MAJOR CRIME INVESTIGATION TEAM – COMPLAINTS AGAINST

(No. B/309) 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 the Major Crime Investigation Team, he will –

(a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Complaints Investigation Bureau, information as to the number of complaint for police brutality lodged against the members thereof, since the setting up of the Bureau to date, and

(b) state if consideration will be given for the dismantling thereof and for the police inquiries to be carried out by the Central Crime Investigation Division.

Reply: In regard to part (a) of the question, I am informed by the Commissioner of Police that since the coming into operation of the Complaints Investigation Bureau in January 2000 to 14 June 2012, a total of 39 complaints of Police brutality has been reported against Police officers posted to the Major Crime Investigation Team (MCIT).

The MCIT was set up in June 2000 under the Central Crime Investigation Division to investigate into cases of murder and homicide committed island-wide.

In September 2005, for practical reasons, the MCIT was decentralised with the creation of the MCIT (North) and the MCIT (South) covering the northern and southern parts of the island.
In regard to part (b) of the question, as part of the implementation of the National Policing Strategic Framework which was launched in February 2010, the MCIT has been restructured and its activities have been centralised and it is based at Line Barracks, Port Louis as from 28 September 2011. The restructure of the MCIT ensures greater operational efficiency, more judicious use of its resources and a high standard of investigation. The MCIT which operates under the Central Crime Investigation Division, has a specific mandate to investigate only cases of homicide where accused are unknown and other high profile cases island-wide rather than carrying out parallel duties that the local CID/Regular Police perform themselves.

Over the years, the MCIT has become a specialised unit and comprises skilled and knowledgeable officers who have been extensively trained in homicide and high profile investigations.

It is a world-wide trend for law enforcement organisations to have specialised units to deal with major crimes such as murder, manslaughter and homicide.

Being given that the MCIT already operates under the Central Crime Investigation Division, and keeping up with the world-wide trend, it is not proposed to dismantle the Unit. Besides, the MCIT is one of the best performing units of the Police Force. The House would like to know that over the past two years, the Unit has elucidated all the cases of homicide expeditiously.

**LARCENY – PERPETRATORS – INTEGRAL HELMETS**

(No. B/310) 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 larceny and other related offences he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof wherein the perpetrators thereof used integral helmets during the commission thereof, since 2005 to date.

Reply: I am informed by the Commissioner of Police that, since 2005 to 14 June 2012, there have been 788 reported cases of larceny and other related offences wherein the perpetrators were wearing integral helmets.

While the integral helmet provides an effective protection to the skull and the face of auto and motor cyclists, wrong doers also use it as a means to escape recognition.

Section 123N(4) Road Traffic (Amendment) Act which came into force with effect from 15 October 2009 prohibits the wearing of an integral helmet unless someone is riding a motorcycle or an autocycle; or riding a motorcycle or an autocycle as a pillion rider. A person who is convicted for such an offence is liable to pay fine of Rs10,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months.

The statistics show that the promulgation of this section of the law has resulted in a reduction in the number of such cases.

SAINT PIERRE POLICE STATION - RENOVATION

(No. B/311) Mr D. Nagalingum (Second Member for Stanley & Rose Hill) asked the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues whether, in regard to the Saint Pierre Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if there is a lack of space thereat and the yard thereof is
in a bad state, with the presence of pot holes, damaged vehicles and wastes and, if so, indicate if remedial measures will be taken.

Reply: I am informed by the Commissioner of Police that the building housing the Saint Pierre Police Station which was constructed some 60 years ago was upgraded in 2011 to provide additional office space.

However, in line with the policy of Police to provide modern working environment to its personnel, it is working on a project for the renovation and the extension of the Saint Pierre Police Station. The project will provide additional working space to accommodate personnel of Central Investigation Division and Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit, additional cells and an Exhibit Room. The project is scheduled to be implemented next year.

I am also informed by the Commissioner of Police that actions have already been taken for the patching of the pot holes.

The scrap body of a private car has remained at the Police Station because the owner is abroad. Police will consult the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for advice regarding its disposal.

PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOLS – GRANT

(No. B/335) Mrs L. Ribot (Third Member for Stanley & Rose Hill) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether, in regard to the pre-primary schools, he will state the number of children –

(a) attending same, and

(b) who do not benefit from the grant of Rs200, indicating the reasons therefor.
Reply: With regard to part (a) of the question the number of children attending pre-primary schools was 29,907 as at February 2012.

