OVERSEAS MISSIONS – STAFF – MEDICAL EXPENSES

(No. B/ 676) Mr M. Dowarkasing (Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands) asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation whether, in regard to medical expenses incurred for staff posted in overseas missions, he will state –

(a) the amount thereof during the last financial year, and
(b) where matters stand in relation to the recommendation of the Pay Research Bureau on this issue?

Reply: In accordance with the terms and conditions of service of the staff posted in overseas missions and in line with recommendation 15.19.18 of the PRB report 2003, 85% of all medical expenses of staff and their spouse and dependent children up to the age of 20 are refunded provided such expenses are supported by medical certificates. In case of hospitalisation for surgical intervention, the totality of medical expenses incurred for treatment during the period of hospitalisation is refunded.

An amount of Rs 9,006,587.01 has been refunded for financial year 2005/2006. These expenses are in respect of 20 Overseas Missions and relate to some 310 interventions involving staff or their spouse and dependent children. I am tabling a copy of the breakdown of refund of medical expenses for each Mission.

The PRB Report 2003 recommended at paragraph 15.19.21 that pending the introduction of Health Insurance Schemes for home-based staff posted in Missions, the present mode of refund of medical expenses be maintained.

The House will recall that at its sitting of 13 December 2006, I made a statement wherein I stated that my Ministry has already initiated action for a feasibility study to be carried out on the introduction of a Medical and Health Insurance Scheme.
As a preliminary exercise, all our Overseas Missions were requested to provide information on the cost implications in terms of premium to be paid and the extent of medical coverage for the scheme.

This information has been compiled and provided to the Mauritius Audit Bureau (MAB) which has been entrusted with this assignment for a study on the scheme. The MAB has already started working on a feasibility study in close consultation with the Audit Monitoring Committee set up by Government. The study is in progress and the report is expected shortly.

The MAB has been provided information regarding the number of cases of refund and the total amount refunded in respect of each Overseas Mission for the last five financial years.

In the light of the findings and recommendations of the MAB Report, Government will take appropriate action. Implementation of a Medical and Health Insurance Scheme will depend on the viability of the scheme and of its being financially sustainable in the long run.

**LOW COST HOUSING – CONSTRUCTION – JULY 2006-JUNE 2007**

(No. B/677) Mrs S. Grenade (Second Member for GRNW and Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Housing & Lands whether he will state the number of low cost housing units which have been constructed since July 2006 todate.

**Reply:** I am advised that, since July 2006, the NHDC has constructed and delivered some 1146 housing units, and out of this number 446 low cost housing units, commonly known as Firinga, have been provided over 10 sites, namely at Montagne Blanche, Souillac, Camp La Colle, Chebel, Camp Ithier, Cottage, Dagotière, Grand Bois, New Grove, and Valton.

May I emphasise that the provision of social housing is a priority of this Government in its fight against poverty alleviation and in its strategy of people empowerment. Thus, with a view to ensuring more house ownership to as many families as possible, this Government has already embarked on the construction of 533 low cost housing units over 6 sites, namely at Chebel, Henrietta, Bambous, Rivière des Anguilles, Ville Noire, and Rose Belle. Works have started since October 2006 and are expected to be completed by February 2008.
NELSON MANDELA CENTRE FOR AFRICAN CULTURE – CONSTRUCTION

(No. B/678) Mrs S. Grenade (Second Member for GRNW and Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Arts and Culture whether, in regard to the project for the construction of the Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture, he will state where matters stand.

(Vide reply to P.Q. No. B/672)

FOOTBALL PITCHES & ATHLETIC STADIA – CONSTRUCTION

(No. B/679) Mrs S. Grenade (Second Member for GRNW and Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Youth and Sports whether he will state the number of football pitches and athletic stadiums constructed since July 2005 to date.

Reply: When I assumed the responsibility of Minister of Youth and Sports in July 2005, I requested that an audit of the existing sports infrastructure be carried out specially for football pitches and stadia. The report of the audit has revealed the deplorable state of many infrastructural facilities specially football pitches and stadia.

