MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 8 November 2011

Questions addressed to Dr the Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs
and External Communications

B/803 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the case of Mr H. S., who was prosecuted for the offence of rogue and vagabond before the District Court of Mapou, in July 2011, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the prescribed procedures were followed for the preferment of the charges against the accused and, if not, why not, indicating, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/804 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to the Police Force, he will state if he will consider recommending to the Commissioner of Police to have recourse to the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate for the carrying out of the promotional examinations thereat?

B/805 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Li Kwong Wing)

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

Whether, in regard to the Police Quarters, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof which need to be pulled down, indicating in each case (a) the location thereof and (b) where matters stand?
B/806 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the circular note with regard to objection to release on bail issued by the Commissioner of Police, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner (a) information as to the date thereof and (b) and lay copy thereof on the Table of the Assembly?

B/807 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the hedging transaction carried out by the State Trading Corporation, on 22 July 2008, he will state if Government was apprised thereof and had given approval to proceed therewith?

B/808 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the office in Plaine Verte of the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) date on which it became operational (b) category, quantity and value of the dangerous drugs seized, since its becoming operational to-date and (c) number of Police Officers posted thereat, indicating if the closure thereof is being envisaged and, if so, the reasons therefor?
B/809 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

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

Whether, in regard to the Pointe Venus, the Citronelle and the Malartic stations of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) if they are secured and, if not, why not (b) who is entrusted with the responsibility for the security thereof and (c) if an act of vandalism on/or theft of equipment found thereat has been reported and if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating the (i) outcome thereof and (ii) estimated cost of the damages/losses?

B/810 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

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

Whether, in regard to the marine patrimoine, Grand Pâté, located in the port area of the Port Mathurin Bay, in Rodrigues, he will (a) state if his office has received a request from any local Non-Governmental Organisation and experts to carry out a study around the site thereof and, if so, indicate (i) the names thereof and (ii) if same has been acceded to and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Oceanography Institute, information as to if any scientific study has recently been carried out and, if so, table copy of the findings thereof, including the hydrographic survey plan?

B/811 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the car accident that occurred on Saturday 8 October 2011, at about 12.30 p.m., opposite the Merritt Complex, along the Bhaktivedanta Street, Sodnac, Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the make and number plate of the car involved, indicating the (a) name of the driver and of the occupants, if any and (b) name of the person (i) who reported the accident to the Police Station and (ii) to whom the responsibility of the car was entrusted?
B/812 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Seeruttun)

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

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a case of theft in a bungalow reportedly belonging to a Very Very Important Person, at Roches Noires, in July 2011, was reported and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/813 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the larceny of vegetables in agricultural fields, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, over the past two years, indicating if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and if so, the (a) outcome thereof and (b) steps taken to prevent the commission thereof?

B/814 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether, in regard to recruitment in the public sector, he will state if Government proposes to review the powers of the Public Service Commission in relation thereto?

B/815 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Seeruttun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Major Crime Investigation Team of Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if same has been disbanded and if so, indicate the (a) reasons therefor and (b) steps taken for the taking over of the services the team has been providing up and until the disbandment thereof?
B/816 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlunds (Mr Obeegadoo)

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

Whether he will state if he proposes to hold consultations with all the political parties with a view to reaching a consensus among politicians to abstain from making speeches of a political nature at religious functions and ceremonies?

B/817 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlunds (Mr Obeegadoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the fight against corruption, he will state if he will consider introducing amendments to the (a) Prevention of Corruption Act to give more power to the Independent Commission Against Corruption in order to enhance the effectiveness thereof and (b) Declaration of Assets Act to (i) redefine the ambit thereof and (ii) make provision for the declarations to be submitted to Mr Speaker?

B/818 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the inquiries carried out by the Independent Commission Against Corruption, since its setting-up to-date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commission, information as to the number of cases wherein (a) the Commission has recommended (i) no prosecution (ii) prosecution and where the Director of Public Prosecutions has administered a warning to the accused (iii) prosecution and the cases have been dismissed and (b) conviction has been secured?
B/819  The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the Highlands Project, he will state if it has been reviewed by the Prime Minister’s Office, as announced in the Budget Speech of November 2010, and if so, where matters stand?

B/820  The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to fraud and corruption, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Director General of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, over the past two years, indicating the number thereof (a) in which an inquiry has been carried out and (b) which have been referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions?

B/821  The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the minors, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of cases of serious crime in which they have been involved over the past year?

B/822  The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to fatal road accidents, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof in which mini-buses/vans have been involved, since January 2008 to end of October 2011, indicating the (a) number of victims and (b) average age of the drivers?
B/823 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Ms Ribot)

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

Whether, in regard to the detainees who relapse after their release, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the (a) rate thereof and (b) additional steps that are being, or will be taken, if any, to address the issue?

B/824 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent Commonwealth Head of Governments Meeting Conference (CHOGM), held in Perth, he will state (a) if the issue of human rights was debated thereat and, if so, the outcome thereof and (b) the stand taken by Mauritius as to the choice of venue for the 2013 CHOGM Conference, in view of the alleged allegation of human rights abuse in Sri Lanka?

