

## 5. COMMISSION FOR HEALTH, HOUSING, SOCIAL SECURITY, PRISONS AND REFORM INSTITUTIONS, PROBATION AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION

- 5.0.1 The Commission has under its umbrella the portfolios of Health; Housing; Social Security; Prisons and Reform Institutions, Probation and Social Rehabilitation.
- 5.0.2 Some of the key services provided by the Commission *via* these portfolios include: enhancing the quality of health care services in Rodrigues; promoting public health and protecting the population from Non-Communicable and highly infectious diseases; promoting the welfare and wellbeing of the elderly and disabled persons and alleviating poverty by providing efficient social protection schemes as well as re-engineering and modernising the prison system and rehabilitation centres through rehabilitation and re-integration of the detainees.
- 5.0.3 A Departmental Head is at the apex of the Commission and is responsible for its day-to-day administration. He is assisted in his tasks by a complement of professional, technical and supporting staff.

### 5.1 Health (Administration)

#### MEDICAL GROUP

- 5.1.1 The medical group in Rodrigues comprises officers in the grades of Health Director; Specialist/Senior Specialist; Community Physician, Medical and Health Officer/Senior Medical and Health Officer (MHO/SMHO) and Dental Surgeon/Senior Dental Surgeon. While a few of these officers belong to the Rodriguan establishment, the others are from the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MOHW) and serve on a tour of service.
- 5.1.2 For this review, proposals were received for the creation of the grades of Emergency Physician and Dental Superintendent. Following examination, we are providing for the grade of Emergency Physician. We are also restyling the grade of MHO/SMHO and extending certain benefits to officers of the Medical Group, in line with what obtains for medical professionals of the MOHW.

#### General Practitioner

#### *formerly Medical and Health Officer/Senior Medical and Health Officer*

- 5.1.3 To align with provision made for the comparable level at the MOHW, we are restyling the grade of MHO/SMHO to General Practitioner.

#### Recommendation 1

- 5.1.4 **We recommend that the grade of Medical and Health Officer/Senior Medical and Health Officer be restyled General Practitioner.**