Accordingly, the priority of my Ministry has been to proceed with the upgrading of these infrastructural facilities.

In this context, since July 2005, my Ministry in collaboration with the Ministry of Local Government and the Ministry of Environment and National Development Unit, has arranged for the improvement of various sports infrastructures comprising, inter alia, 34 football pitches in various regions. I am arranging for the tabling of the list in the National Assembly.

Moreover, in the context of the CJSOI Games and the Senior African Athletics Championship Games held in Mauritius, in August 2006, major improvement works were carried out at Germain Commarmond Stadium, Bambous, Auguste Volaire Stadium and Quartier Militaire Stadium.

My Ministry has released an amount of Rs600,000 this year for the upgrading of the football grounds at Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac.
The works at Rivière des Anguilles have been completed in May this year and those at Souillac are expected to be completed by next month.

On the other hand, consultancies and surveys have been carried out for the improvement of the drainage system at Georges V Stadium and major sewerage works at Anjalay Stadium. It is proposed to proceed with the sewerage works at Anjalay Stadium on receipt of the report of the consultancy firm.

My Ministry is also embarking on the installation of artificial turfing at St François Xavier to the tune of Rs30 m. and Rs20 m. for the proposed major upgrading works at the stadium.

Furthermore, tender procedures have been initiated for lighting system at Georges V Stadium, Curepipe.

PORT LOUIS - TRAFFIC CONGESTION

(No. B/680) Mr L. Bundhoo (Second Member for Montagne Blanche and GRSE) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to traffic congestion, especially in Port Louis, he will state the measures that will be taken.

(Withdrawn)

“2006 REPORT NO. 1 ON THE MANAGEMENT OF BARACHOIS”

(No. B/681) Mr L. Bundhoo (Second Member for Montagne Blanche and GRSE) asked the Minister of Housing and Lands whether, in regard to the “2006 Report No. 1 on the management of Barachois”, he will state –

(a) when, by whom and the purpose for which it was commissioned, and

(b) if a copy thereof will be laid on the Table of the National Assembly.

(Withdrawn)
CAROLINE, BEL AIR – WATER ACCUMULATION

(No. B/682) Mr L. Bundhoo (Second Member for Montagne Blanche and GRSE) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping whether he is aware of the regular problem of water accumulation on the road near the primary school and the mosque of Caroline Bel Air Rivière Sèche, following heavy rainfalls and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken with a view to alleviate the difficulties faced by the inhabitants and the road users.

(Withdrawn)

PRIMARY SCHOOLS - MENTORS

(No. B/683) Mrs F. Labelle (Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether, in regard to the post of Mentors in primary schools, he will state the number in post as at 30 April 2007, indicating their main duties.

There were 46 Mentors in post in Primary schools as at 30 April 2007. In fact, 50 Temporary Mentors were appointed on 16 May 2006 but four of them reverted to their previous posts. The resulting vacancies will be filled in the next financial year.

The main duty of the Mentors is to provide assistance, guidance and support to trainee Teachers and Teachers of both General Purpose and Asian Languages. They are also responsible for conducting counselling sessions for the above grades with a view to sharing good practices and finding solutions to problems of a pedagogical nature.

A Mentor is appointed from the grade of Teacher/Senior Teacher and performs the dual functions of teaching and mentoring. For the current year, Mentors have been posted in Standard I of two/three stream schools with average performance and they are made to operate in pairs. When one Mentor is teaching, the second one is mentoring in the second section of Standard I.
BREAST CANCER - SURGERY

(No. B/684) Mrs F. Labelle (Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal) asked the Minister of Minister of Health and Quality of Life whether, in regard to patients suffering from breast cancer who have undergone a mastectomy or breast conserving surgery during the years 2003, 2004, 2005 and since 01 January 2007 to 30 April 2007, in public and private hospitals, he will state the number thereof in each of the following age groups –
(a) below 30 years;
(b) between 30 and 40 years, and
(c) above 40 years

Reply: I am tabling the information asked for in respect of mastectomy and breast conserving surgeries performed in public hospitals.

