MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Requiring an Oral Answer
Sitting of Tuesday 09 November 2004

Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister

B/807 The Honourable Third Member for Triolet and Pamplemousses (Mr Hurnam)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether there are now new developments regarding the amendments to be brought to the Constitutional provisions relating to the powers of the Director of Public Prosecutions and, if so, will he make a statement thereon?

B/808 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Dr David)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he is aware that a journalist of a daily newspaper has in writing been warned off the premises used for the purposes of horseracing in Mauritius by the MTC and, if so, will he use his good offices to inform the signatory of the letter on behalf of the MTC that the freedom of expression is a constitutional right in Mauritius?

B/809 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he has taken cognizance of the reports published by Transparency International whereby perception indices indicate
that fraud and corruption have not regressed since October 2000 and whether he will make a statement thereon?

B/810 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he is aware of certain problems that arose recently during the HSC examinations and, if so, will he state what remedial measures he has taken or proposes to take in that connection?

B/811 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to Advisers hired by Government, he will give the total expenditure incurred thereon for the month of August 2004, with full details thereof?

B/812 The Honourable Fourth Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Duval)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether the Police inquiry in the Wendy Lafleur affair has been completed and, if so, will he give the results thereof?

B/813 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr Von Mally)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he has been apprised of the plight of Police Officer Nicolas Volbert who has been transferred from Rodrigues to Mauritius and has had for that purpose to leave his family which includes two very young children in Rodrigues for a long period and, if so, will he, on humanitarian grounds, use his good offices
with the Commissioner of Police with a view to having the family reunited?

B/814  The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr Von Mally)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he is aware that the contract of the immediate past Island Chief Executive has not been renewed and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, (a) ascertain the reasons thereof and (b) state if the notice of vacancy for the said post was made public and, if not, why not?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than the Honourable Prime Minister

B/815  The Honourable Fourth Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether the recruitment exercise in respect of Extension Assistants at the AREU was carried out in year 2003 and, if so, will he give the number of Extension Assistants recruited?

B/816  The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Hurnam)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Solid Waste Management:-

Whether he will give details of all procedural steps taken in connection with the construction of the Triolet market/fair at Bon Air Road, Triolet?
B/817 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the recent first conference on the African diaspora, he will make a statement on its outcome and give the names of the representatives of Mauritius thereat?

B/818 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether, in regard to State land leased for the purposes of stag rearing and venison products, he will state (a) the extent thereof (b) the rent claimed per acre (c) the yearly production for the local market and the yearly production for export (d) the approximate extent leased out to private individuals for shooting purposes (e) the total yearly revenue from taxes and other duties received by Government for stag rearing during the past year?

B/819 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he will (a) state when works on the construction per se on the site of the Camp Chapelon football ground started and (b) provide all the details pertaining to such construction works?

B/820 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether the proposed Bonnefin/Cassis sewerage project gave rise to some confusion and, if so, will he consider the advisability of extending the contract relating to the Cassis CHA housing estate to include that of the Cassis/Bonnefin region?
B/821 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether, in regard to the SSR Medical College, he will (a) state if his Ministry has received any complaint regarding its courses leading to the MBBS degree or to any other qualifications (b) ascertain if it is affiliated to, and recognized by, any other external university and, if so, will he table copy of any document witnessing same and (c) ascertain how are examination being conducted and by which authority?

B/822 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Solid Waste Management:-

Whether, in view of the construction of a link road between Dubreuil and Melrose, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if any decision has been taken following the meeting chaired by him and the site visit effected by the technical staff of his Ministry and the District Council?

B/823 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Paya)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether a Committee has been set up to monitor the effects on environment of the practice of sugar cane field burning and, if so, (a) whether it has submitted its findings/recommendations and (b) will he state the policy decision taken so far on that issue?
B/824 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Paya)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether, in regard to the consultations between Government and the Mauritius Sugar Producers’ Association in view of establishing a *protocole d’accord*, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the outcome thereof and table copy of same?

B/825 The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Gungah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, state the progress achieved so far regarding (a) the upgrading of Fond du Sac crematorium and (b) the construction of a market place at Fond du Sac?

B/826 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Hurnam)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport:-

Whether, in regard to applications for Public Service Vehicle Licences (PSV) for taxis for the Colonial Beach Hotel at Pointe aux Piments, he will state (a) when they were invited (b) the number received and examined (c) when applications were granted and (d) the names and age of the applicants, indicating where applicable, whether they were operating from a different base of operation?
B/827  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether Mr V. Ramachandra, a Singaporean national, has been issued with a work permit and, if so, (a) when and for what post (b) whether his qualifications and language proficiency have been assessed and found to be in accordance with the requirements as advertised and (c) why there has been recourse to foreign nationals and whether a counterpart is being trained and, if so, his name and qualifications?

