PORT LOUIS – STREET HAWKERS

(No. B/599) Mr S. Soodhun (Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the street hawkers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if any –

(a) study has been carried out to assess the number thereof in the city of Port Louis and

(b) site has been identified for them to operate and, if so, indicate if all the necessary amenities are provided thereat.

Reply: With regard to part (a) of the question, I am informed by the City Council of Port Louis that a study conducted on 03 October 2012 has revealed that some 968 hawkers are operating in the City.

As the House may be aware, in a judgement delivered on 16 August 2012 by the Supreme Court in a case lodged by the Market Traders Association, the City Council of Port Louis and the Commissioner of Police was ordered to initiate urgent measures to prohibit hawking activities within 500 metres radius of the Central Market. Government which firmly believes in the separation of powers provided in our Constitution, complied with the judgement. However, at the same time, as a caring and responsible Government which is sensible to the plight of these hawkers, it set up a high level Ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of my colleague, the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping and comprising other colleague Ministers, to urgently identify possible sites for the relocation of these hawkers so that they can earn a livelihood.

The Committee left no stone unturned in this respect and has after arduous working sessions, identified two sites namely at Decaen Street near the Victoria Bus Station and the transportation Centre at the Immigration Square Bus Station, where the hawkers could be relocated.

I wish to inform the House that necessary works for the provision of amenities are currently underway.

PRIVATE SECTOR – REMUNERATION ORDERS
(No. B/600) Mr A. Ganoo (First Member for Savanne and Black River) asked the Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment whether, in regard to the private sector, he will state if consideration will be given for the advisability of legislating for the provision of a review of the Remuneration Orders every five years, as obtains in the public sector.

Reply: Although there is presently no legislation governing the review of Remuneration Orders every five years, it is the practice for the National Remuneration Board to review Sectors which have not been reviewed for more than five years. In that respect, Remuneration Orders are referred to the National Remuneration Board in a phased manner depending on the last date of review. In fact, my Ministry has from 2010 to date referred 9 Remuneration Orders to the National Remuneration Board for review.

ROCHE BOIS – ESTUARY – DEAD FISH

(No. B/601) Mr J. C. Barbier (Second Member for GRNW and Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Fisheries whether, in regard to dead fish found in the Estuary of Roche Bois, he will state if he has received representations from the fishermen of Roche Bois and of Tombeau Bay in connection therewith and, if so, the actions taken, if any.

Reply: My Ministry received representations on 19 June 2012, from a Fishermen Association, namely the Syndicat des Pêcheurs, on behalf of the fishermen of Roche Bois and of Tombeau Bay, with regard to dead fish found in Roche Bois, near the estuary of Terre Rouge.

Following fish mortality that occurred on 11 June 2012, sea water and estuarine water were collected by my Ministry on 12, 18 and 26 June and 18 July 2012 respectively for physico-chemical tests.

I am informed that, an Inter-Ministerial Meeting was held on 13 June 2012, at the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, with representatives of concerned Ministries and Departments and it was decided amongst others that -

(i) the activities of the ‘Police de l’Environnement’ would be reinforced to track down any occurrence of illegal discharge;
(ii) factories of the region would be reminded to take all the necessary measures so as not to allow any discharge of effluents in any water bodies;

(iii) my Ministry would increase the frequency of monitoring of the sea water quality in that region; and

(iv) the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life would inform the public not to collect and consume any dead fish from the area.

Cleaning operations were carried out by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development on 13 and 14 June 2012 respectively. About 500 kg of dead fish were treated with slaked lime and disposed of.

Another meeting was held on 15 June 2012, between the representatives of the relevant Ministries and the representatives of Princes Tuna and the Marine Biotechnology Products Ltd. Stagnant yellowish water was noted in the culvert near the bridge located between these two companies, which was due to the reinforced concrete basement of the bridge being higher than the river bed. The Ministry of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping was requested to look for a solution and take the appropriate measures to allow the smooth flow of water near the bridge. It was, however, agreed that both companies would carry out the cleaning and pumping of the stagnant water and same was done to the satisfaction of the Authorities.