As regards the figures for private health institutions, I wish to inform the House that they do not submit data regarding the number of mastectomy and conserving surgery undertaken by them to my Ministry for the purpose of record keeping. Accordingly, the information has been sought and some of the private clinics have indicated that they are compiling same for submission in due course. Upon receipt of the information, Mr Speaker, Sir, arrangements will be made to place a copy thereof in the Library of the National Assembly.

DEVERGUES/RAILWAY ROADS, GLEN PARK – ROAD HUMPS

(No. B/685) Mrs F. Labelle (Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping whether he is aware that the junction at Devergues and Railway Roads at Glen Park, Vacoas, in the vicinity of the Glen Park Primary School is dangerous and, if so, will he consider the advisability of having road humps installed in the area.

Reply: I am informed by the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit of my Ministry that vehicles have difficulty to egress onto Desvergues Lane from Railway Road because of lack of visibility due to the presence of a private boundary wall.
The Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit is taking steps –

(i) to convert part of Railway road into a one way road, in the direction of La Marie road and prohibit vehicles to exit from Railway road onto Desvergues Lane, and

(ii) to construct a road hump along Desvergues Road, near A-Z store close to the said junction.

The one way scheme will be implemented as from Monday 18 June and the construction of the road hump is expected to start next week.

**EX-CHA HOUSES - LAND - SALE**

(No. B/686) Mrs F. Labelle (Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal) asked the Minister of Housing and Lands whether, following Government decision to sell the plot of land on which stand the ex-CHA Houses to the occupiers thereof, he will state the number of notaries appointed by Government to draw the title deeds, indicating the time frame for the finalisation thereof.

**Reply:** I thank the hon. Member for giving me yet another opportunity to reiterate our caring Government’s commitment to the democratisation of the economy, to the democratisation of access to land, and to empowerment of the people, to help them to help themselves. The State Land (Amendment) Act 2007 is a glaring example as well as a tangible proof of Government’s policy of caring for our people, while supporting and encouraging them to be responsible and accountable citizens, bringing their own contributions to their own welfare.

Government has not appointed any Public Notary for the drawing up of title deeds in respect of the sale of State Land on which stands the ex-CHA houses.
May I refer the hon. Member to the Press Communiqué of Wednesday 11 April 2007 wherein owners of ex-CHA houses were informed, among other matters, that once they obtain their letter of intent for the purchase of the plot of state land on which stand their houses, they will have to approach a notary of their choice to draw the deed of sale.

With a view to alleviating the burden of costs associated with the purchase of the plots of State Land on which stand ex-CHA houses, meetings were held with representatives of the Chambre des Notaires, requesting them to minimise the notarial fee. The prospective buyers were accordingly and appropriately informed by a Press Communiqué issued on Friday 27 April 2007.

In regard to the time frame for the finalisation of the deeds of sale, I am advised that this will depend on the workload of the Notary selected by the prospective buyers, and the promptness with which the latter is provided with all the necessary documents by the prospective buyers.

SHIBANI KNITTING COMPANY LTD - RECEIVERSHIP

(No. B/687) Mr A. Ganoo (First Member for Savanne and Black River) asked the Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprise, Commerce and Co-operatives whether, in regard to the placing in receivership of the Shibani Knitting Company Ltd., he will state –

(a) the number of employees still working thereat;
(b) the measures, if any, taken by his Ministry to find new partners or shareholders, and
(c) if he is aware that the State Bank Ltd has issued instructions to the receiver managers to refrain from incurring expenses for the purchase of yarn and other materials required to fulfill orders from clients.

Reply: I am informed that Shibani Knitting Company Ltd, an enterprise engaged in the manufacture of pullovers and cardigans, was placed under receivership on 26 February 2007. The number of employees still working stands at 1050.
As regard part (b), I am advised that Enterprise Mauritius was looking for potential investors to take over the company. However, in the meantime, Mascareignes Ltd, a locally incorporated company, made a bid, which was accepted by the Receiver Managers.

