

In line with a report entitled "Restructuring of the Agricultural Marketing Board" produced by the Office of Public Service Governance, Cabinet, on 21st June 2013, approved the following relating to the reform of the Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB).

- (a) The broadening of the scope of operations of the AMB through amendments to the Mauritius Agricultural Marketing Act;
- (b) The diversification of the activities of the Agricultural Marketing Board;
- (c) The opening of new retail outlets island-wide;
- (d) The rightsizing of the human resources of the AMB;
- (e) The construction of additional storage facilities for renting to the private sector; and
- (f) The reviewing of the list of products controlled under the First and Second Schedules of the Mauritius Agricultural Marketing Act.

A number of these reforms have already been or are on the verge of being implemented. The opening retail outlets throughout the country is an ongoing process. The AMB is already present in some 11 towns and villages around Mauritius and this number is expected to continue growing.

The AMB is also renovating its facilities at Cluny so as to make the facility operation for future cold storage activities. Management is also looking at other options for investment in this area so as to expand its rental storage capacity.

A review of the list of controlled products under the aegis of the AMB has already taken place, encompassing the removal of some 20 commodities from the list.

The AMB has also started to diversify its activities and an amendment to the Mauritius Agricultural Marketing Act 1963 will further enable the organisation to enlarge its activity base.

Finally, the process of right-sizing the human resources of the AMB is currently under way should be implemented in 2014.