

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

On 26th November 2013, 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 asked on 05.11.2013 by Hon. Member Sirikamal Felician de Silva from the Hon. Minister of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare and Women's Affairs, Probation and Child Care Services and Council Affairs. (Q/v(01)/13/15)

- a) Are you aware that the maternity home of the Pamunugama Hospital is not functioning very well?
- b) Do you know that the laboratory of that hospital remains inactive?
- c) Do you know that the out-patients section of the said hospital is not functioning properly?
- d) Do you know that the hospital administration and patients are faced with inconveniences as a result of the disunion existing within the staff of that hospital?
- e) What is the action taken by you about this situation?

02. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Niroshan Padukka from the Hon. Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Cooperative Development, Food Supplies and Distribution Affairs and Rural Development. (Q/v(01)/13/16)

- a) Were meters for three-wheelers provided under the provisions of your ministry?
- b) What is that meter type and product name?

- c) What is the price of one meter?
- d) How many meters were distributed?
- e) How much money was spent for those meters?
- f) What is the difference between the three-wheeler meters provided by the Industrial Development Authority of the Ministry of Agriculture and the meters provided by your ministry?
- g) On what basis is the photograph of the Chairman of Maharagama Urban Council has been included into the sticker displayed on three-wheelers, which have meters provided by your ministry fixed in to them?

03. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Niroshan Padukka from the Hon. Minister of Transport, Sports and Youth Affairs, Cultural and Arts Affairs, Cooperative Development, Food Supplies and Distribution Affairs and Rural Development. (Q/v(01)/13/17)

- a) What is the number of foreign tours participated by you during the last five years under your ministry and institutions related to it?
- b) What are the countries travelled to?
- c) For which reasons?
- d) How much is the expenditure borne by your ministry and related institutions separately within the period of 05 years for foreign tours?
- e) What are the dates and durations of those foreign tours?
- f) Who are the officers participated in these foreign tours alongwith you respectively?
- g) On what basis were they selected?
- h) What is the annual amount spent for those tours separately?
- i) In addition to this, within this time period, did you participate in foreign tours under provisions of other ministries?
- j) If so, would you mention those dates and countries?

04. Question to be asked by Hon. Member Niroshan Padukka from the Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Energy and Trade Affairs. (Q/v(01)/13/18)

- a) Is there an audit report in relation to frauds and corruption happened at the time of Mr. S.K. Karunaratne, Principal of St. John Bosco College of Hanwella- Homagama?

- b) Why wasn't action taken during his time to charge a sum of Rs. 99640/- due from the canteen? What action should be taken regarding that matter?
- c) What was the action taken with regard to issuance of cheques in the names of the staff without making payments via cheques to relevant institutions on behalf of bills valued Rs. 815,000/-, spent for constructing the roofs of 5 toilets?
- d) What was the action taken with regard to obtaining of money valued Rs. 830,000/- to Principal's name, Rs. 10,000/- to the Teacher named Charmini Maanawadu, Rs. 3510/- to the name of School Labourer- Ayesh Lakmal, Rs. 31,500/- to the Library Assistant- Sudesh Gunawardhana without preparing vouchers on behalf of expenditure estimates valued Rs. 1,073,200/-?
- e) How does the said staff serve in that school?
- f) What was the action taken by you in relation to the bribery and corruption allegation complaints forwarded against the Divisional Director –Ariyaratne and Principal?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

VII. Announcements of the Ministries / Statements of the Ministers

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Council Meetings

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

Motion:

“According to the Council agreement reached at the Provincial Council meeting held on 05.11.2012; December 03rd, 04th, 05th and 06th of 2013 shall be considered as days allocated for the “Debate on the Financial Statement for year 2014 and matters related to therein”, whereas, proceedings shall be taken considering whatsoever impediment shall not arise on these days from time periods stated in Rule No. 50(5)”

X. Council Affairs :

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

Motion:

“According to the Council agreement reached at the Provincial Council meeting held on 05.11.2012; before proceeding to affairs of the Public Affairs stated as subject No. XI of the Agenda of this day, the affairs of the subject of Private Members Affairs stated as subject No XII shall be concluded.”

XI. Public Affairs

- (1) **Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Power and Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):**

Rules formulated under Section 32(1) of Business Names Statute on Trade, Corporations and Non-incorporated Trade Institutions of the Western Province No. 05 of 2011

“Rules; having formulated by the Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Power and Energy and Trade Affairs of Western Province under Section 32 (1) read with Section 31 of the Business Names Statute on Trade, Corporations and Non-incorporated Trade Institutions of the Western Province No. 05 of 2011 and published in the Gazette paper of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 1829/32 by the date of 25.09.2013 pertaining to;

- (i) enforcement of fees to be charged on behalf of issuing a certificate or statement to register a business name
- (ii) introducing formats used to issue a certificate or statement of business name and
- (iii) ordering documents to be obtained in instances of registration, alternation or cancellation of a business name ;

are hereby presented to this Western Province Provincial Council for adoption as per provisions of the Section 32(3) of the aforementioned statute.”

- (2) **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, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Power and Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):**

“ The Financial Statement for year 2014 shall be adopted “

(Presentation of the Financial Statement to the Council)

- (3) **To be presented Hon. Chief Minister and Minister of Finance and Planning, Law and Order, Land, Education, Local Government and Provincial**

Administration, Manpower and Employment, Economic Promotion and Electricity, Power and Energy and Trade Affairs (W.P.):

“The Appropriation Statute relevant to the Financial Statement for year 2014 shall be adopted”

(Presentation of the Appropriation Statute to the Council)

XII. Private Members’ Affairs

1. Hon. Member Neluk Darshana Mallawa:

“When recruiting staff to the public service, the person who holds the bottom-most position in that staff is the labourer. When that labourer enters to the said position, earlier, though there had been a minimum education qualification, it was sufficient to enter into the public service. But now, as the Government had decided, when obtaining labourer posts, 06 passes in the G.C.E.(O/L) Examination (with mathematics) including 2 credit passes should be in possession. This is a decision that directly affects around 50% of G.C.E. (O/L) candidates of the country, because, the number of students who fail mathematics subject at the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination is around 50%. One matter depicted by this is that no opportunity will be available for around 50% of the student population at least to obtain a lower level job in the public service. The social conflict that will be created within this situation will pave way for great destruction in future. Therefore, it is hereby proposed to this honourable council to take action to consider sitting for G.C.E. (O/L) Examination as adequate qualification when appointments are made to the labourer grade in the Western Provincial Public Service.”

(M/v(01)13/10)

Connected to the affairs of the
Council meetings held on 22.10.2013
and 05.11.2013

XIII. Adjournment of the Council

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