As regard part (c), our enquiry from the Receiver Managers has indicated that no such instructions have been received. The company is still operating and fulfilling its orders.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS – EXPENDITURE

(No. B/688) Mr P. Jhugroo (Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development whether, in regard to the overseas missions undertaken by the hon. Ministers since July 2005 to date, he will state in each case –

(a) the total amount paid as per diem, and
(b) the expenditure incurred on airfares.

Reply: The information is being compiled and will be tabled. Indications to date are that total expenditure on travel will be lower than last year.

RODRIGUES – CASTING OF SLABS - GRANT

(No. B/689) Mr A. Nancy (First Member for Rodrigues) asked the Minister of Housing & Lands whether, in regard to the grant for the casting of slabs in Rodrigues since July 2006 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company –

(a) a list of (i) the applicants (ii) applications which have been approved, and
(b) information as to if there are any cases which are still ending and, if so, the reasons therefor?
Reply: In regard to part (a)(i) of the question, I am advised that the list of applicants for the casting of roof slabs in Rodrigues is being compiled and will be placed in the Library soonest after this exercise of compilation has been completed.

In regard to part (a)(ii) of the question, I am advised by the NHDC that the company has, since July 2006 to date, approved 213 applications for a total sum of Rs7,592,090. With your permission, Sir, I shall place the list in the Library.

In regard to part (b) of the question, I am given to understand that there are 148 applications pending at the Department of Public Infrastructure of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA). As soon as the Rodrigues Regional Assembly has completed the necessary and normal screening exercise, the NHDC, after examination of the applications following submission of same, will recommend payment to applicants.

BEL OMBRE HOTELS – TOURISM FUND – CONTRIBUTIONS

(No. B/690) Mr A. Ganoo (First Member for Savanne & Black River) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications whether, in regard to the contributions made by the hotels in the Bel Ombre region to the Tourism Fund, he will state –

(a) if the four promoters have paid their contributions, indicating if there is any amount which is outstanding, and

(b) if the projects for the (i) upgrading of the Bel Ombre public beach (ii) the fencing of the football ground (iii) the setting up of a women centre and (iv) the construction of a Centre de Vacances for the youth of the South West region will be funded therefrom.
Reply: With respect to part (a) of the question, I am informed that all
the four promoters who have been allocated State lands for hotel projects
under the Bel Ombre Integrated Hotel and Leisure Development Project,
have already paid their contributions. There is no outstanding amount.

Concerning part (b) of the question, I wish to inform the House that
the object of the Tourism Fund, when it was first set up in October 2003,
was to finance the implementation of –

(a) infrastructural works in connection with tourism development
projects in Mauritius, and
(b) such other associated works for the benefit of the inhabitants of
the areas in which the projects are being implemented.

The rationale behind was to share the fruits of tourism development
with the inhabitants of the localities where tourism and tourism related
projects are taking place through the implementation of social and
community development projects and with financing from the contributions
made by the promoters of hotel projects.

Following consultations with the village council and the forces vives
of Bel Ombre the following social community development projects were
identified for implementation by the respective Ministries/Departments.

(a) a women centre by the Ministry of Women’s Rights,
Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer
Protection;
(b) a residential youth centre by the Ministry of Youth and
Sports;
(c) a museum around le Batelage by the Ministry of Arts and
Culture, and
(d) upgrading/rehabilitation of the public beach by the Beach
Authority.

However, since the then Government subsequently decided to make
use of the funds made available by the promoter under the Tourism Fund to
meet the cost of the realignment of part of Black River/Savanne Coast Road
(B9) at Bel Ombre to the tune of Rs79 m., with the result that the
expenditure incurred far exceeded the amount of contributions (i.e. Rs73.88
m.), the community development projects could not be implemented due to shortage of funds.

The Tourism Fund has recently received two formal requests to part finance the –

(a) construction of a mini-market centre at Bel Ombre by the Ministry of Women’s Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection; the project would cost Rs20 m, and

(b) construction of a Residential Youth Training Centre by the Ministry of Youth and Sports at an estimated cost of Rs30 m.

