

(From 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. )

- iii. The debate on Expenditure Heads related to the Ministry of Agriculture, Agrarian Development, Minor Irrigation, Industry, Environmental Affairs, Cultural and Arts Affairs:**

Head Nos. 106, 119, 120,121

(From 4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.)

- iv. Adjournment of the Council**

## **On December 04<sup>th</sup> 2014, at 9.00 a.m.**

- i. The debate on Expenditure Heads related to the Ministry of Agriculture, Agrarian Development, Minor Irrigation, Industry, Environmental Affairs, Cultural and Arts Affairs:**

Head Nos. 106, 119, 120,121

(From 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.)

- ii. The debate on Expenditure Heads related to the Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Probation and Child Care Services and Council Affairs :**

Headings 105, 116, 117, 118

(From 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.)

(From 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. )

**iii. Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Engineering Services, Information and Trade Affairs :**

*“The Appropriation Statute relevant to the Financial Statement for year 2015 shall be adopted”*

(The copies of the relevant documents have been distributed to Hon. Members at the Council Meeting held on 18.11.2014)

(From 3.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. )

**iv. Adjournment of the Council**

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