WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (RETIRING ALLOWANCES ACT) - BENEFICIARIES

(No. A/22) Mr S. Lauthan (Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development whether, in regard to the retiring allowances payable under the National Assembly (Retiring Allowances Act), he will give a list of beneficiaries, indicating in each case the amount payable.

Reply: The information sought for is detailed in the listing which is being tabled.

EMPOWERMENT FUND BOARD –MEMBERS – ALLOWANCES & BENEFITS

(No. A/23) Mr S. Lauthan (Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development whether, in regard to the Board of the Empowerment Fund, he will give a list of its members, indicating in each case the monthly allowances and fringe benefits to which they are entitled.

Reply: I presume that the hon. Member is referring to the SME Partnership Fund Ltd. As it has earlier been stated in the House, there has been confusion whilst referring to the Empowerment Programme and the Empowerment Fund Ltd. In order to avoid such confusion, the Empowerment Fund has been renamed the SME Partnership Fund Ltd.

The composition of the Board of the SME Partnership Fund Ltd. and the remuneration of the members is being tabled.
MOKA EYE HOSPITAL/MOKA-QUARTIER MILITAIRE ROAD
– TRAFFIC LIGHTS

(No. A/24) Mr S. Dayal (Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping whether he is aware of the increase in the flow of traffic during peak hours along the road between the Moka Eye Hospital to the main Moka-Quartier Militaire road and, if so, will he consider the advisability of having the roundabout at the junction of these roads removed and traffic lights installed thereat.

Reply: The Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit has informed that the increase in the flow of traffic during peak hours along the road between Moka Eye Hospital to the main Moka-Quartier Militaire road is due to the following reasons –

(a) Vehicles from the direction of Montagne Ory have to ‘give way’ on the Moka roundabout to the regular flow of vehicles coming from the right, that is, from Réduit and Port-Louis.

(b) During morning peak hours, there is a high proportion of vehicles from the Eastern regions, which uses the section of the Moka/Camp de Masque/Flacq road (A7) for joining the Réduit roundabout towards Port-Louis. After passing through the Moka roundabout, this stream of vehicles from the east is frequently stopped at a signalised crossing at about 120 m further opposite the MGI.

(c) There is a bus layby for one bus only in the same vicinity and the flow gets worse when more than one bus have to stop at the site with the result that there is spill over on the carriageway. This situation besides leading to queuing up to the Moka roundabout also hinders the exit of vehicles from Montagne Ory and Moka Hospital.

In view of the above, any project to remove the rotary island and signalise the cross-junction will not improve the traffic fluidity along the Moka/Camp de Masque/Flacq Rd (A7) as there will not be any reduction in the delay.

However, with major developments planned in the Réduit Triangle, which include the construction of the Apollo Hospital and a building for the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, important infrastructural works are being planned to facilitate flow of traffic at the junction in an integrated way.
CITE SAINTE CATHERINE/ST PIERRE TRAFFIC CENTRE – BUS SERVICES

(No. A/25) Mr S. Dayal (Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to the provision of bus services from Cité Sainte Catherine, l’Agrément, St Pierre to the St Pierre traffic centre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to where matters stand.

Reply: I am informed by the National Transport Authority that Cité Ste Catherine forms part of l’Agrément, St. Pierre. It comprises 66 housing units with an estimated population of 400 inhabitants.

Regular bus services are available along Bois Chéri Road as follows -

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The 3 metre width road network within Cité Ste Catherine which, besides being narrow, is not provided with pavements. Thus, the plying of buses is both difficult and dangerous. Furthermore there is no appropriate place for buses to reverse in the locality.

DICKSON LAKE, DAGOTIERE - DREDGING

(No. A/26) Mr S. Dayal (Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka) asked the Minister of Environment and National Development Unit whether, in regard to the dredging of the river at Upper Dagotière near Dikson lake, he will state when works are likely to start.
**Reply:** The tender for the dredging of Feeder Mammet, from main road to Dickson lake of Dagotièr village was awarded on 25 May 2007 and the works have already been completed.

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**SCHOOL ROAD, DAGOTIERE - DRAINS**

(No. A/27) Mr S. Dayal (Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka) asked the Minister of Environment and National Development Unit whether, in regard to the project for the construction of drains along the school road, Dagotière, he will state where matters stand.

**Reply:** I have been advised by the Moka-Flacq District Council that the problem of water accumulation along school road, Dagotière, can be solved by the construction of a cross drain over a length of about five metres.

Following a decision of the District Council Board, measures will be taken by the Moka Flacq District Council to redress the situation.