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MATTERS RAISED ZEP SCHOOLS - DAILY LUNCH (13.05.2020)

Mr Osman Mahomed (First Member for Port Louis South & Port Louis Central):

Thank you, Mr Speaker, Sir. My request is addressed to the hon. Minister of Education, tonight and it has to do with ZEP school pupils. I had sent a Parliamentary Question on this but I have not seen the reply yet and time is of the essence because many of the pupils of the ZEP school come from very low income families and those pupils depend on the daily lunch that is normally supplied to them. I know some of the pupils very well like in Tranquebar, Guy Rozemont and Surtee Sunee and even in Roche Bois. I was discussing with hon. Shakeel Mohamed earlier, whether the sum allocated for this daily meal could be provided to the parents on a weekly basis because this will go a long way in helping these families having a decent meal for their children. The more so, they are required to study at home and the request is for the whole island of Mauritius.

Thank you.

The Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun): M. le président, dans le budget, nous avons une provision pour offrir aux enfants un repas à l'école et cela se fait par le moyen d'un contrat alloué à certains *suppliers*. On n'a pas de budget pour offrir de l'argent à des particuliers, ça ne peut pas se faire et bien sûr je comprends la situation mais ça ne peut pas se faire parce que le projet a été conçu différemment.

Merci.

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MATTERS RAISED ZEP SCHOOLS - FOOD SUPPLY (13.05.2020)

Mr S. Mohamed (First Member for Port Louis Maritime & Port Louis East): Just on this very same issue, I do not want to repeat myself, concerning the ZEP schools where the parents really count on the food that the children get in school, whether the hon. Minister, as a solution, could consult with the hon. Minister of Finance, whom I am sure, would be very helpful and try to reallocate the funds in an emergency. I don't know what the process is, but the expert would, the Prime Minister has been Minister of Finance, try to look at it because the children really need the food.

Mr Speaker: It is not a question.

Mr Mohamed: Just a request.

The Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology (Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun): M. le président, je viens de le dire, après le confinement, le projet sera rétabli et les enfants dans les écoles ZEP recevront leur repas après le confinement, à la rentrée des classes.