

C/77/2024

**Malpractices at the Mauritius Meat Authority**

On 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024, this Office received an anonymous complaint from employees of the Mauritius Meat Authority (MMA) alleging that on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Mr. R., an Assistant Permanent Secretary (APS) showed up at the MMA claiming that he had been appointed as Officer in Charge of the MMA. They also averred that the APS convened a meeting whereby he intimidated the staff of the organisation.

In view of the above, the comments of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security were sought which reported as follows:

- i. The General Manager of the MMA resigned in July 2023 following which its Board designated one of the employees of the Authority to act as Officer in Charge. However, the latter stepped down in January 2024.
- ii. The designation of Mr R. as Officer in Charge of the MMA was duly approved by the MMA Board, the Ministry and the Government.
- iii. The allegations made against Mr R. had been thoroughly investigated and were found to be baseless.