On 18 June 2012, a third meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development where the Water Resources Unit was requested to liaise with the responsible institutions for a follow up with regard to the flow of water in the rivulet.

On 06 July 2012, a joint site visit was carried out by the relevant Authorities, at the Marine Biotechnology Products Ltd at Riche Terre, followed by another one on 22 August 2012, to assess the situation in the presence of the representatives of Marine Biotechnology Products Ltd and Princess Tuna.
For transparency purposes, the Syndicat des Pêcheurs was requested to have a site visit, in the premises of Marine Biotechnology Products Ltd and Princes Tuna, with the representatives of the relevant Ministries, and representatives of both companies, so as to ‘constater de visu’ the system put in place for the disposal of effluents coming from the factories of these companies.

On 23 August 2012, my Ministry distributed some 300kg of squid and 400kg of bonito as bait to the registered fishermen of the Roche Bois and Baie du Tombeau as a support to their fishing activities.

On 03 October 2012, all the facilities and treatment plants in the factories were visited and the representatives of the Syndicat des Pêcheurs said that they were satisfied and had nothing to complain about with respect to the system in place for the treatment of effluents before disposal.

GOVERNMENT/EUROPEAN UNION - FISHING AGREEMENT

(No. B/602) Mr J. C. Barbier (Second Member for GRNW & Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Fisheries whether, in regard to the latest fishing agreement reached between Government and the European Union, he will give details thereof, indicating the incidence thereof on our fishing industry.

Reply: I wish to inform the House that prior to starting negotiations on the new Fisheries Partnership Agreement (FPA), in September 2011, the European Commission also commissioned an “Ex ante evaluation of existing conditions in the fisheries sector in Mauritius”. The consultant interacted with the broad spectrum of the fisheries stakeholders including the fishermen community represented by the Syndicat des Pêcheurs. Subsequently, the negotiations for the conclusion of a new Fisheries Partnership Agreement were held from 21 to 23 February 2012 in Mauritius. The new Fisheries Partnership Agreement (FPA) and the Protocol have been concluded and initialed by both the European Commission and Mauritius on 23 February 2012.

The Fisheries Partnership Agreement establishes the terms and conditions under which vessels registered in and flying the flag of European Union may carry out tuna fishing
in Mauritius waters in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and other rules of international law and practices.

The Fisheries Partnership Agreement will be for a period of six years from the date of its entry into force and will be tacitly renewed for additional periods of three years. The Agreement, which includes a Protocol for a duration of 3 years and renewable thereafter, provides for a total financial contribution of Euro 1,980,000 covering the whole period of the Agreement. This amount comprises -

(a) an annual amount for access to Mauritius’ waters of Euro 357,500 equivalent to a reference tonnage of 5,500 tonnes, and

(b) a specific amount of Euro 302,500 per year for the support and implementation of Mauritian sectoral fisheries policy and maritime policy, aiming at promoting sustainable fisheries development and management in Mauritius’ waters.

Conclusion of an FPA would not only guarantee sustainable fishing activities in the Indian Ocean, but also ensures the sustainability of the processing sector in the seafood hub through certainty of supplies of originating material for duty free access on the EU markets. The new FPA would, *inter alia*, provide for fishing opportunities, financial assistance, promotion of responsible and sustainable fisheries in Mauritius’ waters and scientific cooperation.

Responsible fishing in Mauritius’ waters for the European tuna fleet will be available to only 41 purse seiners and 45 long liners. In addition, with a view to avoiding any adverse effect on activities of the small-scale fishermen provision has been made for, namely -

(a) the fishing activities of the EU fleet will take place only beyond 15 nautical miles of the coast compared to 12 nautical miles in the previous protocol, and

(b) the possibility of embarking 10 Mauritian qualified seamen on board of EU vessels when operating in Mauritius’ waters.

The European Commission is presently in the process of finalising its required internal procedures with respect to the Agreement and Protocol. I am informed that once the Agreement is initialled, it takes approximately one year to complete the necessary EU internal procedures for the Protocol to enter into force.

Upon notification by the European Commission, I will inform the House accordingly.

