

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 15 March 2005

Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister

B/181 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Hurnam)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether an inquiry had been carried out regarding the use of GM vehicles 8511 and 8512 during the month of November 2000 by the then ACP of Rose Hill District Headquarters and, if so, whether any irregularity had been detected on the use of these vehicles on 14 November 2000 and, if so, the subsequent action taken, if any?

B/182 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Hurnam)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, the following information in regard to the new Police Station at Bain des Dames (a) since when the building has been rented (b) the monthly rent payable (c) whether the Police Station has now become operational and, if so, since when and, if not, why not and (d) whether any extra costs have been incurred for keeping watch over the building and, if so, the amount thereof?

B/183 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the Advisers recruited by Government, he will give the expenditure incurred on their remuneration for the month of February 2005?

B/184 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Michel)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will state if the Government of the Republic of Mauritius recognizes the Government now in place in Haiti ?

B/185 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police information as to whether on 27 February 2005 any complaint regarding confiscation of the goods and equipment of hawkers had been registered at Rose Hill Police Station and, if so, the nature of the complaint and the outcome thereof?

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than the
Honourable Prime Minister**

B/186 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Hurnam)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Solid Waste Management:-

Whether he will now state when works for the construction of the Triolet Market Fair will start?

B/187 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Hurnam)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Solid Waste Management:-

Whether he will state the expected date of completion of the construction of the Pamplemousses Market Fair and say when it will become operational?

B/188 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre a list of Hadj operators for Hadj 2005 and consider the advisability of tabling a copy of all the hotel contracts approved by the *Muassassah*?

B/189 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre (ICC), information as to whether the Chairman of the ICC Trust Fund Board proceeded to Saudi Arabia from about 18 November to 02

December 2004 and, if so, the source of funding for the trip and the costs incurred?

B/190 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether he will state if he has met representatives of the Common Front of Arabic and Islamic Associations in connection with, *inter alia*, the staffing of the Arabic Supervisory Unit of his Ministry and, if so (a) how often and when (b) the outcome of the meetings (c) whether further meetings are scheduled (d) whether the Arabic Supervisory Unit of his Ministry is fully manned and (e) whether the post of Supervisor of the Unit is still vacant and if so, since when?

B/191 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he will state if the *Police de l'Environnement* received complaints on 21 January 2005 and thereafter regarding nauseous smell from decomposing chicken remains dumped in large quantities at Inkerman Street, Vallée Pitot *vis-à-vis* the *Kalimaye* and, if so, will he state (a) whether there are any public health implications (b) the remedial action taken, if any and (b) whether the problem still subsists?

B/192 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Women's Council information as to whether vacancies for the post of Assistant Supervisor have been

filled and, if so, whether all criteria laid down for the post have been complied with?

B/193 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-

Whether he will state if vacancies exist in the grade of Pharmacy Stores Managers and, if so, will he say when they will be filled?

B/194 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he will state if he has received a petition from the inhabitants of James Cannonville and Boulanger Streets, Carro Lalo, Vallée des Prêtres for the tarring of roads and the provision of street lighting and, if so, will he say if any action has been initiated?

B/195 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport:-

Whether he will state if it is proposed to construct new bridges at (a) Blackburn Road and (b) the main road leading to Les Mariannes (Congomah) and, if so, when?

B/196 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the CWA the following information in regard to the water supply in Pailles (a) the number of households supplied

and (b) the duration of interruptions, if any, and the reasons therefor?

B/197 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether she will state if a study has been carried out by her Ministry regarding the situation of single women who have children under their care and who are jobless and, if so, the findings thereof?

B/198 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Michel)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, in regard to foreign professional and non-professional workers in Mauritius, he will give (a) the number in each category (b) the respective sectors in which they are employed (c) whether their terms and conditions of service are similar to those of Mauritian nationals and (d) the measures being taken to enable Mauritian nationals to take up these jobs?

B/199 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Michel)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether he will state if he has received a request from the Ministry of Arts and Culture for funds for the Genealogy Project for slaves descendants of Mauritius and, if so, will he state the amount thereof and say where matters stand?

B/200 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Michel)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the Nomination Dossier of Le Morne to the UNESCO, she will consider the advisability of tabling a copy of the advice tendered in 2004 by Mr Saliba, UNESCO Expert?

B/201 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Sakaram)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Senior Citizen Welfare & Reform Institutions:-

Whether he will consider the advisability of setting up a Senior Citizens Home to be run by the State?

B/202 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands and Minister of Fisheries:-

Whether he will state the progress achieved in the setting up of a mooring place at Les Salines for fishermen and pleasure boats of the region?

B/203 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Senior Citizen Welfare & Reform Institutions:-

Whether, in regard to the contributory National Pensions Scheme, he will table a comprehensive document, indicating the pension payable to a pensioner corresponding to his contributions and pension points accumulated?

B/204 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Sakaram)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the CWA a list of boreholes in operation in the region of Plaine Lauzun and indicate if any private company is licensed to operate any one of them?

B/205 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether he will state the total number of students in attendance both in private secondary schools and public schools in 2004 and their respective associated costs?

B/206 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Regional Co-operation:-

Whether he will table a list of all the overseas missions he has undertaken since his assumption of office, indicating the duration of each mission and the amount of *per diem* paid out to him?

B/207 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport:-

Whether he will state if it is proposed to resurface the main road between Gokoola and L'Amitié and, if so, when?

B/208 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

The Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of drains in Constituency No. 4 (Port Louis North and Montagne Longue) he will for the period September 2000 to date, table a list thereof which have been (a) earmarked for construction and (b) constructed?

B/209 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the Mauritius Sugar Authority as to whether at one of its meetings held in July 2004 it was decided to carry out a study on the possibility of the transfer of the ownership of the Mauritius Bulk Sugar Terminal Corporation to the Mauritius Sugar Producers Association and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/210 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sugar Authority information as to whether discussions have been held with the Riche en Eau Sugar Estate with a view to enabling the 150 lessees to acquire the land which they have been occupying for several decades and on which they have been allowed to construct dwellings?

B/211 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

The Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he will state if the District Council of Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle was authorized to dump waste at the side and rear of the Rose Belle Market Fair on Sunday 06 and Monday 07 March 2005 and, if so, will he give the reasons therefor?

B/212 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Dr David)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport:-

Whether, following the recent flooding of several houses in Pailles he will state (a) if any site visit has been made by officers of his Ministry in order to assess the causes of the flooding and the resulting damages and, if so, when (b) whether it has been established that one of the causes of the flooding is the development works at Domaine Les Pailles and the excavation works carried out for the construction of the Conference Centre thereat?

B/213 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Dr David)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-

Whether, following the recent flooding of several houses in Pailles, he will state if arrangements have been made for a medical team from his Ministry to visit the flooded area to make an assessment of the health hazards and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/214 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Dr David)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the CWA information as to whether the water supplied to the region of Pailles during the first week of March 2005 contained impurities and, if so, the remedial measures taken?

B/215 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

The Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he will state if works for the construction of drains at Morcellement Foondun at Le Hochet, Terre Rouge have now been completed and, if so, the costs incurred in connection therewith?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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