

## SEIZURE OF HEROIN WORTH Rs 7,200,000



The Mauritius Revenue Authority (MRA) and the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit (ADSU) seized 480 grams of Heroin worth more than Rs. 7 million on Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at the SSR International Airport. The Zimbabwean passenger aged 40 years old had concealed the suspected drugs inside her bra and in her private parts. She arrived to Mauritius on the SA 192 flight and she was intercepted in the Green Channel by the Customs Anti-Narcotics Section (CANS) on the basis of profiling and suspicious body language.

Her travel documents revealed that her ticket was booked two days before her travel and upon questioning she replied that she is employed as Public Relations Officer in Johannesburg. Her replies to other questions were evasive and her luggage was searched but nothing abnormal was found. Being a passenger with suspicious demeanour, she was also subject to a consented body search by female customs officers. Four cylindrical parcels were secured from her bra and her private parts. A field test was carried out on the powders of the parcels and it reacted positively to the Heroin test. The passenger and her belongings were handed over to the ADSU and the suspected powder was transferred, under police escort, to the ADSU Head Quarters.

Members of the public are encouraged to report suspicious drug/ illicit cases to the MRA by phoning on 8958 or by emailing on [stopdrugs@mra.mu](mailto:stopdrugs@mra.mu).