Regarding part (b) of the question, 1,378 out of the 29,907 do not benefit from the grant. This is explained by the fact that -

(i) 232 children attend pre-primary schools where the total number of children is less than 10, the basic requirement to register as per the ECCEA (Registration of Pre-Primary Schools) Regulations 2011;
(ii) 1,042 children attend 16 pre-primary schools which have opted not to take the Per Capital Grant, and
(iii) 104 children attend private pre-primary schools which are presently awaiting registration.

NTC - SECURITY SERVICES

(No. B/338) Mr. R. Bhagwan (First 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 security services at the National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the-

(a) security services provider thereof;
(b) contract value therefor, and
(c) duration of the contract therefor, indicating if same has been extended and, if so –
   (i) when, and
   (ii) the value thereof.

Reply: I am informed by the National Transport Corporation (NTC) that the contract for the provision of normal security services has been awarded to RSL Security Services Ltd on 03 February 2012 for the yearly amount of Rs5,417,840.00.

The contract of one year duration, starting from 01 March 2012.
With regard to part (c), as the contract will lapse on 28 February 2013, the question of extension does not arise.

I am further informed that the services of the Police Force have also been enlisted to provide security services by armed guards at the five depots, where cash is collected daily, against remuneration.

MINISTRY OF GENDER EQUALITY, CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY WELFARE - PSYCHOLOGISTS

(No. B/339) Dr. S. Boolell (Second Member for Curepipe & Midlands) asked the Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare whether she will state if psychologists are employed by her Ministry and, if so, indicate the number thereof, indicating in each case –

(a) if they are employed on a part time or full time basis;
(b) the number of hours and days they are required to work, and
(c) their posting.

Reply: I am informed that there are 11 psychologists in post. One psychologist who has been newly recruited will assume duty on 01 August 2012.

In regard to part (b) of the question, the working hours of the psychologist are from 8.45 a.m. to 4 p.m. on week days. They are on call after office hours during weekends and on public holidays.

In regard to part (c) of the question, six psychologists are posted at the Child Development Unit, four at the Family Welfare and Protection Unit and one is under interdiction with effect from 18 May 2007.

ROCHE BOIS - ESTUARY - DEAD FISH
(No. B/343) Mr J.C. Barbier (Second Member for GRNW & Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Fisheries whether, in regard to the recent case of a large quantity of dead fish found at the estuary of Roche Bois, he will state if the inquiry carried out to ascertain the causes thereof is now complete and if so, indicate the -

(a) outcome thereof, and

(b) measures taken to avoid the recurrence of similar cases in the future.

(Withdrawn)

FISH AUCTION MARKET - OPERATION

(No. B/344) Mr J.C. Barbier (Second Member for GRNW & Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Fisheries whether, in regard to the Fish Auction Market, he will state if it is in operation and, if not, why not.

(Withdrawn)

GRNW & PORT LOUIS WEST – MARSHY LANDS & WASTE LANDS

(No. B/345) Mrs A. Navarre-Marie (First Member for GRNW & Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Health and Quality of Life whether, in regard to the marshy lands and the waste lands in Constituency No.1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will state if consideration will be given for the carrying out of disinfection exercises thereat to get rid of mosquitoes and, if so, when and, if not, why not.

(Withdrawn)

SECONDARY SCHOOLS (PRIVATE) – STUDENTS – TRAVELLING PASS

(No. B/346) Mrs A. Navarre-Marie (First Member for GRNW & Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether, in regard to the private secondary schools, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary Schools Authority, information as to the number of students thereof who have not yet been issued with a student traveling pass, since January 2012 to date, indicating the reasons therefor.

(Withdrawn)

AIL DORÉ STREET, PORT LOUIS - DRAINS
(No. A/162) Mr A. Ameer Meea (First Member for Port Louis Maritime & Port Louis East) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the drains situated at the Ail Doré Street, in Port Louis, between the junction thereof with the Canal Bathurst Street up to the Ail Doré Sporting Club, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if they are in bad state and that water accumulates thereat during rainy seasons and, if so, indicate if remedial measures will be taken.

Reply: I am informed by the City Council of Port Louis that the drains situated at the Ail Doré Street in Port Louis between the junction thereof with the Canal Bathurst Street up to the Ail Doré Sporting Club are actually not in a bad state as the few damaged slabs have already been replaced last month.

I am further informed that no water accumulation occurs in this region since the drains have been cleaned last month.

BEL OMBRE PRIMARY GOVERNMENT SCHOOL - MRS S. A. - REMUNERATION

(No. A/163) Mrs J. Radegonde (Fourth Member for Savanne & Black River) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether he will state if he has been informed that one Mrs S. A., who worked as attendant during the last summer school at the Bel Ombre Primary Government School has not yet been remunerated therefor and, if so, indicate if remedial measures will be taken.

