

B/883 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a Jardin des porcs, in Richelieu, he will state if he has held prior consultations with the inhabitants of the region?

REPLY

Mr Speaker, Sir,

I have to inform the House that I chaired a meeting yesterday with the Force Vives de Richelieu, arranged by my colleague Hon Minister James Burty David.

Discussions and negotiations are still ongoing between Gamma and my Ministry on the modalities for the relocation of the breeders. I also had thorough discussions with Dr The Hon James Burty David, Minister of Local Government. As to date, we have not finalised or signed any Agreement.

Mr. Speaker Sir, the House may rest assured that, once the negotiations are finalized, all stakeholders including the inhabitants of Richelieu will be formally consulted and their apprehensions taken into consideration and addressed in a forceful manner. I have to point out that the Chairperson of the Pig Sector Restructuring Committee (PSRC) also had a meeting with the President of the Forces Vives of Richelieu on Thursday 10 July 2008.

Mr Speaker Sir, I will update the MPs of the constituency as well as the House, as and when events pertaining to this project unfold.