WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

RODRIGUES – CONTOUR OBLASSE – ROAD ACCIDENT

(No. B/412) Mr F. François (Third Member for Rodrigues) asked the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues whether, in regard to the road accident which occurred at the Contour Oblasse, in Rodrigues, on or about 12 January 2012, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the inquiry carried out thereinto is now complete and if so, indicate the outcome thereof.

Reply: I am informed by the Commissioner of Police that the road accident at Contour Oblasse, Rodrigues occurred on 12 February 2012 and not on 12 January 2012. The accident occurred along Route de L’Autonomie, Solitude, involving a bus driven by one Mr J.P.H.E., a contract van driven by one Mr J.N.A. and a private van driven by one Mr F.L.

As a result of the accident, two passengers of the bus passed away and twelve persons were injured and were admitted to Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Police carried out an inquiry into the matter. On 12 February 2012, Mr J.P.H.E, the driver of the bus gave a statement to the Police. On 13 February 2012, he was arrested on his discharge from hospital and a provisional charge of “Involuntary Homicide by Imprudence” was lodged against him before Rodrigues Court. He was remanded to Police cell and was bailed out on 17 February 2012, after furnishing a surety of Rs10,000 and a recognizance of Rs50,000.

Police have also taken statements from the bus conductor and the drivers of the private van and the contract van.

On 22 and 23 February 2012, the Senior Mechanical Engineer at the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping and a Police officer of the Traffic Branch examined the bus. They submitted their report on 23 May 2012.

Alcohol tests were carried out on all three drivers on the day of the accident. The result was positive for the driver of the contract van and negative for the other two drivers.

The case has been completed and will be forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecutions for advice.
MBC – NEWS COVERAGE

(No. B/413) Dr. S. Boolell (Second Member for Curepipe & Midlands) asked the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if the Corporation has been charging the parastatal bodies for the coverage and airing of news items in relation thereto during prime time and, if so, indicate if –

(a) this is a new service being offered by the Corporation, and
(b) consideration will be given for the extension of this service to all the private and public institutions.

Reply: I am informed by the Director-General of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation that, in line with the objects of the Corporation set out at section 4 of the MBC Act, the Corporation covers news items on the basis of their news worthiness.

I am further informed by the Director-General that the Corporation does not charge fees for the coverage and the airing of such news items.

The other parts of the question do not, therefore, arise.

TORTOISES – LARCENY

(No. B/414) Mr A. Gungah (First Member for Grand’Baie & Poudre d’Or) asked the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues whether, in regard to tortoises, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of larceny thereof, over the past six months, indicating in each case –

(a) where the larceny was committed;
(b) the value thereof, and
(c) where matters stand in relation to the inquiries carried out thereinto.

Reply: In regard to parts (a) and (b) of the question, I am informed by the Commissioner of Police that over the past six months, 9 cases of larceny of 28 tortoises have been reported to the Police as follows –

- one at Montagne Ory and the value of the tortoise is unknown, and
- eight other cases at La Vanille Crocodile Park, Quatre Bornes, Vacoas, Terre Rouge, Casela Bird Park, Belle Vue Maurel, Helvetia and Rose Hill. A total number of 27 tortoises were stolen, having a total value of Rs525,000.

In regard to part (c) of the question, I am informed that out of these nine cases, seven are pending enquiry; one has been classified and one is pending before court.

**CARJACKING - INQUIRIES**

(No. B/415) Mr C. Fakeemeeah (Third Member for Port Louis Maritime & Port Louis East) asked the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues whether, in regard to carjacking, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof and of offences in relation thereto, indicating if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and if so, the outcome thereof in each case.

**Reply:** Carjacking is defined as robbery of a motor vehicle after violently ejecting its driver. It differs from other motor vehicle thefts because the victim is present and the offender uses or threatens to use force.

The offence of carjacking does not exist in our law. The offender of carjacking is prosecuted under either section 305 or 310 of the Criminal Code for “larceny with violence”, “larceny on public road”, “larceny two in number” or “larceny more than two in number”, as the case may be. These offences are punishable by penal servitude.