Reply: I am informed that Mrs S.A is not an attendant of the Ministry, but a cleaner employed by a private contractor to perform cleaning services during school hours and school holidays in Government schools.

As such Mrs S. A. did not directly form part of the staff (Head Master, Teacher, Resource Person and Caretaker) which was involved in the Summer School Programme. However, the Head Master of the school had retained her services on specific days (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) for period 30 November to 22 December 2011 for the whole day for cleaning purposes as the pupils were attending school on full day during the Summer School Programme.

The issue of additional payment for such services has been sorted out and arrangements have been made for payment at the level of the school.
CHILD DEVELOPMENT UNIT – REFERRED CHILDREN - NUMBER

(No. A/164) Mrs L. Ribot (Third Member for Stanley & Rose Hill) asked the Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare whether, in regard to the children, she will state the number thereof who have been referred to the Child Development Unit, since January 2012 to date, indicating –

(a) in each case, the -

(i) reasons therefor and

(ii) age group and address thereof and

(b) the number thereof who have been sent to the

(i) Rehabilitation Youth Centres and

(ii) shelters.

Reply: Since January 2012 to date, 4,350 cases have been referred to the Child Development Unit. The reasons for referral in general, the age group which is from birth to 18 years and the number of cases reported at the six outstations are being laid in the Library. The names, addresses and reasons for referral in each case are of confidential nature and, therefore, cannot be disclosed.

In regard to part (b) of the question, 17 children have been sent to Rehabilitation Youth Centres and 76 to Shelters/Residential Care Institutions.

CHILD DAY CARE CENTRES - INSPECTORATE UNIT

(No. A/165) Mrs L. Ribot (Third Member for Stanley & Rose Hill) asked the Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare whether, in regard to the Day Care Centres, she will state –

(a) the number thereof, indicating in each case, the number of children attending thereto and

(b) if an Inspectorate Unit has been set up therefor, and if so, indicate the number of officers attached thereto.
Reply: As at date, according to information available at my Ministry, there are 272 Child Day Care Centres.

As at 15 June 2012, there are 3,694 children in all the Day Care Centres. A list of the number of Day Care Centres together with the number of children attending thereto is being placed in the Library.

In regard to part (b) of the question, an Inspectorate Unit has been set up and there are presently 7 officers attached thereto.

DE ROSNAY STREET, BEAU BASSIN - RESURFACING

(No. A/166) 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 de Rosnay Street, in Beau Bassin, he will state if he has been informed of the deplorable state thereof and if so, if consideration will be given for the resurfacing thereof.

Reply: De Rosnay Street is located in the township of Beau Bassin-Rose Hill and falls under the responsibility of the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin-Rose Hill. According to information obtained from the latter, the road has sustained damages following excavation works by the Central Water Authority and the Mauritius Telecom.

The Local Authority is proposing to resurface the street at an approximate cost is Rs3.2m subject to availability of funds and in accordance with the priority list for works which will be established by the Municipality in consultation with other authorities concerned.

EBENE CYBERCITY - LESSEES

(No. A/167) Mr K. Li Kwong Wing (Second Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology whether, in regard to the Ebene Cybercity, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Business Parks of Mauritius Ltd., information as to –

(a) the names and addresses of the lessees of plots of land thereat who -

(i) have not started construction, indicating the criteria used for the allocation of land thereto;
(ii) still owe rent, indicating the quantum thereof and the actions, if any, taken against them, and

(b) if any reallocation of the plots of land has been effected by the initial lessees thereof and, if so –

(i) why;
(ii) when, and
(iii) to whom.

Reply: (a) (i) The Names and addresses of Lessees of plots who have not started construction are as follows -

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<th>Plot No.</th>
<th>Name of Lessee</th>
<th>Address</th>
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<td>8 - 9 - 10</td>
<td>The Mauritius Post Ltd</td>
<td>3, Dumas St., Port Louis</td>
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<td>14</td>
<td>Cellplus Mobile Communication Ltd</td>
<td>18th Floor, Telecom Tower, Edith Cavell St.</td>
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<td>BR Capital Ltd</td>
<td>c/o Gamma Royal Road, Chapman Hill</td>
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<td>Beau Bassin</td>
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<td>37 - 38</td>
<td>State Bank of Mauritius</td>
<td>State Bank Tower, Queen Elizabeth Ave. Port Louis</td>
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<td>42 - 43</td>
<td>Société Bhumi Investissement</td>
<td>c/o Mindspace 45, Cybercity, Ebène</td>
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<td>46A</td>
<td>Kingsgate Holding</td>
<td>Stamford Ltd</td>
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The criteria used for land allocation are as follows -
All applications for land are subject to the approval of the Board of BPML. Each application is assessed on its merit and the criteria adopted comprise -

- The field of activity (preferably ICT-related or office Building);

- The Business Plan proposed (size of building, aesthetics, etc.);

- The capacity and resources of Promoter to undertake the project within the periods specified in the Lease, and

- Reputation and track record of promoter.

