

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 22 February 2005

Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister

B/96 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

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

Whether, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the ICAC as to whether complaints have been made by the Soukhee family and the Gooljar family regarding abuses and acts of malpractice by attorneys and, if so, will he state the outcome thereof giving details in each case?

B/97 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

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

Whether, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the Commissioner of Police as to whether any complaint has been made by the Tekan family regarding the prescription of their land and, if so, state (a) the date of the complaint (b) whether there has been any arrest by the Police and (c) the outcome of the inquiry?

B/98 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 state if Government proposes to set up a permanent Drafting Unit in the Attorney General's Office and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/99 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplémousses and Triolet (Mr Hurnam)

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

Whether he will state if the inquiry on the explosion which occurred at Grand' Baie on 25 July 2004 has now been completed and, if so, will he give the outcome thereof?

B/100 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the Commissioner of Police as to whether he had at the end of December 2004 received representations from a group of inhabitants of La Paix Street, Port Louis, regarding "recrudescence of drug trafficking and addiction" in that region and, if so, will he say what action, if any, has been taken and the results thereof?

B/101 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 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 to him?

B/102 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 December 2004?

B/103 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Michel)

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

Whether, with regard to prescription of land, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police the following information (a) the total number of complaints registered for the past 10 years (b) whether there is a special unit dealing with such cases and, if so, the number of officers attached thereto (c) whether there is any delay in the completion of the inquiries and, if so, why and (d) whether Government is considering the advisability of bringing appropriate legislation to prevent abuses and other acts of malpractice?

B/104 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, in regard to applications for Sale by Levy at the request of the NHDC and the MHC Ltd before the Master's Court he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain a list of the cases disposed of in the year 2004, indicating the price at which the houses/apartments were sold in each case?

B/105 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Dr David)

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 on the circumstances surrounding the aggression of one singer, Jean Alain Residu, in December last, indicating whether an inquiry has been initiated and, if so, whether it has been completed?

B/106 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether he will state if there has been an increase in the incidence of suicide in the age group 15-49 years during the last 3 years?

B/107 The Honourable Second Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Dr Jhurry)

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

Whether, in regard to the 2004 Commission of Inquiry on Sale by Levy, he will (a) give a breakdown of the expenses incurred (b) state if any allowance was paid to the witnesses who deposed before the Commission and, if not, why not?

B/108 The Honourable Second Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Dr Jhurry)

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

Whether he will table a list of registered moneylenders together with their respective addresses, and for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of

Police the number of complaints registered against them for each of the last 5 years?

B/109 The Honourable Second Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Dr Jhurry)

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

Whether he will state if the services of Sir Victor Glover have been retained by Government to draft appropriate legislation following the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Sale by Levy and, if so, will he give the terms and conditions thereof?

B/110 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

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 reported cases of paedophilia for the years 2003 and 2004 (a) the number thereof and (b) the outcome of the inquiry in each case?

B/111 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Dulloo)

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

Whether he will state if during his last visit to the United Kingdom, he had discussions with Mr Tony Blair, the Prime Minister and Mr Jack Straw, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, on issues of common interest, including the Chagos Archipelago and Diégo Garcia and, if so, what has been the outcome thereof?

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

B/112 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Hurnam)

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

Whether he will state if he has received a complaint dated 11 February 2005 from Mrs Medgee Muller of Flic-en-Flac regarding the conduct of two Customs Officers when she called at the Parcel Post Office on 28 January 2005 to collect a postal packet and, if so, whether an inquiry is being conducted in the matter?

B/113 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Hurnam)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of having traffic lights installed at the following junctions (a) Royal Road, D'Epinaï and the road leading to Jouvence (b) Royal Road, 9th Mile, Triolet and Bonair Road and (c) Royal Road, 9th Mile, Triolet and Trou aux Biches Road?

B/114 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, with regard to the Committee set up by the Board of Technical School Management Trust Fund (TSMTF) to inquire into the mismanagement by the Officer-in-Charge of the *Institut Supérieur de Technologie* he will, for the benefit of the House, now state (a) if the inquiry is complete and, if so, when (b) the date its report was submitted to the Board and, what action has subsequently been taken and (c) whether he will table a copy of the report?

B/115 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunications:-

Whether, in regard to the ICT Appeal Tribunal, he will (a) state the date of its setting up (b) give the total expenses incurred, with a breakdown thereof, since its setting up and (c) the number of cases referred to the Tribunal and the number determined to date?

B/116 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

The Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether, in regard to the *Montagne Coupé Project* between the Champ de Mars and Boulevard Victoria, he will (a) state (i) the nature and objective of the project (ii) the name of the firm to which the contract has been allocated (iii) the initial and final costs (iv) the total amount paid to date and (b) make a statement on the safety aspect in regard to the works completed so far?

B/117 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunications:-

Whether, in regard to the SAFE Project, he will state (a) when it became operational (b) the number of breakdowns, if any, and their duration in each case and (c) the impact of such breakdowns on the IT operators and call centres?