I am informed by the Commissioner of Police that in the year 2011, three such cases of carjacking were reported to the Police. One car has been recovered. Police is continuing its enquiry in the three cases.

Since the beginning of this year, no case of carjacking has been reported.

**FOREIGN NATIONALS - PERMANENT RESIDENT PERMITS – GRANT**

(No. B/416) Mr N. Bodha (First Member for Vacoas & Floreal) asked the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues whether, in regard to the permanent resident permits granted to holders of occupational permits, he will state the number thereof, since 2006 to date, following the policy adopted in the 2006/2007 Budget Speech.
Reply: The Business Facilitation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 provides for the issue of an occupation permit to non-citizens who are investors, self-employed and professionals. The Act also provides for the issue of a Residence Permit for retired person. Both permits are for a duration of three years, after which the non-citizens are eligible to apply for a Permanent Residence Permit.

The Permanent Residence Permits are for a period of ten years and are issued to foreign nationals registered as investor, self-employed non-citizen, retired non-citizen and professional, provided they meet criteria specified in the Investment Promotion Act as follows –

(i) an investor should have generated an annual turnover exceeding Rs15 m. over the three years he/she held an Occupation Permit;

(ii) a self-employed should have earned an annual income in excess of Rs3 m. during the three years he/she held an Occupation Permit or Work Permit;

(iii) a professional should have drawn a basic monthly salary of a least Rs150,000, during the three years he/she held an Occupation Permit, and

(iv) a retired non-citizen must have transferred at least 40,000 US Dollars annually during the three years he/she held a Residence Permit.

The Permanent Residence Permit scheme, as conceived in 2006, also allowed the beneficiary to purchase landed property of an extent of 1.25 arpents.

The Permanent Residence Permit scheme was not implemented in 2009, that is, upon expiry of the three-year period of the Occupation and Residence Permits issued at the beginning of the scheme, because it was decided to limit the acquisition of landed property by non-citizens. It was subsequently decided to allow non-citizens to purchase one apartment in a building with at least two floors above ground floor, for his/her personal residence. The new scheme became operational on 01 January 2012.

Applications for such permits are processed at the level of my office and the permits are issued by the Passport and Immigration Office, subject to payment of a fee of Rs50,000 and submission of a bank guarantee in the amount Rs100,000 by the holder of the permit.

As at 30 June 2012, 49 applications for Permanent Residence Permit have been received, out of which 16 have been approved, 3 have been turned down, 3 withdrawn, and 27 are being processed.
LE MORNE HERITAGE TRUST FUND - RECRUITMENT

(No. B/435) Mr A. Ganoo (First Member for Savanne & Black River) asked the Minister of Arts and Culture whether, in regard to the Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to the -

(a) present number of employees thereat, indicating the respective grades thereof and;

(b) when the last recruitment exercise thereat was carried out, indicating the;

(i) procedures followed therefor;
(ii) number and grade of the posts advertised for;
(iii) names and addresses of the successful applicants, and
(iv) if consideration was given to the applicants residing in Le Morne, and if not, why not.

Reply: I am informed by the Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund Board that it has currently 15 employees at the Trust Fund comprising -

- One Officer in Charge ;
- One Research Officer;
- One Site Officer;
- One Accounts Officer;
- One Conservation Officer;
- Four Heritage Guides;
- One Clerk / Word Processing Officer;
- One Clerk Assistant;
- One Office Attendant / Driver, and
- Three Handy Workers.

Regarding part (b), on 27 May 2011, the Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund invited through the press, applications for the filling of vacancies for the posts of -

- Administrative Secretary;
- Accounts Officer;
• Research Officer;
• Conservation Officer;
• Heritage Guides, and
• Handy Worker.

The usual procedures for a recruitment exercise were followed, i.e -

- Shortlisting of candidates in accordance with qualifications and requirements as laid down in the scheme of service and the vacancy notice;
- Interviews by a selection panel for each post, and
- Approval of recommendations of the selection panels by the Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund Board.