B/825 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

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

Whether, in regard to the prisons, he will state if he will consider liaising with the Commissioner of Prisons, with a view to ensuring access to the compounds thereof to the local and international Human Rights Organisations / Non Governmental Organisations to visit the prisoners?
Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications

B/826 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Radegonde)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the lease granted by Government to the Appavou Group for the implementation of a hotel project at Le Morne, he will state the conditions thereof, indicating if the promoters have fulfilled them all, especially those relating to the facilities and amenities to be provided on the neighbouring public beach?

B/827 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Radegonde)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether, in regard to the hotel extension projects carried out by the Appavou Group over the past two years, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, information as to if same comply with the norms, standards and requirements of the existing hotel development policy of Government?

B/828 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to Mr V. C., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Duty Free Paradise Ltd., information as to the (a) date and reasons of his dismissal as Human Resources Manager and (b) capacity in which he has been re-employed, indicating his present terms and conditions of employment?
B/829 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the posts of Assistant Chief Executive in the local authorities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from each of the municipal and district councils, information as to if vacancies exist and, if so, indicate (a) the number thereof (b) since when and (c) if same (i) were advertised in 2010 and examinations conducted and, if so, if candidates were called for interview in early 2011, indicating the outcome thereof and (ii) have recently been advertised and, if so, when, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/830 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to Mr P. S., table tennis coach, he will state if he has been transferred from the Beau Bassin Gymnasium to the Anjalay Stadium, and if so, indicate (a) the reasons for his transfer and (b) his new scheme of duties?

B/831 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Club M, he will state if (a) measures have been taken to maintain the professional status of the players thereof and, if not, why not and (b) his Ministry is proposing to finance the participation thereof against Liberia, for the preliminaries of the World Cup 2014?
B/832 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the metal barriers erected in the area adjacent to the town hall of the Municipal Council of Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to (a) the cost thereof (b) the reasons therefor (c) if the prior views of the Traffic Management Unit were sought and obtained in relation thereto and (d) the alternative steps taken to ease the traffic as a result of the consequent traffic congestion created thereat?

B/833 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Li Kwong Wing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives:-

Whether, in regard to the Small and Medium Enterprises, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority, for the years 2010 and 2011, information as to the (a) amount and percentage of Gross Domestic Product of their total output and exports (b) number of (i) enterprises per broad category of activity (ii) employees and percentage of total employment (iii) new jobs created and percentage of total jobs created (c) total wage bill and percentage of total compensation of employees and (d) amount of State funding and grants provided under each scheme, indicating the causes for the changes therein, if any?

B/834 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to the foreigners holding a permanent residence permit who have been allowed to purchase a property in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to the categories thereof who will be eligible thereto?
B/835  The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Ms Anquetil)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the coming dry season, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the steps that will be taken for a good water distribution system?

B/836  The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the film industry, he will state if his Ministry proposes to establish a professional school therefor in Mauritius for the promotion thereof?

B/837  The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Ms Anquetil)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade:-

Whether, following the ratification by Mauritius of the Protocol regarding the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, he will state if Government proposes to introduce legislation in the domestic law with a view to giving effect to the Declaration allowing individuals and Non Governmental Organisations to access the Court?

B/838  The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of an Embassy in Saudi Arabia, he will state where matters stand?
B/839 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the natives of Agalega, he will state if residential leases have been delivered thereto, over the past ten years and, if so, indicate the (a) number thereof, (b) eligibility criteria therefor and (c) conditions attached thereto, and if not, why not?

B/840 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of the Mauritian Kreol in schools, in Rodrigues, he will state if consultations have been carried out with the local authority and the stakeholders, and if so, indicate (a) when (b) the outcome thereof and (c) if Government will consider reviewing this decision, in view of the specificity and cultural differences in Rodrigues?

B/841 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to R.S. Fashion Ltd. and R.S. Denim Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to the (a) amount of money invested directly or indirectly therein by the Corporation, indicating the (i) portion relating to equity and debt and (ii) programme under which such investments were made and (b) amount of profit or loss made by the Corporation in respect thereof?
B/842 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if, since 2008 to-date (a) second hand bus engines have been bought locally and, if so, from whom and the reasons therefor and (b) new spare parts for buses have been bought locally and, if so, indicate (i) the total cost thereof bought from each supplier, on a yearly basis and (ii) if same were genuine and, if not, if they were labeled with the country of origin?

B/843 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the post of General Manager, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if same was advertised and, if not, why not?

B/844 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the wastewater tariffs, he will, for the benefit of the House obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to if it is proposed to have same indexed to the increase of water tariffs, as from January 2012?
B/845 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Seeruttun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security:-

Whether, in regard to the Vallée d’Osterlog Endemic Garden Foundation, he will state the (a) number of people employed since its setting up and the number of employees currently in employment thereat (b) details of the sources of funding thereof and (c) outcome of the activities carried out thereat as at to-date?