B/828  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether, in regard to the sub-committee set up on 09 August last to investigate into allegations of mismanagement at the Institut Supérieur de Technologie (IST), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) whether it has been replaced and, if so, when, why, and the composition of the initial and that of the present panel (b) steps taken by the Board to ensure that IST staff can depone without fear of retaliation and (c) the conclusions, if any, of the investigation?

B/829  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether, in regard to the advertisement in May 2004 for the post of Director of the Technical School Management Trust Fund (TSMTF), he will, for the benefit of the House, ascertain whether (a) the post has been filled and, if not, when will it be filled and (b) the TSMTF Board has meanwhile been renewed and, if so, the names and training experience of the members thereof as required by section 4(2)(i) of the TSMTF Act?
B/830  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-

Whether there has been a maternal death during a Cesarean section at Victoria hospital on 12 March 2004 and, if so, will he state (a) if there has been an in-depth investigation into grey areas of management by his Ministry and by the Medical Council and, if so, the results thereof (b) whether the death has been reported/referred to the Public Service Commission, the Medical Disciplinary Tribunal, the Police and (c) whether he will make a statement thereon?

B/831  The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Labelle)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity & Senior Citizen Welfare and Reform Institutions:-

Whether he will state Government policy regarding social aid to disabled children aged 15+ who attend school?

B/832  The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Labelle)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether he will state the measures taken by his Ministry for a better access to education for disabled children?

B/833 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Dr David)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Financial Services and Corporate Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the Chief Executive of the Financial Services Commission, he will, since the assumption of duty by the incumbent to date and for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the details of all his overseas missions and
costs of air fares incurred thereof and (b) the total amount paid
to him by way of salary, per diem and other allowances?

B/834 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Dr David)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:*-

Whether acts of malpractice by the Tender Committee of his Ministry concerning the purchase of sports equipment have been reported and, if so, will he state if the CID has investigated into such cases and whether the inquiry is over and what have been the conclusions thereof?

B/835 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Dr David)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Co-operatives:*-

Whether he has recently and publicly denounced a mafia operating in the pharmaceutical trade, and, if so, will he state if he has already informed the Police of the names of the pharmacists forming part of such mafia and whether the Police has, as a consequence, already initiated action and, if not, whether he propose to make a statement to the Police in that connection soon?

B/836 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Solid Waste Management:*-

Whether the contract for the cleaning of beaches has been prepared and whether bids have been called for and, if so, will he make a statement thereon?
B/837 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether he will give the number of import permits that have been issued by the Veterinary services of his Ministry for the import of cattle and goats from Mozambique and say if Mozambique is on the Organisation Internationale des Epizooties (OIE) list of animal diseases free countries?

B/838 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-

Whether his Ministry proposes to have a day ward unit set up to care for patients who undergo minor surgeries or need blood transfusion on a regular basis?

B/839 The Honourable First member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Jeetah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in respect of each of the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, obtain from the CWA details of (a) volume of water losses (b) percentage of total water losses and (c) associated cost of water losses and also the projections regarding the above for year 2004 to date?

B/840 The Honourable Fourth Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Fisheries:-

Whether he will state the measures taken to ensure the safety of fishermen at St Brandon and say whether they and their families are provided with insurance cover in cases of accident and/or death?
B/841 The Honourable Fourth Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether Government has now changed its policy regarding the licensing of foreign and foreign-owned tour operators in Mauritius?

B/842 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport:-

Whether he is aware that the road leading from Barlow to the monument commemorating indentured labourers at Antoinette is in a deplorable state and, if so, will he use his good offices to have same tarred with a view to affording to the public at large a better access to the said monument?

B/843 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the contract for the reconstruction of the new George V Stadium, he will state (a) to whom it was awarded (b) whether the Central Tender Board procedures were followed and (c) the initial as well as the final cost thereof?

B/844 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Hookoom)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Solid Waste Management:-

Whether a committee has been appointed to look into public accesses to the beach and, if so, whether its report submitted in 1999/2000 contained recommendations for public accesses to the beach and, if so, will he (a) give the number that has been opened from Grand’ Baie to Pereybère in the North (b) give the reason/s why other recommended accesses, if any, have not yet
been opened and indicate when the other new accesses will be opened?

B/845 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether he will state if recruitment of officers of the manual grade by the different Ministries is carried out from the list of unemployed submitted by the Employment Exchange of the Ministry?

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A/66 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, state if the inquiry conducted on the Ex Tea-Belt project has been completed and, if so, will he table copy and, if not, why not?

A/67 The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Gungah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he will, benefit of the House, state if his Ministry has received any petition from the inhabitants of Les Flamants Road, Pereybère regarding the state of the said road and, if so, what remedial action he intends to take?

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