

SEIZURE OF RS. 3.8 MILLION OF HEROIN AT SSR AIRPORT



A Malagasy passenger was intercepted with 259 grams of heroin worth Rs. 3.8 million in her private parts at the SSR International Airport on Monday 26 February 2018. The female passenger arrived on board the MK 289 flight and she was subject to questioning by officers of the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) of the Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) and the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU). The 35-year-old passenger was approximate in her replies to the officers. Her demeanour changed when she was informed by the CANS and ADSU officers that she would be subject to a body search. The 259 grams of powder was found concealed in her private parts and the result of a field test on the powder was positive.

The luggage of the Malagasy passenger was examined and nothing incriminating was found. Upon further questioning, she revealed that the suspected drugs were to be remitted to a person in a hotel. The suspected powder was secured and sealed by the CANS. The passenger and the suspected drugs were handed over to the Airport ADSU for further inquiry.

Members of the public are reminded that they may report suspected drug cases/ illicit activities to the MRA through the MRA Stop Drug Platform (www.mra.mu) or by calling on the Hotline 8958.