In this context, the chairperson of the Tourism Fund and other stakeholders including the forces vives of the region effected a site visit at Bel Ombre on 23 May 2007, to take cognizance of the requirements of the inhabitants of the village and to find out ways and means of providing social amenities to improve their quality of life.

A consensus was reached during the visit for the Ministry of Women’s Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection (MOWR) to implement the mini-multi purpose complex for women entrepreneurs of the region and the Tourism Fund to partly finance the project.

**SUBSTANCE ABUSERS PROGRAMME - SUBSTITUTION THERAPY**

*(No. B/691) Mr S. Lauthan (Third Member for Port Louis Maritime & Port Louis East)* asked the Minister of Health and Quality of Life whether, in regard to the pilot Substitution Therapy including Methadone for Substance Abusers Programme implemented by his Ministry, he will state where matters stand.

**Reply:** Following the recommendation, in September 2005 of Dr. Suresh Kumar, Consultant at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, on the introduction of Methadone as a means of harm reduction,
Government decided, in April 2006, that Methadone Substitution Therapy be introduced on a pilot basis for the treatment of drug addicts.

Subsequently, in August 2006, the Ministry enlisted the services of Professor Marta Torrens, WHO Consultant, to advise on the implementation of the Methadone Substitution Therapy programme and to provide training to the medical and paramedical personnel who would be involved in the project. Further training was provided by Mr Backhory, Clinical Nurse Manager from the Specialist Drug Unit in UK, to the health personnel in the practical aspects of Methadone induction.

Thereafter, the Methadone Substitution Therapy Programme for drug addicts was launched at the National Detoxification Centre at Barkly on 21 November, after necessary training had been provided to the staff.

Induction on Methadone is carried out at the Detoxification Centre on an in-patient basis. Patients are admitted in batches of 15 every 2 weeks. During the induction period, the patients are attended to, inter alia, by nutritionists, clinical psychologists and social workers from the rehabilitation centres. They are also educated on HIV/AIDS, and are given voluntary counseling and testing, one-to-one and group counseling, and dental treatment. Currently, 174 patients are on Methadone Substitution Therapy.

Five dispensing units are presently operational at the regional hospitals. Methadone is dispensed daily on a directly observed basis.

My Ministry is presently considering the scaling up of the Methadone Substitution Therapy. In this connection, it is planned to start the induction on Methadone at the Brown Sequard Mental Health Care Centre.

INDIAN OCEAN ISLAND GAMES - RODRIGUAN ATHLETES

(No. B/692) Mr J. R. Spéville (Second Member for Rodrigues) asked the Minister of Youth and Sports whether, in regard to the forthcoming Indian Ocean Island Games to be held in Madagascar, he will state if athletes from Rodrigues have been preselected to join the national team and, if so, will he give the names of the athletes together with their respective discipline.
Reply: I would like to inform the House that the final selection of athletes for the 7th Indian Ocean Islands Games to be held in Madagascar from 09 to 19 August 2007 has yet to be finalized.

The national coaches of the Sports Federations concerned have constituted a pool of pre-selected athletes who are training in view of the games. Our athletes from Rodrigues are also training for the games.

I am informed that 44 Rodriguan athletes, namely 15 girls and 29 boys are included in the pre-selection in respect of the following sports disciplines –

- Athletics
- Boxing
- Football
- Judo
- Petanque, and
- Wrestling

I am tabling in the House a list of the 44 Rodriguan athletes.

SIR SEEWOOOSAGUR RAMGOOLAM

BOTANICAL GARDEN TRUST – ENTRANCE FEE

(No. B/693) Mrs S. Hanoomanjee (Second Member for Savanne and Black River) asked the Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden Trust, information as to if it is proposed to introduce an entrance fee for visitors, including Mauritian nationals.

(Withdrawn)
PORT AREA - LAND LEASE

(No. B/694) Mr R. Bhagwan (First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications whether, in regard to State land leased in the Port area since August 2005 to date, he will give a list of the beneficiaries, indicating in each case –

(a) the area of the land, and
(b) the terms and conditions and the purpose of the lease.