I am tabling a list of the names and addresses of the successful applicants. Following the short listing exercise, applications retained from inhabitants of Le Morne were for the posts of Handy Worker, Heritage Guide, and, Conservation Officer. For the post of Handy Worker, priority of consideration was given to the applicants residing in Le Morne as stipulated in the Notice of Vacancy, namely -

“Preference will be given to qualified candidates residing in Le Morne village and its vicinity”.

There were 4 applicants from Le Morne; one candidate did not turn up for the interview. The three others were requested to bring their CPE results, as required in the Scheme of Service. They failed to do so and were therefore considered as not eligible.

For the post of Heritage Guide, the only applicant from Le Morne was selected. She had also applied for the post of Conservation Officer.

No resident of Le Morne Village was shortlisted for the posts of Administrative Secretary and Accounts Officer. There was no application for the post of Research Officer from Le Morne Village.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS – ELDERLY PERSONS – VISIT TO REUNION ISLAND

(No. B/437) Mr D. Nagalingum (Second Member for Stanley & Rose Hill) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the elderly persons who visited the Reunion Island and other countries under the twinning agreement at the level of the
municipal councils, over the past five years, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from each council, a list thereof, on a yearly basis, indicating in each case, the -

(a) dates thereof;
(b) costs involved, and
(c) criteria used for their selection.

(Withdrawn)

BOI – PMO - PERMITS

(No. B/439) Mr K. Li Kwong Wing (Second Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development whether, in regard to the permits requiring the clearance of the Prime Minister’s Office, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to the procedures laid down therefor, indicating, since July 2011 to date -

(a) the number;
   (i) thereof approved and;
   (ii) of applications therefor which are pending and;

(b) the names of the officials responsible for the processing and approval thereof, indicating;
   (i) if irregularities have been reported in relation thereto, and
   (ii) the number of officials recruited.

(Withdrawn)

RODRIGUES - SPORTS ACTIVITIES

(No. B/442) Mr Quirin (Third Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière) asked the Minister of Youth and Sports whether, in regard to sports activities in Rodrigues, he will state if his Ministry has any action plan for the promotion and development thereof, and if not, why not.

(Withdrawn)

MON DÉSERT ALMA – VRS – LAND ALLOCATION

(No. B/443) Mrs F. Labelle (Third Member for Vacoas & Floreal) asked the Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security whether, in regard to lands allocated under the Voluntary
Retirement Scheme at Mon Désert Alma, he will state if the sale agreements of the lands were given to the beneficiaries thereof and, if so, when and, if not, why not.

(Withdrawn)

**RAPE – SUSPECTED CASE**

(No. B/444) Mrs F. Labelle (Third Member for Vacoas & Floreal) asked the Minister of Health and Quality of Life whether, in regard to cases of suspected rape, he will state if consideration will be given for the reviewing of the protocol established by his Ministry to include the -

(a) day after pill, and

(b) placing of the intra-uterine device.

(Withdrawn)

**MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS - MR A. B., ASSISTANT SECRETARY - OVERSEAS MISSIONS**

(No. B/445) Mr F. Quirin (Third Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière) asked the Minister of Youth and Sports whether, in regard to Mr A. B., Assistant Secretary, he will state since when he is posted at his Ministry, indicating the -

(a) duties and responsibilities assigned thereto; and

(b) overseas missions undertaken by him, since his posting thereat to date, indicating in each case the;

(i) date;

(ii) purpose, and

(iii) cost incurred therefor.

(Withdrawn)

**STC - LEGAL ADVISERS & INSIGHT FORENSICS LTD - FEES**

(No. B/447) Mr R. Uteem (Second Member for Port Louis South & Port Louis Central) asked the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection whether, in regard to the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the amount of money paid out as fees, since 2005 to date, to -
(a) the legal advisers thereof, indicating the,

   (i) names thereof, and

   (ii) criteria for the selection thereof, and

(b) Insight Forensics Ltd.

Reply: I am informed by the State Trading Corporation that from 2005 to date, the total amount of money paid out as fees to the legal advisers is Rs4,233,931 exclusive of VAT.

This amount includes Rs578,000 paid to the State Law Office as annual retainer and legal fees and Rs3,655,931 paid to private legal advisers for specific assignments.

