

MODEL UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMME – GRADE 12 STUDENTS – IMPLEMENTATION

(No. B/242) Dr. M. Gungapersad (Second Member for Grand' Baie & Poudre d'Or) asked the Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology whether, in regard to the Model United Nations programme for Grade 12 students, she will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof.

The Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun): Mr Speaker, Sir, in my reply to PQ B/1612 at the Sitting of 28 November 2023, I informed the House that Model United Nations would be reinstated by the Ministry in 2024. Owing to the several days of school closure during the first term of 2024, the organisation of the MUN has been delayed. The competition has accordingly been slated to be held during the second term holidays. The preliminaries will be carried out during this term and the final event is scheduled for the winter holidays.

Dr. Gungapersad: Hon. Minister, normally in the same reply that you gave here on 28 November 2023, you recognised that the preliminaries normally have to take place at a zonal level during the first term so that the best delegates and best delegations of the zonal MUN are identified so that then during the second term, the MUN at national level takes place. Now that the first term has elapsed, how will this take place?

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: Mr Speaker, Sir, the hon. Member has rightly put it. The competition has to start at zonal level and we intend to do it during this term. I have just stated that there has been a delay because of the school closures, but we intend to do it during this term. As I have stated earlier, the final, the event will take place during the winter holidays, that is, in July.

Dr. Gungapersad: Hon. Minister, the person who was responsible for organising the MUN at the level of the Ministry has now got a promotion. Has someone else been identified to take charge of MUN at the level of the Ministry?

Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun: Mr Speaker, Sir, my PS responsible for school management will surely do the needful. Even if someone has been promoted, someone else will take up the assignment.