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REVIEW OF THE ROLE & FUNCTIONS OF THE MAURITIUS SOCIETY FOR ANIMAL WELFARE (MSAW)

As announced in the 2017-2018 Budget Speech, the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security is currently in the process of carrying out a review of the role, functions and overall responsibilities of the MSAW to enable it offer better and more proactive and customer-focused services. The scope of the review will comprise inter alia:

(i) Revamping and reinforcing the MSAW to boost its operational efficiency and giving it means, resources and techniques to promote and enhance animal welfare throughout the island of Mauritius including Rodrigues and Agalega;

(ii) Gradually removing the animal control responsibility from the MSAW so that it focuses only on ensuring responsible pet and animal ownership and animal welfare with the collaboration of NGOs and other stakeholders involved in animal welfare promotion;

(iii) The setting up of a new animal control agency which will be responsible for the catching and management of stray animals;

(iv) The creation of dog shelters region wise on a pilot basis to accommodate stray dogs/cats and the management of these shelters with the assistance of NGOs; and reinforcing the existing legal and institutional framework for ensuring responsible pet ownership and welfare by the public and the provision of relevant control measures for pet ownership.

In this context, views and proposals are invited from all stakeholders involved in promotion of Animal Welfare including Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and members of the public at large on possible ways and means to revamp the MSAW and enhance Animal Welfare in Mauritius.
All views and proposals submitted will be treated in confidentiality and taken on board when formulating the new legislative, administrative and operational framework of the MSAW.

All proposals should reach this Ministry at latest Wednesday 16 August 2017 at the following address:

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