(ii) The Lessees who owe rent and respective actions taken against them are as follows -

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<th>Plot no.</th>
<th>Lessee</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Amount Owed (as at March 2012) (RS)</th>
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<td>Société Civile Immobilière D'Attribution Nundun Gopee Tower</td>
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<td>325,215.00</td>
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<td>Apavou Immobilier-Société Futura</td>
<td>17 Cybercity Ebène</td>
<td>2,708,868.00</td>
<td>Letter issued by BPML Attorney</td>
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<td>Laser Informatics Ltd</td>
<td>Ground Floor,</td>
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Heritage Building, Emmanuel Anquetil Street, Port Louis $225,739.00
Letter issued by BPML Attorney

2nd Floor Wing B Cybertower 1 Ebène Cybercity $225,739.00
Reminder issued

Ebène Hypermarket Property SuperSpar Cybercity Ebène $984,222.04
Re-scheduling of payment as proposed by Lessee & accepted by Lessor

TOTAL $4,469,783.04

b) As regards part (b) of the question, re-allocation of plots has been as follows -

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<th>Plot No.</th>
<th>Reason for Re-allocation</th>
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<td>10.07.07</td>
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**COLVILL DEVERELLE BRIDGE/GREWALS PROJECT - CONTRACT**

(No. A/168) Dr. R. Sorefan (Fourth Member for La Caverne & Phoenix) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to the Colvill Deverelle Bridge/Grewals Project, he will table copy of the -

(a) contract awarded to Sinohydro Corporation;

(b) design of the Bridge extension, and

(c) certificate of urgency forwarded to the Independent Review Panel by the Road Development Authority.
Reply: The “Widening of Motorway M1 from Colville Deverell to Grewals” is an ongoing project and it would not be appropriate to table a copy of the contract document and design details because of risks of litigation. A copy of the Letter of Acceptance and of the Agreement and Conditions of Contract are, however, being tabled.

A copy of the “Certificate of Urgent Public Interest” issued to the Independent Review Panel by the Road Development Authority under Clause 45(5) of the Public Procurement Act 2006 is being tabled.

BELLE RIVE TO QUARTIER MILITAIRE – ROAD CONSTRUCTION

(No. A/169) Dr. R. Sorefan (Fourth Member for La Caverne & Phoenix)

asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to the construction of the road running from Belle Rive to Quartier Militaire, he will lay copy of the -

(a) the contract thereof;
(b) variations, if any, claimed, and
(c) amount paid as at to date.

Reply: The answer is as follows –

a) The Upgrading of Quartier Militaire Road (B6) from Belle Rive to Quartier Militaire is an on-going project and it would not be appropriate to table a copy of the contract document because of risks of litigation. A copy of the Letter of Acceptance and of the Agreement and Conditions of Contract are, however, being tabled.

b) There is no variation to the contract to date.

c) As at date Rs309,506,764.11 have been paid to the contractor.

QUATRE BORNES - PAVILLON COMPLEX - SWIMMING POOL
(No. A/170) Mr K. Ramano (Second Member for Belle Rose & Quatre Bornes) asked the Minister of Youth and Sports whether, in regard to the swimming pool at the Pavillon Complex in Quatre Bornes, he will state since when same is not operational, indicating the remedial measures taken to date.

**Reply:** Le Pavillon Swimming Pool is not operational since June 2011 as it was observed that the level of water in the swimming pool was continuously below the required level, causing a threat to the users.

Actions were taken to determine the cause of this persistent drop in the water level. In parallel, in view of the water loss and the severe drought prevailing at that period, the swimming pool had to be closed.

Since then, several tests, namely plug-in test, pressure test and valve test have been carried out and these tests have revealed that the water loss is most probably due to a leakage in the piping system.

Being given that the piping system is embedded underground, below the base of the swimming pool structure, it is difficult to identify the exact location of the leakage.

The possibility to by-pass the existing piping system and install a new piping system above ground level was proposed by my Ministry and the design was prepared by the Architect Division. However, the Mechanical Engineering Division was not agreeable to this proposal due to safety reasons and other technical problems.

The Ministry is working in close collaboration with the Public Infrastructure Division and the Central Water Authority with a view to attend to this problem. Tenders have already been floated for the hiring of a consultant to conduct a proper investigation and propose remedial action.

