

## PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NO B/582

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(27.05.08)

The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River  
**(Mrs Hanoomanjee)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the ex-workers of the Bel Ombre Sugar Estate who had benefited from the Voluntary Retirement Scheme 1, he will state if the drawing of lots has been carried out, especially for land identified at Beau Champ, and if not, the reasons therefor?**

### REPLY

Mr Speaker Sir,

The Bel Ombre Sugar Estate has offered two sites for land allocation to the 214 workers who had retired under VRS I as follows:

- (i) La Gaulette – 82 beneficiaries
- (ii) Beau Champ, Bel Ombre – 132 beneficiaries

2. The drawing of lots for the beneficiaries of land at La Gaulette was effected on 25 January 2008. I would like to add that all infrastructure works on this site, i.e. water and electricity supply and road and drainage networks have now been completed. The Sugar Estate is awaiting the issue of the Morcellement Permit to prepare the title deeds.

3. With regard to the site at Beau Champ, infrastructure works have started in January 2008 and are expected to be completed by the end of next month. I am advised that the workers have expressed the wish that the drawing of lots be carried out after the completion of the

infrastructure works. This exercise will, therefore, hopefully be done in July/August next.