**WATER SECTOR REFORM - SINGAPOREAN CONSULTANTS**

(No. B/603) Mr A. Ganoo (First Member for Savanne & Black River) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities whether, in regard to water
sector reform, he will state the initiatives identified by the Singaporean consultants, including any recommendation made with regard to the Non-Revenue Water Project, indicating –

(a) if the issue of water rights has been looked into;
(b) the implementation schedule of the recommendations;
(c) if any increase in water rates has been recommended, and
(d) the total amount of fees claimed and paid to the consultants.

Reply: The Singaporean Consultants have focussed on three specific areas for the implementation of the water sector reform, namely, the institutional structure, operations and maintenance framework and capacity building.

The consultants have recommended nine strategic initiatives and actions as follows -

(i) Institutional Structure Enhancements;
(ii) Financial Sustainability;
(iii) Capacity Building for a Learning Organization;
(iv) Total Water Management Operating Model;
(v) Effective Management of Non-Revenue Water;
(vi) Optimal and Sustainable O & M Framework;
(vii) Long Term Water Security;
(viii) Community Engagement and Public Education, and
(ix) Water Sector Development.

The effective management of non-revenue water has been addressed by the Consultants and they have recommended an optimised O & M operating model through a strategic alliance in the immediate to medium term and to structure a performance based model for the medium to long term. As Non-Revenue Water (NRW) reduction is a long term process, the Consultants have recommended a phased approach targeting, as a priority, the critical water supply zone and the project be extended to the other parts of the island. In this context, the first phase of the reduction of NRW project will be implemented in the upper Mare aux Vacoas system which is expected to be completed within 24 months from the award of the Project Management services contract.

The issue of water rights has been addressed under the Total Water Management Operating Model initiative, which seeks to holistically look at the overall water management cycle including, *inter alia*, the rationalisation and balancing of water rights. The Consultants have recommended that a comprehensive database on water rights abstraction and usage based on economic activity be established. This database will help to identify beneficiaries
and determine allocation targets of water rights based on national priorities. My Ministry is liaising with the Attorney General’s Office to determine the way forward to address the legal impediments to establish the water rights database.

The Consultants have submitted an Action Plan for the implementation of the nine (9) strategic initiatives over the short term (1 to 3 years) and medium term (3 to 5 years). Government has approved, in principle, the recommendations made by the Consultants and has appointed a High Level Committee chaired by my Ministry and comprising representatives of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security and the Attorney General’s Office to work out the detailed implementation plan for each of the water sector reform initiatives.

I am advised that the Consultants have not made any specific recommendation for the increase in water rates. However, they have assessed the financial sustainability of the water sector and have proposed that cost recovery rates be implemented gradually over the long term as the main source of internally generated financing while taking into consideration the special needs of the poor and vulnerable groups.

The fee paid to the consultants is Singapore Dollars 1,334,244.

SAINT PIERRE - MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS COMPLEX

(No. B/604) Mr P. Jugnauth (First Member for Quartier Militaire & Moka) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether he will state if Government has acquired land for the setting up of a multi-purpose Sports Complex in Saint Pierre.

Reply (The Minister of Youth and Sports): As far as my Ministry is concerned, no action has been initiated for the acquisition of land for the setting up of a multi-purpose Sports complex in Saint Pierre as the exact location had not been finalised by the initiators of the project.

In fact, last year at the request of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED), four plots of land belonging to Mon Desert Alma Sugar Estate were identified in the vicinity of St Pierre for the construction of the Multi-Purpose Sports Complex. Site visits were even effected by officers of that Ministry, Ministry of Housing and Lands, Moka Flacq District Council, officials of Mon Desert Alma Sugar Estate and representatives of my Ministry. During the visits it was agreed that MoFED would initiate action for the acquisition of the land.
As no formal request has been made for acquisition of land by MoFED to my Ministry, which is responsible for sport infrastructure, no follow-up action for the sport complex at St. Pierre has been made. Besides, the construction of a sport complex at St. Pierre is not a priority of my Ministry for the time being.

GRAND’BAIE - ROYAL ROAD - LAY-BY & BUS SHELTER

(No. B/605) Mr A. Gungah (First Member for Grand’ Baie & Poudre D’or) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to the bus stop situated on the Royal Road, Grand’Baie, near the Lennard Store, he will state if he has received representations to the fact that the road thereat is narrow and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken, including the construction of a lay-by and a bus shelter thereat and, if so, when and, if not, why not.