As regards, part (a) (i) of the question, I am informed that the names of the legal advisers appointed by the Corporation are as follows -

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As regards part (a) (ii) of the question, I am informed by the State Trading Corporation that the main criteria that have been used in the selection of those legal advisers are -

(a) relevant expertise in specific matters under consideration;
(b) availability to deliver at short notice on technical issues; and
(c) cost of the services required.

The legal advisers have been selected on an ad-hoc basis as approved by Management or the Board of the Corporation to meet the exigencies of its day to day business.

As regards part (b) of the question, I am informed by the State Trading Corporation that the total fees paid to Insight Forensics Ltd amounted to Rs 855,000 exclusive of VAT.

MADAGASCAR - POLITICAL CRISIS

(No. B/450) Mr C. Fakeemeeah (Third Member for Port Louis Maritime & Port Louis East) asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade whether, in regard to the political crisis in Madagascar, he will state where matters stand at the level of the Southern African Developing Community.

(Withdrawn)

LES SALINES WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - IMPLEMENTATION

(No. B/452) Mr N. Bodha (First Member for Vacoas and Floreal) asked the Minister of Housing and Lands whether, in regard to the Les Salines Waterfront Development Project, commonly known as the Neo Town project, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof.

Reply: As can be seen from the documents placed in the Library of the National Assembly, Les Salines Waterfront Development Project is an integrated project comprising, inter alia, the construction of a hotel, boardwalks and marine garden, a tourist heritage centre, a luxury condominium complex with a boutique hotel, a marina club, apartment complex, office buildings, shopping malls, office campus, tourist attractions and entertainment facilities. In accordance with the Lease Agreement, the project is to be implemented in various phases.
The initial Master Plan in respect of the intended development was approved by the Ministry of Housing and Lands in September 2010. However, subsequently, this approved plan had to be modified due to the realignment of the Harbour Bridge. The revised plan was approved by the Ministry of Housing and Lands in November 2011.

The last progress report submitted by the company in April 2012 and a recent site visit carried by Officers of the Ministry of Housing and Lands indicate that Les Salines Development Limited is presently carrying out on site infrastructural works which have reached the following stage -

(a) the construction of the internal road network has been completed till the 1st layer of the Granular Sub-Base (GSB);

(b) laying of kerbs at junctions has been completed;

(c) underground pipes and manholes have been laid for amenities such as water, electricity and sewerage;

(d) drains and pole foundations for street lighting have been constructed;

(e) the installation of the electrical, storm water and sewage networks has been completed, and

(f) the installation of the telecom network has reached completion to 60%.

Moreover, the company has submitted preliminary plans for the development of residential apartments on part of the site. According to the plans, Les Salines Development Limited proposes to construct three residential towers of G+18 and 8 residential units of G+2. The plans are being examined at the level of the Ministry of Housing and Lands.
Mr Speaker, Sir, I also wish to refer to the reply to PQ No. A/43 of 29 March 2011 whereby it was indicated, among others, that, in line with the Lease Agreement, a Joint Monitoring Committee, under the chair of the Ministry of Housing and Lands and comprising relevant other authorities, has been set up to monitor the progress and implementation of the project. The Committee meets, as and when required, to achieve this end.

It is reiterated, Mr Speaker, Sir, that Government is firmly bent on applying scrupulously all the provisions of the Lease Agreement.

CHILDREN - SEXUAL EXPLOITATION - DROP-IN-CENTRE

(No. B/453) Mrs A. Navarre-Marie (First Member for GRNW and Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare whether, in regard to the drop-in-centre set up for the children victims of sexual exploitation, she will state the date on which it became operational, indicating the number of children victims who have reported thereat, since the setting up thereof to date.

Reply: I am informed that the Drop In Centre has been set up at Bell Village since 5 December 2003 to cater for the rehabilitative needs of children victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Since the setting up of the Centre till June 2012, a total number of 1551 cases have been reported thereat.

