



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

CANDOS GOVERNMENT SCHOOL – ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

(No. B/36) Ms S. Anquetil (Second Member for Belle Rose & Quatre Bornes) asked the Minister of Land Transport whether, in regard to road safety around Candos Government School, he will state if consideration will be given for the installation of a pedestrian crossing, appropriate signage, traffic lights, speed bumps and cameras thereat.

Mr Osman Mahomed: Madam Speaker, I am informed by the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit of my Ministry that it has thoroughly effected a road safety inspection around Candos Government School and the following measures have been recommended –

- (i) The setting up of a pedestrian crossing to ensure safe crossing of school children, fixing of warning signs to indicate presence of school, fixing of 40 km/h speed limit signs and painting of ‘SLOW’ road markings on approaches to the school gates and fixing of handrails over a length of about 50 metres to properly segregate pedestrian traffic from vehicular traffic along Tolerance Avenue fronting Candos Government School;
- (ii) The fixing of warning signs to indicate presence of school along Robert Edward Hart Avenue, and
- (iii) The reinstatement of all traffic signs associated with existing humps, fixing of warning signs to indicate presence of school and fixing of 40 km speed limit along Seechurn Avenue.

Madam Speaker, the TMRSU is currently working on the cost estimate in respect of the recommended measures that I have listed above.

At this moment in time, like I said earlier, no contract for civil works can however be awarded under the framework agreement because the same has expired and new tenders will have to be launched. This might take some time, funds are also being identified in the meantime because, like I said earlier, again, all funds have been used up before my arrival at the Ministry – I am told. Once funds secured, procurement exercise and onward awards of contract for implementing the measures that I have listed will take place. Thank you.

Madam Speaker: Yes.

Ms Anquetil: Je vous remercie, Madame la présidente, une seule supplémentaire. Est-ce que le ministre pourrait nous donner une indication par rapport à une date. Nous parlons de la sécurité des enfants qui à chaque sortie de classe, ils courent. On s'attend au pire. Est-ce qu'on peut avoir une indication sur un timeframe allons dire. Merci.

Mr Osman Mahomed: Yes, like I said, a framework agreement is a tender that covers the whole island of Mauritius for works to be implemented by TMRSU and it is awarded by the Central Procurement Board. So, there is a procedure to be followed but also, funds are being identified. I can safely say that within the next 3 to 4 months we should be able to see daylight on this.

Ms Anquetil: Permettez-moi une question. Une petite parce que je n'ai pas eu la réponse complète.

Madam Speaker: La réponse était claire pourtant. Allez-y.

Ms Anquetil: Je vous remercie, Madame la présidente. On parle de la vie des enfants en bas âge, des mineurs. Je voudrais savoir, Monsieur le ministre, en attendant, je comprends qu'il y a des procédures, oui, tout à fait, je respecte les procédures, ok. En attendant ces enfants traversent la rue d'une façon vraiment brutale parce qu'ils ne comprennent pas, ils ne savent pas, il n'y a pas de policiers, il n'y a pas de passage piéton, il n'y a rien. Alors, on voudrait savoir est-ce qu'en attendant vous auriez pu mettre des mesures en place pour pouvoir justement sécuriser ces enfants ? Merci.

Madam Speaker: Il faut mettre les lollipop men, you know, ceux qui se mettent debout au milieu de la rue tout ça.

Mr Osman Mahomed: I can certainly look into it to ensure that road safety measures are being implemented. I will do it.