

7. COMMISSION FOR TOURISM, EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND FIRE SERVICES

- 7.0.1 The Commission has under its portfolio five Departments, that is, Tourism Development, Employment Division, Labour and Industrial Relations, Information and Communication Technology and Fire and Rescue Services.
- 7.0.2 It is responsible for the formulation and implementation of policy decisions regarding the areas of responsibility under its purview. The Commission aims to: consolidate the tourism sector as one of the main economic pillars of Rodrigues; position the island as a culturally distinct destination under the concept 'Ile Creole Ecologique'; provide assistance and guidance to jobseekers and facilitate their employment; protect workers' fundamental rights and promote good industrial relations practices; and promote as well as boost the development of the Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector.

7.1 Tourism Department

- 7.1.1 The Tourism Department, among others, formulates policies related to tourism and regulates the tourism industry which contributes significantly to the economy of Rodrigues. Its activities are carried out through three units viz. Policy and Planning; Tourism Enterprise Licensing and Rodrigues Tourism Office.
- 7.1.2 The Head, Tourism leads the Department and is supported in the discharge of his duties by officers in the grades of Tourism Promotion Officer, Tourism Planner and Leisure Officer from the Policy and Planning Unit; Tourism Enforcement Officer from the Tourism Enterprise Licensing Unit; and Tourism Information Officer from the Rodrigues Tourism Office.
- 7.1.3 For this review exercise, the Unions and Management have requested for the Tourism Enterprise Licensing Unit to be reinforced with the creation of a level of Senior Tourism Enforcement Officer; restyling of the grades of the Policy and Planning Unit; and the provision of enhanced Conditions of Service to officers of the Department.
- 7.1.4 After examination and on the basis of the justifications submitted, we are providing for a grade of Senior Tourism Enforcement Officer and restyling the grades of Tourism Planner and Tourism Promotion Officer to more suitable appellations.

Senior Tourism Enforcement Officer (New Grade)

- 7.1.5 Request was made for the creation of a grade of Senior Tourism Enforcement Officer due to the continuous increase in the number of visitors in Rodrigues as well as activities related to tourism.