B/803 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (08.07.08) (Mr. Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the African Swine Fever, he will state if the disease has been eradicated and, if not, indicate (a) the infected areas and (b) the number of reported cases thereof?

REPLY

Mr Speaker Sir,

I have to inform the house that the African Swine Fever has not been eradicated. However, all possible efforts are being made to mitigate any risk to a minimum possible level.

(a) With regards to part (a) of the question, the infected areas are:-

(i) St Martin; (ii) Bassin requin ; (iii) Roche Bois and its vicinity ; (iv) Belle Vue Phare ; (v) Henrietta ; (vi) Camp Carol ; (vii) Le Bouchon; (viii) Petit Verger; (ix) St Julien; (x) Trou D'Eau Douce; (xi) 16eme Mille; (xii) Fond du Sac; (xiii) Cap Malheureux; (xiv) Chamarel; (xv) Flic en Flac; (xvi) Bassin Carré, (xvii) Case Noyale, (xviii) Wolmar, (xix) Roche Brunes.

(b) As regards part (b), since the last major stamping out in January 2008, we have registered 530 cases of infection out of a present pig population of 7,338 heads.