B/118 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 number of teachers recruited for State Secondary Schools in 2004 and 2005, indicating the percentage of the recruits who come from private secondary schools?

B/119 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 the football ground at Vallée des Prêtres, he will state (a) when the works started and the proposed date of completion (b) the amount earmarked for the project and (c) the amount spent so far?

B/120 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 it is proposed to construct drains along Valimiki Road at Vallée des Prêtres and, if so, when, indicating the scope of the works and the estimated cost thereof?

B/121 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Michel)

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

Whether, in regard to the financial support for the casting of slab, he will (a) give the number of applicants who are

still on the waiting list and (b) state if there is any delay for the payment of the grant and, if so, why?

B/122 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Michel)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cap Brabant Integrated Resort Scheme Project in Le Morne, he will state where matters stand ?

B/123 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Michel)

The Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the provision of rainstorm drains now underway at Cité Mangalkhan, he will state (a) when the works started (b) the estimated cost and (c) whether the roads damaged as a result thereof will be resurfaced?

B/124 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether he will state if Stella Lane at Cité Débarcadère, Pointe aux Sables is provided with street lighting and, if not, why not?

B/125 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether he will state if any study has been undertaken in regard to the financial situation of old age pensioners and

indicate if any further measures will be taken in their favour?

B/126 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the sewerage project at Chasteauneuf Street, Commerson Street and Dr Reid Street and other streets in the region of Maingard, Beau Bassin, he will state when works will start and indicate the actions, if any, initiated by the Waste Water Authority to attend to emergencies?

B/127 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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

Whether, in regard to the housing project at Cité Chebel, he will state (a) the number of houses constructed (b) when the sewerage network will be commissioned and (c) when the houses will be handed over to the beneficiaries?

B/128 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Dr Issimdar)

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

Whether he will for each of the periods January 1995 to September 2000 and September 2000 to date, give a list of the State Secondary Schools built, indicating their location?

B/129 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Dr Issimdar)

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

Whether he will give a list of the projects and the schemes implemented by the Trust Fund for the Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups on a yearly basis since its inception in 1995 to date, indicating the amount spent thereon and the respective number of beneficiaries?

B/130 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Dr David)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether her Ministry organized an official ceremony in the context of the Chinese Spring Festival and whether she attended and, if not, why not?

B/131 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Sakaram)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of compensating small cattle breeders, in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues, who lose part of their cattle as a result of premature death?

B/132 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Paya)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the lighting installation along the highway from the Airport to Rose Belle, he will state (a) when the works were carried out (b) the name of the contractor and (c) whether the system is in working order and, if not, why not and (d) whether the guarantee period is still valid?

B/133 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

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

Whether, in regard to the CPE examinations, he will, for each of the years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004, state (a) the overall percentage pass mark and (b) the percentage pass mark per subject?

B/134 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 table a list of the projects being implemented by the Irrigation Authority and the Mauritius Sugar Authority since January 2001?

B/135 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 state the measures included in the Accelerated Action Plan for the Sugar Industry for the benefit of sugar cane planters operating in difficult regions?

B/136 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to whether the Monetary Policy Committee met recently to consider the interest rate on savings, stating whether any decision has been taken thereon?

B/137 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

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

Whether he will state (a) if the documents entitled (i) “A Road Map for achieving meaningful competitiveness” prepared by the Joint Economic Council and (ii) “Competitiveness Foresight”, prepared by the National Productivity and Competitiveness Council have been submitted to Government and, if so, when and (b) consider the advisability of tabling them?

B/138 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will table a list of the sports federations which are not complying with the requirements of the Sports Act, indicating the manner in which they are non-compliant and the steps taken to ensure compliance with the Act?

B/139 The Honourable Second Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Dr Jhurry)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of constructing (a) a community health centre and (b) a community health club in the following villages and regions (i) Providence, Quartier Militaire (ii) L’Avenir, St Pierre (iii) Roche Terre (iv) Bois des Amourettes (v) Sodnac (vi) Solferino and (vii) Arsenal and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/140 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Dulloo)

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

Whether he will state the number of workers whose employment has been terminated in the EPZ sector from September 2000 to date, giving a breakdown thereof for each enterprise?

B/141 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Dulloo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry and Medium Enterprises, Financial Services and Corporate Affairs:-

Whether he will state if Sinotex Ltd and Kentex Ltd have been taken over by a new company or other business entities and, if so, will he state their name/s and the progress achieved in the re-employment of all the workers who have lost their jobs due to the closing down of these two enterprises?

B/142 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Dulloo)

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

Whether he will give the number of workers in the sugar industry whose employment has been terminated from September 2000 to date, giving a breakdown thereof per sugar estate and/or sugar factory?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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A/3 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Sakaram)

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

**Whether, in regard to the financial support for the casting
of slab to housing units for low income earners, he will
for both mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues, give the
number of beneficiaries for each of the financial years
2001/2002, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004?**

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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