Reply: I wish to inform the House that the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit has received a request for the construction of a bus layby and bus shelter opposite Lennard Store at Grand’Baie.

The road width along the stretch of road near Lennard Store is 6.0 m in general and considered adequate for two-way traffic.

Following site visits and surveys, the following measures have already been implemented to improve road safety at the above location -

(i) a road hump has been constructed to slow down traffic from Grand’Baie towards Lennard Store, and

(ii) single and double yellow lines near the Lennard Store have been painted on both sides of the road.

In addition, consideration is also being given to the construction of a raised footpath (minimum 1.2m wide) from Lennard Store up to EDC Street in direction of Mon Choisy.

As far as the construction of bus layby is concerned, my Ministry is exploring the possibility of acquiring a plot of land in the vicinity of Lennard Street.

UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS TRUST - OPERATION

(No. B/607) Mrs L.D. Dookun-Luchoomun (Second Member for Quartier Militaire & Moka) asked the Minister of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology whether, in regard to the University of Mauritius Trust, he will, for the benefit of
the House, obtain from the University of Mauritius, information regarding the operation thereof.

Reply: I am informed by the University of Mauritius that on 19 October 2006, the University of Mauritius Council set up the University of Mauritius Trust, which was registered on 23 October 2006 as a charitable trust.

Based on the advice of the State Law Office, my Ministry has requested the Tertiary Education Commission to ensure that the UOM Trust complies with the Statutory Bodies (Accounts and Audit) Act as amended in 2009 and that no prejudice whatsoever, is caused to students. This was also conveyed to the Officer in Charge of the Trust and the Chairperson of the University of Mauritius Council at a meeting which I chaired at my Ministry on 21 August 2012.

SHELTERS/CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS - INMATES

(No. A/248) Mrs F. Labelle (Third Member for Vacoas & Floreal) asked the Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare whether, in regard to the shelters or charitable institutions, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of children who have been placed thereat by her Ministry, since 2007 to date, indicating -

(a) if any follow-up of these children is carried out by her Ministry, and
(b) the number of inmates who will leave the shelters/charitable institutions in 2013 and 2014, respectively, on account of age.

Reply: I am informed that since 2007 till end of September 2012, 653 children have been placed at Shelters/Charitable Institutions. Visits are being carried out by the staff of my Ministry to all who require follow-up.

In regard to part (b) of the question, 22 inmates will leave the Shelters/Charitable Institutions in 2013 as well as in 2014 on account of age.

STRENGTHENING VALUES FOR FAMILY LIFE PROGRAMME - TRAINERS

(No. A/249) Mrs F. Labelle (Third Member for Vacoas & Floreal) asked the Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare whether, in regard to the “Strengthening Values for Family Life Programme” launched in October 2010, she will state the number of trainers who participated in the capacity-building programme in relation thereto, indicating the -

(a) selection criteria used therefor;
(b) duration thereof, and
(c) number of drop outs, if any.

Reply: 505 participants took part in the Training of Trainers Programme and Capacity Building and Strategic Planning Programmes held from October 2010 to September 2011.

There were no selection criteria. Stakeholders were invited to delegate representatives to participate in the Capacity Building Programmes and Training of Trainers Programme.

The duration of the Programmes varied from one to four days.

All participants completed the Programmes.

**NTC BUILDING – EBENE CYBER CITY - BREAKDOWN**

(No. A/254) 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 National Transport Corporation building at Ebene Cyber City, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the final breakdown of the amount invested by the Corporation therein, giving details of the total cost of the construction thereof, amount spent for amenities and utilities, security services, interest with banks for loans taken and other related costs.

