

## Communique

“One of the major constraints faced by the Commission was the lack of records at the level of the MFSGG&IR (Ministry Of Finance) relating to the sale of Britam Shares and also at the level of the SA, BDO and all those involved at the material time. Yet, there had been meetings upon meetings relating to the transaction at that Ministry. A couple of witnesses spoke of the singular way in which the Ministry’s affairs were being conducted at the time, with minimum input from public officers and maximum reliance on political advisers. Witnesses confirmed that all exchange of correspondence took place by way of emails. Public affairs unlike private affairs are matters of public record. When the Commission called for the file, it contained next to nothing regarding the sale. It boggles the mind how could that be. “

### EXTRACT OF THE BRITAM REPORT

Transparency Mauritius reminds all Public Officers that they are the backbone of sound public administration and it is imperative that notes of meetings be taken and kept on record to ensure good governance, transparency and accountability.

Notes of meetings and documents pertaining to them are essential to combat fraud and corruption.

It is also high time that the role of Advisors to Ministers be clearly demarcated and they take a solemn oath to adhere to the integrity and ethics of the Civil Service.

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