PORT LOUIS MARITIME & PORT LOUIS EAST – NDU PROJECTS

(No. A/196) Mr A. Ameer Meea (First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to the projects undertaken by his Ministry and the National Development Unit, in Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East, since May 2010 to-date, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case, the –

(a) scope of works therefor;
(b) cost involved, and
(c) start and completion dates thereof.

Reply: The information requested is being compiled and will be placed in the Library of the National Assembly.
SIR EDGAR LAURENT STREET, PORT LOUIS - HAND RAILS & ROAD MARKINGS

(No. A/197) A. Mr Ameer Meea (First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to the Sir Edgar Laurent Street, in Port Louis, he will state if consideration will be given for the urgent –

(a) installation of hand rails thereat, at the level of the Tabagie Islamic up to the traffic lights, to reinforce the safety of the students attending the Islamic Cultural College, and

(b) proper road markings of the pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights thereat.

Reply: A number of vehicles belonging to the staff of the school are parked in front of Islamic Cultural College on the covered drain and practically off the road, with no obstruction to the road traffic. In case handrails are placed, it will not be possible to park vehicles near the school and, according to the school management, this would cause serious inconvenience to the school staff.

Concerning the pedestrian crossing at the traffic lights, road studs were placed during the installation of the traffic lights. However, it has been observed that the road has been resurfaced and the studs covered.

Normally, the stud (which is a relatively costly item) should have been removed prior to the resurfacing works by the highway authority and placed again after the works, which apparently has not been the case. The Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit is taking the necessary action to paint the required road marking at the signalised pedestrian crossing.

The road safety situation near schools is constantly monitored and, whenever there is need for specific or additional measures, appropriate action will be initiated.

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT, LAND TRANSPORT AND SHIPPING - BID EVALUATION COMMITTEES

(No. A/198) Mr K. Li Kwong Wing (Second Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development
Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to the Bid Evaluation Committees set up at the level of his Ministry, since 2009 to date, he will, in each case, state the names of the members and of the consultants thereof, indicating the –

(a) amount of fees paid out to each of them;
(b) project concerned and
(c) value of the bids.

Reply: The requested information is being compiled and will be placed in the Library of the National Assembly.

**MAHATMA GANDHI/ST DENIS STREETS, PORT LOUIS - TRAFFIC LIGHTS**

(No. A/200) Mr R. Uteem (Second Member for Port Louis South & Port Louis Central) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to the junction between the Mahatma Gandhi Street and the St Denis Street, in Port Louis, he will state if consideration will be given for the installation of traffic lights thereat.

Reply: With a view to regulating traffic and ensuring road safety, the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit will carry out a traffic study to ascertain the need for the installation of traffic lights at the junction of Saint Denis Street/Mahatma Gandhi Street. Appropriate action will be taken in the light of the findings.

**BERNARDIN DE SAINT PIERRE STREET, VALLEE DES PRETRES - POT HOLES**

(No. A/201) Mr P. Jhugroo (First Member for Mahebourg & Plaine Magnien) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to the Bernardin de Saint Pierre Street, in Vallée des Prêtres, Port Louis, he will state if he has been informed of the bad state thereof with the presence of pot holes, from the level of Cipaye Brulé up to the Neel Industries, and if so, indicate if remedial measures will be taken and if so, when.
Reply: Drain works are presently being undertaken by the NDU and all pot holes will be patched soon.

SILWF – INVESTMENT

(No. A/202) Mr P. Jhugroo (First Member for Mahebourg & Plaine Magnien) asked the Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare whether, in regard to the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the amount of funds it has invested, indicating the name of the financial institutions in which same has been invested, and in each case, the -

(a) quantum thereof;
(b) date thereof;
(c) period therefor, and
(d) expected rate of return therefrom.

Reply: I am informed that, as at date, the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund has not made any investment in any financial institution.

CITÉ CORPS DE GARDE - STREET LIGHTING

(No. A/203) Mr D. Nagalingum (Second Member for Stanley & Rose Hill) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the Cité Corps de Garde, he will state if he has been informed that the street lighting system thereat is inadequate either because of a lack of street lanterns or that the existing ones are damaged, and if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin/Rose Hill, information as to if consideration will be given for a review of the whole system thereat, indicating if additional street lanterns will be installed.