**EBENE CYBERCITY - BUS STOP SHELTER & TAXI STAND**

(No. A/171) Mr K. Ramano (Second Member for Belle Rose & Quatre Bornes) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether he will state if he has received representations for the
construction of a bus stop shelter and a taxi stand in the area of the Ebene Heights at the Ebene Cybercity, and if so, indicate if he will cause a survey to be carried out in relation thereto.

**Reply:** Representations for the construction of a bus stop shelter and a taxi stand in the area of the Ebene Heights at the Ebene Cybercity have been received.

However, it is worth noting that Ebene Cybercity is actually provided with a scheduled service of public bus transport particularly from the urban regions along a fixed route through the area to drop passengers to their places of work. Bus stops have been sited within walking distance [5-10 minutes walk] of all development within the Cybercity area. A survey is currently being carried out to look into the possibility of providing shelters at these bus stops.

As regards taxi stand in the vicinity of Ebene Heights, the National Transport Authority will give due consideration in case it receives any such request. In the meantime, the licensing of taxis for four points by Sheraton Hotel at Ebene Cybercity is under consideration.

**DAUGUET, ROLAND ARMAND & SIGNAL MOUNTAIN HEALTH TRACKS - UPGRADING**

(No. A/172) Mr R. Bhagwan (First Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière) asked the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development whether, in regard to the Dauguet Health Track, the Roland Armand Health Track and the Signal Mountain Health Track, he will state if consideration will be given for urgent upgrading and uplifting thereof.

**Reply:** Maintenance works are carried out on a regular basis at the Le Dauguet Health Track and the Signal Mountain Health Track and once a year at the Roland Armand Health Track which is under the responsibility of the Municipality of Beau- Bassin/Rose Hill. In addition, the following upgrading and uplifting works are being undertaken -

(a) **Le Dauguet Health Track**
(i) reinstatement of damaged wooden handrails;
(ii) upgrading of Watchman’s Post, Grotto & ‘Kalimaye’;
(iii) supply & fixing of metal slab on drain;
(iv) upgrading of “kiosk d’Accueil”;
(v) spreading of crusherun on the track (12 km x 3 m), and

(b) Signal Mountain Health Track

(i) reinstatement of damaged wooden handrails;
(ii) construction of low masonry wall (15 m);
(iii) upgrading of gate post.

**QUATRE BORNES FIRE STATION - RELOCATION**

(No. A/173) Mr D. Nagalingum (Second Member for Stanley & Rose Hill) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the relocation of the Quatre Bornes Fire Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Government Fire Services, information as to where matters stand.

**Reply:** I am informed by the Fire Services Department that it intends to relocate the Quatres Bornes Fire Station.

In May 1984, a plot of land of an extent of 0A73 was vested in the Ministry of Local Government for the construction of a Fire Station at Quatre Bornes opposite the St Jean Church.

However, that plot of land was retrieved from the Ministry in October 2009 against an agreement that an alternative site would be offered for the construction of a fire station.

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to identify an appropriate plot of land. The Ministry of Housing and Lands has informed that no State land is available within the region of Ebène, Trianon and Phoenix and as such, either the possibility for acquisition of private property be looked into or alternative sites be identified.
MONSEIGNEUR LEEN STREET - DRAINS

(No. A/174) Mr P. Jhugroo (First Member for Mahebourg & Plaine Magnien) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the Monseigneur Leen Street, from its junction between the Labourdonnais Street to the Desroches Street and in the vicinity of the primary school thereat, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if water accumulates thereat during rainy periods due to absence of drains and, if so, if consideration will be given for the construction of drains thereat and, if so, when and, if not, why not.

Reply: I am informed by the City Council of Port Louis that it is aware of accumulation of water in the vicinity of Immaculée Conception SSS Vocational School at Mgr Leen Street from its junction between Labourdonnais Street during heavy rainfall.

I am informed that consideration will be given to the construction of drains thereat to remedy the problem upon availability of funds.

MORCELLEMENT LA CONFIANCE, BEAU BASSIN – ROADS – RE-INSTATEMENT

(No. A/175) Mr F. Quirin (Third Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to Morcellement La Confiance, in Beau Bassin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council, of Beau Bassin/Rose Hill, information as to if they have been informed of the bad state of the roads thereat, including the presence of pot holes and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the re-instatement and tarring thereof.
Reply: I have been informed by the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin-Rose Hill that the road network within Morcellement La Confiance in Beau Bassin is not in a bad state.

I am informed that reinstatement and patching works will be undertaken soon at some scattered spots caused by excavations carried out by the Central Water Authority, Wastewater Management Authority and Mauritius Telecom.