

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

On 05th 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 to be asked 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?

VI. Motions for leave of absence

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

VIII. Personal Explanations

IX. Council Meetings – I

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

Motion:

“According to the agreement reached at the Business Advisory Committee meeting of 22.10.2013, subsequent to the dispersal of this Council today it shall assemble again on 26th of November 2013 at 9.30 a.m. while 19th November 2013 [Tuesday] shall be considered as a date on which the Council meeting will not be held.”

Council Meetings - II

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

Motion:

“Whatever agreement reached earlier with regard to the days allocated for the *debate on Financial Statement of year 2014 and matters related to it*, without considering such, and having taken into consideration about the agreement reached at the Business Advisory Committee held on 22.10.2013, proceedings shall be taken considering 03rd, 04th, 05th and 06th of December 2013 as days allocated for the ‘*debate on Financial Statement of Year 2014 and matters related thereto*’”.

X. Council Affairs – I

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

Motion:

“Whatever decision reached earlier, without considering any such, ‘*presentation of the Financial Statement for year 2014 to the Provincial Council*’ shall take place on 26.11.2013.”

Council Affairs – II

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

Motion:

“Today the order of the affairs under ‘item No. – XI – Private Members Affairs’ of the Agenda shall be considered as 03, 01 and 02 respectively, and the proceedings of the Council shall be in accordance with it.”

XI. Private Members’ Affairs

1. Hon. Member Sirikamal Felician de Silva :

“Stating that to minimize the annual loss incurred to the Sri Lanka Electricity Board, the electricity bill was increased from last April to recover the said loss by charging from the public. ‘Due to scarcity of rain-reception and resultant drying up of reservoirs, 18% of the country’s electricity demand had to be met up with hydro electricity whereas purchasing electricity at high price from private hydro-power generators as well as electricity production by other methods too was needed’; it was stated. Owing to the heavy rains experienced within the last few months, the reservoirs have brimmed up and 85% of electricity is produced by hydropower plants. Therefore, this Western Province Provincial Council proposes to the Government to immediately bring down the increased electricity bill and provide relief to the public. ”

(M/v(01)13/05)

2. Hon. Member Ashoka Lankathilaka :

“We, the Sri Lankans, who were unable even to think about the future having being tormented by a cruel war, can be happy about the development processes that have been implemented in this country today. In that sense, we feel that our future generation is fortunate than us and we too can be happy about those development processes.

Likewise, the Colombo-South Harbour scheme, which was handed over to public recently, is a process that added wonder to the whole Asian region. As a result of that project, even the geographical shape of our country’s map has changed. Moreover, it has enabled us to obtain service from any huge vessel produced in the world as well as to provide service to any country of the world through our harbour. Though people with different intentions howsoever criticize, people who love the country should appreciate these specific processes. This Western Province Provincial Council, therefore, expresses its thanks and blessings to His Excellency the President, Hon. Minister Rohitha Abeygunawardhana, Chairman of the Ports Authority, all the officers, employees and trade unions who contributed to this task; for handing over to the nation such a port having constructed it on behalf of the progress of common Sri Lankan people who were committed to save the country, as well as to all the people who have seen and appreciated this project.”

(M/v(01)13/06)

3. 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 meeting held on 22.10.2013

XII. Adjournment of the Council

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