Reply: The amount spent, as at 19 October 2012, by the National Transport Corporation (NTC) for the construction of its building at Ebene Cybercity, is as follows -

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Contractual Claims

The NTC is also in the presence of a recommendation by the Consultants for settling the Contractor’s claim of Rs28 m. VAT inclusive, in an amount of Rs10,803,938.43 VAT inclusive. The Consultants have on their part, forwarded claims totaling Rs863,609.45 VAT inclusive. The Contractor’s and Consultant’s claims are mainly grounded on the unforeseen delay in the construction period, due to the fact that works were suspended from 30 April 2009 up to 26 April 2010, in the aftermath of the NTC’s incapacity to effect payments to the Contractor, as duly certified by the Consultants. The claims are currently being examined.

Recurrent Expenses for Utilities and Security Services

Since it took over the building on 15 October 2010, the NTC has spent sums of -

(i) Rs25,639.40 and Rs506,827/- on water and electricity charges respectively. The document is being laid in the Library.

(ii) Rs530,597/- on security services. The document is being laid in the Library.

SBI LOAN OF RS70 M.

In November 2009, the NTC contracted a loan of Rs70 m. from SBI (Mtius) Ltd for the completion of its Ebene building, wherefrom a maximum drawdown of Rs58,778,375.23 has been effected since 02 April 2010. As at end September 2012, the NTC has reimbursed to the bank, an amount of Rs16,432,973.92, made up of Rs11,408,195.95 as capital repayment and Rs5,024,777.97 as interest. The document is being laid in the Library.

MAINGARD, BEAU BASSIN - SEWERAGE NETWORK
(No. A/255) Mr R. Bhagwan (First Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities whether, in regard to the 3 or 4 lanes at Chasteauneuf Street, Maingard, Beau Bassin he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to when same will be connected to the sewerage network in view of environmental problems thereat.

Reply: I am informed that Impasse 1, 2 and 3 at Chasteauneuf Street, Maingard, Beau Bassin are in a low lying area and the majority of premises in that region cannot be connected to the existing sewer line on Chasteauneuf Street.

However, for some premises where direct house connection is technically feasible, it will be considered under the House Connection programme 2012/2013.

TRIANON – TELECOMMUNICATIONS ANTENNA

(No. A/256) Mr S. Soodhun (Second Member for La Caverne & Phoenix) asked the Minister of Information and Communication Technology whether, in regard to the proposed installation of a telecommunications antenna, at Petit Camp Branch Road, Trianon, he will state where matters stand.

Reply: The Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA) has informed my Ministry that Emtel Ltd, which holds a Public Land Mobile Network licence, is presently involved in a project to install a telecommunication antenna mast at Petit Camp Branch Road in Trianon for the purpose of maintaining its quality of service for mobile communication in Mauritius, as required by the terms and conditions stipulated in its licence.

The ICTA has also informed that on 06 February 2012, Emtel Ltd issued a communiqué in two daily newspapers and placed a notification plate on the location site regarding its intent to erect an antenna mast. On 08 February 2012, the ‘Association Residences Trianon’ made a complaint to Emtel Ltd. The latter replied to the Association, clarifying the points raised in the complaint letter and gave the guarantee that the telecommunication infrastructure would withstand cyclonic conditions with gusts higher than 300 Km/h, and also explained about the benefits to derived by the inhabitants living in the area in terms of the future broadband services to be provided by Emtel Ltd.

On 24 February 2012, Emtel Ltd submitted an application to ICTA for authorisation for the setting up of a station at, inter alia, Trianon – Petit Camp. Based on the established procedure for the evaluation of applications for the setting up or modification of a station, ICTA granted an authorisation on 14 March 2012 to Emtel Ltd for the setting up of the station at Trianon, subject to the obtention of the authorisation from other relevant authorities.

On 18 April 2012, the ‘Association Residences Trianon’ filed a complaint to ICTA against the setting up of the station at Trianon. ICTA conducted some preliminary investigations and informed the Association accordingly. On 19 June 2012, the Association sent a letter of objection to the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes with copy to ICTA.
On 22 June 2012, ICTA informed the Association that the operation of the radio base station was found to be in conformity with the applicable Radio Frequency (RF) safety norms, and that an authorisation was granted to Emtel Ltd on that very basis. ICTA also informed the Association that before granting any authorisation, it ensures that Radio Frequency installations are complaint with the International Commission on Non-Ionisation Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) limits and are safe for the general public.