Reply: I am informed by the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin-Rose Hill that the street lighting system at Cité Corps de Garde is presently adequate.

I am informed that as per latest intervention made by officers of the Council, three new lamps have been fixed and one damaged lamp has been replaced. The whole network is regularly monitored and serviced.

CITÉ CORPS DE GARDE – ROADS - UPGRADING
(No. A/204) Mr D. Nagalingum (Second Member for Stanley & Rose Hill) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the Robert Surcouf road, the Ravinal road, the Houdal lane and the Crétin road, in Cité Corps de Garde, he will state if he has been informed of the bad state thereof and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin/Rose Hill, information as to if remedial measures will be taken, and if so, when.

Reply: I am informed by the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin-Rose Hill that the roads network at Cité Corps de Garde is in an acceptable roadworthy state. However, some of the roads need some minor patching works due to pot holes and settlement having occurred during the last rainy days.

I am informed that these works are programmed for early July 2012.

SILWF - CHAIRMAN & STAFF - OVERSEAS MISSIONS

(No. A/206) Mr A. Gungah (First Member for Grand’ Baie & Poudre D’or) asked the Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare whether, in regard to the overseas missions undertaken by the Chairperson and by the members of the staff of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund, since May 2008 to-date, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, in each case, information as to the -

(a) countries visited;
(b) duration and purpose thereof;
(c) composition of the delegation, and
(d) amount of money spent in terms of airfares and per diem allowances.

Reply: I am informed that no overseas mission has been undertaken by the Chairperson and by the members of the staff of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund, since May 2008 to date.

SILWF - LEGAL ADVISERS

(No. A/207) Mr M. Seeruttun (Second Member for Vieux Grand Port & Rose Belle) asked the Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare whether, in regard to the legal advisers whose services have been retained by the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund, since July 2005 to-date, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, a list thereof, indicating in each case -

(a) since when their services have been retained, and
(b) the total amount of retainer or any other fees which have been paid thereto.

Reply: I am informed that since July 2005 to date, the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund has retained the services of the following Legal Advisers -

(i) Me. Yatindranath Varma - Barrister-At-Law;
(ii) Me Navin Chandar Rama – Solicitor;
(iii) Me. Pooja Autar – Barrister-At-Law;
(iv) Me. Renouka Brigemohane – Attorney-At-Law, and
(v) Me. Melissa Virahsawmy – Barrister-At-Law.

With regard to part (a) and (b) of the question, the information is being compiled.

M1 MOTORWAY - NOUVELLE FRANCE-PLAISANCE - STREET LIGHTING

(No. A/208) Mr M. Seeruttun (Second Member for Vieux Grand Port & Rose Belle) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the street lighting system on the M1 motorway, from the Nouvelle France roundabout to the Plaisance roundabout, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Grand Port/Savanne District Council, information as to if it is presently out of order and, if so, indicate if -

(a) remedial measures will be taken, and

(b) regular inspections are carried out at night to detect faulty street lanterns and, if so, indicate when same were last carried out.

Reply: I am informed by the Grand Port-Savanne District Council that several sections of the street lighting network along the motorway from Nouvelle France roundabout to the Plaisance roundabout are out of order since April 2012 due to substantial loss of street lighting armoured cables of a total length of 5300 m.

I am informed that the estimated cost for the replacement of these cables is around Rs4.5 m. and the Council does not have the required funds to purchase same. However, the loss of the cables has been reported to the Police and Insurance Company.

I am informed that the Council had held meetings with the Rose Belle Police District Quarters and it has been agreed that the Police will conduct frequent patrols along the motorway whereas the Council will have to secure all the inspection covers of the lighting poles by welding the openings. About 100 of these openings have already been welded as at date.

With regard to part (a) of the question, I am informed that the Council has purchased 1000 m of service line and overhead cables are being provided in order of priority as from 26
June 2012 to energise the street lanterns at Balisson roundabout and Gros Bois/La Rosa roundabout along the motorway.

As regards part (b) of the question, I am informed that weekly maintenance of the street lanterns is carried out by the Council and faulty street lanterns were last repaired on 25 June 2012.