Reply: I am informed by the Mauritius Ports Authority that since August 2005 to date, two companies, namely, Les Moulins de la Concorde Ltée, and the Mauritius Sugar Terminal Corporation have been allocated land in the port area. A statement indicating the terms and conditions and the purpose of the lease is being placed in the Library of the Assembly.

I am informed that in 6 other cases, land has already been reserved but the lease agreement is yet to be signed. I am also placing this list in the Library.

BANK DEPOSITS – INTEREST – TAX REVENUE

(No. B/695) Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun (Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development whether in regard to the tax on interest earned on bank deposits, he will state the estimated revenue therefrom for the current financial year.

Reply: The reply is Rs170 m.

PLANTERS (SMALL) - LAND CONVERSION

(No. B/696) Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun (Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix) asked the Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries whether, in regard to the possibility of converting agricultural land, following the amendment brought to the Sugar Industry Efficiency Act in November 2005, he will state the number of small planters who have availed themselves of this possibility since May 2006 to date.
Reply: I would invite the hon. Member to refer to the reply which I made to PQ B/467 on the same matter.

May I draw the attention of the House that the objective of the amendment was to streamline the procedures. We should not keep track of cases where land conversion permits are no more required. If Honourable members wish to know the number of applications received and processed at the Land Conversion Unit of my Ministry, I will gladly provide such information.

In order to further streamline procedures for those applications that do not require a Land Conversion Permit, my colleague Minister of Finance has announced in his budget speech that owners of such land will only have to submit to the Land Conversion Unit a declaration to the effect that their land has not been planted under sugarcane, tea or tobacco for the past 10 years. Upon verification, the Unit will provide the land owner with the required certification within 2 weeks.

**WOMEN DRUG ADDICTS – DRUG REPLACEMENT THERAPY**

(No. B/697) Mrs L. D. Dookun-Luchoomun (Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix) asked the Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Senior Citizens Welfare & Reform Institutions whether in regard to women drug addicts, she will state the number thereof who are –

(a) at present being treated in the rehabilitation centres, and
(b) now being put on drug replacement therapy.

Reply: Chrysalide Centre is the only residential Centre responsible for the treatment and rehabilitation of women drug addicts who are also commercial sex workers. Chrysalide Centre is a branch of Centre de Solidarité Pour Une Nouvelle Vie and has started operations at Bambous since 8 November 2004.

Apart from Chrysalide Centre, Etoile d’Esperance Association Alcool Femmes also provides treatment and rehabilitation to alcoholic women on a residential basis. Presently, Etoile d’Esperence has 15 residents.
In addition to these 2 female residential centres, Dr. Idriss Goomany Treatment Centre, Centre de Solidarite pour une Nouvelle Vie and Help De-Addiction Centre offer Codeine-based treatment to female drug addicts on an outpatient basis (ambulatoire). I am given to understand that drug abuse among female is still considered a taboo in the mainstream society. In reality, women are still stigmatized and are reluctant to come forward for treatment.

As regards Part (a) of the question, I am informed that presently, 15 women drug addicts are being treated at Chrysalide Centre on a residential basis.

Regarding Part (b) I am also informed that six (6) among them are under replacement (substitution) therapy with codeine-based products, supplied by the Ministry of Health & Quality of Life.

The total number of women drug addicts treated at Chrysalide Centre since November 2004 up to May 2007 is 476.

AVENUE BERTHAUD, STANLEY, ROSE HILL - “TOTE” – TRADE LICENCE

(No. B/698) Mr J. Cuttaree (Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill) asked the Minister of Local Government whether in regard to the “Tote” outlet operational at Avenue Berthaud, Stanley, Rose Hill, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin/Rose Hill, information as to if the promoter thereof has been granted a trade licence.

Reply: I am informed by the Municipality of Beau Bassin-Rose Hill that no trade licence had been issued to any promoter for the operation of a “Tote” outlet at Avenue Berthaud, Stanley, Rose Hill.