On 06 July 2012, Emtel Ltd has applied for a Building and Land Use Permit to the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes, in line with the Planning Policy Guidance 7.0 of Ministry of the Housing and Lands. The application is under process at the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes.

**MORCELLEMENT RAFFRAY, PAILLES - ABSORPTION PIT - OVERFLOWING**

(No. A/257) Mrs A. Navarre-Marie (First Member for GRNW & Port Louis West) asked the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development whether, in regard to faecal matters overflowing since some time near the mosque at Morcellement Raffray, Pailles, he will state the remedial measures which have been or will be taken.

**Reply:** I am advised that the wastewater nuisance reported at Morcellement Raffray, Pailles is being caused by the overflow of an absorption pit found on the premises of one inhabitant.

Further to complaints received –

(i) the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development served a Programme Notice under Section 70 of the Environment Protection Act 2002 on 19 July 2012, requesting the owner of the premise to submit a programme of measures with time frame to abate the nuisance, and

(ii) the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life served a Sanitary Notice on the same person requesting that the absorption pit be emptied.

Morcellement Raffray will be connected to the sewerage network under the Pailles Guibies Sewerage Project scheduled from implementation as from 2014.

Pending the connection of the concerned premise to the public sewer network, the owner has been advised to arrange for the regular emptying of the absorption pit. This matter is being followed up by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development and the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life in collaboration with my Ministry.
CWA - COLD POTABLE WATER METERS - TENDERS

(No. A/260) Mr F. Quirin (Third Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière)

asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities whether, in regard to 15mm diameter - Cold Potable Water Meters he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the outcome of procurement tenders of -

(a) C2009/63 (July 2010);
(b) C/2011/05 (May 2011);
(c) CWA/QUO/2011/41 (December 2011), and
(d) CWA/C2012/06 (February 2012).

Reply: I am informed by the CWA that the outcome of the procurement exercises for cold potable water meters were as follows -
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<td>The bidding process was cancelled as the successful bidder failed to submit evidence of authorization of signature.</td>
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<td>Contract was awarded to Metex Trading Company Ltd in the sum of Rs 2,300,000 exc VAT.</td>
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<td>The bidding exercise was cancelled as the selected bidder after acknowledging receipt of Letter of Award of contract indicated that he would be supplying plastic water meters with a pressure loss 0.85 bar instead 0.63 bar as specified in the tender document.</td>
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<td>The offer was considered as non-responsive and consequently the Letter of Award was withdrawn.</td>
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**CANOT & MORCELLEMENT LA CONFIANCE - FOOTBALL GROUNDS**

(No. A/261) Mr F. Quirin (Third Member for Beau Bassin & Petite Rivière) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the construction of football grounds at Canot and Morcellement La Confiance in Constituency No. 20, he will state where matters stand.

**Reply:** I am informed by the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin-Rose Hill that the project for the construction of a football ground at Maingard, La Confiance, Beau Bassin is being implemented by the National Development Unit and the project is at evaluation stage.
With regard to the construction of a football ground at Canot, I am informed by the Black River District Council that it does not have any such project as no land is available for the time being.

**ROCHE BOIS - SAINT MARTIN STREET - SPEED BREAKERS**

(No. A/262) Mr A. Ameer Meea (First Member for Port Louis Maritime & Port Louis East) asked the vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping whether, in regard to the Saint Martin Street, Roche Bois, he will state if he has been informed that vehicles coming from the North use it as a shortcut to reach Port Louis in the morning at high speed thus causing hazards to the inhabitants thereof and, if so, indicate the remedial measures that will be taken, including the installation of speed breakers thereat.

Reply: Saint Martin St is used as a by-pass route by a number of vehicles from the North and entering Port Louis in the morning, to avoid the congestion on the Motorway M2 and Port Louis – Central Flacq Road A2. Consequently, during the morning peak hours, the road carries a higher volume of traffic than during other periods. Otherwise the traffic volume is relatively low on this road.

The road has the following characteristics -

(i) it is about 700m long and with width varying between 4.70 m and 5.00 m;
(ii) on one side of the road, there exists a 1m wide footpath, on an extent of about 200 m. In fact an existing drain has been covered with raised concrete covers and converted into footpath;
(iii) there are bends at both ends of the road, and
(iv) it is essentially a two way residential road and as such vehicles are often parked randomly on both sides of the road.

Speeding could be possible on a road, only when there is sufficient gap and distance between vehicles. On roads carrying high volume of traffic, speeding is normally not possible, as most of the space would be occupied by cars, which would be forcefully required
to slow down. Accordingly, it is very unlikely that vehicles would be speeding on Saint Martin St during the morning peak hours.

The provision of road humps along St Martin Street is not justified under the present circumstances. However, in the event that there is a drastic change in the road conditions and environment that could result in deterioration of road safety, the Traffic Management and Road safety Unit will implement remedial measures that would be considered appropriate.

However, a number of road humps have already been set up in the Roche Bois Region as per the list below.

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The Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit will be requested to provide for speed limit signs restricted to 40 KM and explore the possibility of extending the footpath wherever feasible along one side of the whole stretch of the road.

**CITÉ MARTIAL – WATER SUPPLY**

(No. A/263) Mr A. Ameer Meea (First Member for Port Louis Maritime & Port Louis East) asked the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities whether, in regard to the Cité Martial region, in the Constituency No.3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East, he will state if he has been informed of irregular and low water supply thereat since 15 October 2012 and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the -

(a) local reservoir from which they are being supplied with water;

(b) reasons thereof, and

(c) the remedial measures that will be taken.
Reply: The region of Cite Martial is supplied from Priest Peak Service Reservoir which is in turn fed from Nicolière Treatment Plant and Pailles Treatment Plant, which is fed from Municipal Dyke on Grand River North West.

During the weekend 13, 14 October, there was significant fall in the flow of Grand River North West causing some 20% reduction in production at Pailles. However, following major breakdown of pumps at the Poudre d'Or Balancing Tank, the CWA had to divert part of the water in the Nicolière/Priest Peak System to provide a minimum supply to the North. Accordingly, the region of Cité Martial which is found in the upper reaches of the area supplied by Priest Peak Reservoir had been adversely affected.

The pumps at Poudre d'Or are back in operation since 17 October 2012 and the full water allocation from Nicolière to Priest Peak Reservoir has been restored.

Presently the hours of supply at Cité Martial are as follows -

From : 05.00 a.m. to 09.00 a.m.
To : 04.00 p.m. to 08.00 p.m.

PORT LOUIS AND QUATRE BORNES FIRE STATIONS - RELOCATION

(No. A/264) Mr D. Nagalingum (Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill) asked the Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands whether, in regard to the relocation of the Port Louis and Quatre Bornes Fire Stations respectively, 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 two sites were identified to relocate Port Louis Fire Station namely at Roche Bois for a sub-station and at Colline Monneron for a main station. The site at Roche bois was located on a busy roundabout which could hamper the rapid turn out of fire fighting vehicles and the Road Development Authority did not agree to a direct access on the roundabout due to safety hazard. As regards the site at Colline Monneron, the Project Plan Committee did not recommend the project.

As regards the Quatre Bornes Fire Station, I am informed that no State land is available in the region of Ebene, Trianon and Phoenix for the construction of a building to house the Quatre Bornes Fire Station. The Fire Services Department is still in the process of identifying an alternative site for this project.
(No. A/265) Mr P. Jhugroo (First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien) asked the Minister of Education and Human Resources whether, in regard to the proposed extension and upgrading of the Emmanuel Anquetil State Secondary School in Mahebourg, he will give -

(a) the detailed scope of works thereof;  
(b) the estimated cost thereof, and  
(c) where matters stand, indicating when works are expected to start.

Reply: In regard to part (a) of the question, the detailed scope of works for the extension and upgrading works consists in the -

(a) construction of a new block to accommodate Science Laboratories, DCDT Workshops, Computer Laboratories and a library, including electrical, mechanical and gas installations, site and external works, and provision of specialist furniture, and

(b) demolition of actual DCDT Workshop.

As regards parts (b) and (c) of the question, the contract in an amount of Rs51 m. has already been awarded and works are expected to start in November 2012 for a contractual duration of 9 months.