B/846 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the Hospital Care Attendants posted at the Dr A. G. Jeetoo Hospital, he will state if the latter have received the payment for overtime work performed over the past three years and, if not, indicate the (a) reasons therefor and (b) if steps will be taken for the payment thereof?

B/847 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Sable Noire public beach, he will state if consideration will be given for the extension thereof to the north side direction by annexing the plot of land adjacent thereto?

B/848 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether, in regard to the celebration of the Festival Kreol 2011, he will state (a) the budget earmarked therefor (b) the names of the service providers therefor (c) if tenders or quotation procedures have been launched to that effect and (d) if local authorities and parastatal bodies have been requested to contribute to the financing thereof?
B/849 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether, in regard to the last edition of TOP RESA held in France, he will state the composition of the Mauritian delegation which attended thereto, indicating the (a) total cost of the mission and (b) amount of per diem and other benefits paid to each member of the delegation?

B/850 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to the chartering contract with Betamax Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the (a) daily freight charge, indicating if the charge is paid irrespective of the amount of oil transported (b) amount of port dues, taxes and bunkering in respect of each trip effected by the tanker and (c) cost of demurrage per day?

B/851 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology:-

Whether, in regard to the National Open and Distance Learning Policy Document for Mauritius, he will state (a) if same contain mistakes and irregularities and, if so, indicate if an inquiry has been carried out to determine how the document was publicly circulated for validation and (b) obtain from the Tertiary Education Commission, information as to if the Board thereof has (i) approved the public circulation thereof and (ii) taken any sanction against the Head of the Distance Education Department?

B/852 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to lupus, he will state the number of cases thereof diagnosed, since January 2008 to September 2011, indicating the (a) average age of the patients thereof and (b) number of patients under 25 years old?
B/853 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to Mr B. N., Chairperson of the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to (a) the terms and conditions of his appointment and (b) if he was a former employee of the CEB and, if so, indicate (i) the position he occupied when he left and (ii) if he has been paid his lump sum on retirement and, if so, indicate the amount thereof?

B/854 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to the Central Procurement Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the names and age of the Chairperson and of the Members thereof, indicating their respective date of first appointment?

B/855 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to the Neotown Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to the number and type of applications for permit submitted by the foreign investors therein or the technical staff thereof, indicating the outcome thereof?
B/856 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to poverty, he will state the number of studies conducted by his Ministry, since May 2010 to-date indicating the (a) outcome in each case and (b) number of pockets of absolute poverty identified, indicating the priority areas identified, if any, and progress achieved as at to date in the provision of housing units to the individuals/families found in this category?

B/857 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Ms Ribot)

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

Whether, in regard to the hospitals, he will state if there is a lack of beds thereat and if so, indicate the remedial steps that will be taken?

B/858 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to water in the Constituency No.19, Stanley and Rose Hill, he will state if he has been informed of an irregular supply thereof at Plaisance, Rose Hill, and at the National Housing Development Company Ltd. Housing Estate at Camp Levieux and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the remedial measures that will be taken, indicating if the water pumps at the NHDC Housing Estate at Camp Levieux are presently operational?
B/859 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:--

Whether, in regard to the sewerage works carried out at Plaisance, Roches Brunes and Camp Levieux, in Constituency No.19, Stanley and Rose Hill, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, a list of the roads which have been completely resurfaced after completion of the works, indicating when the resurfacing of the other roads will be completed?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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A/307 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Police Information and
Operations Room, he will, for the benefit of the benefit of
the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police,
information as to (a) where matters stand in relation to the
introduction of a new PABX emergency telephone system,
for increased efficiency of the service and (b) the number
of Police Officers posted thereat, indicating (i) the number
thereof working at any one shift and (ii) if consideration
will be given for an increase in the number thereof?

A/308 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite
Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to Police Officers who reside in remote
areas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the
Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of
mini-buses used from the Police Transport Branch for the
conveyance thereof to and from the place of work early
morning and at night, indicating if (a) same is cost
effective and (b) these Police Officers concurrently
receive monthly traveling allowance?
A/309 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, the list of the persons recruited thereat, since July 2005 to-date, indicating their respective address and remuneration?

A/310 The Honourable First Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre D’or (Mr Gungah)

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

Whether, in regard to the Poudre D’Or Police Station, he will state if he has been informed of the derelict state thereof and of a lack of space thereat and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if consideration will be given for the advisability of putting up a new and modern Police Station?

A/311 The Honourable First Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre D’or (Mr Gungah)

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

Whether, in regard to the Northern Divisional Headquarters, located at the Piton Police Station, he will state if he has been informed of the bad state thereof and of a lack of space thereat and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) when the building was constructed and (b) if consideration will be given for the advisability of putting up a new and modern office therefor?
A/312 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Seeruttun)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a new Police Station at Cent Gaulettes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if land has already been earmarked therefor and, if so, indicate the (a) location and extent thereof and (b) start and completion dates of the works therefor?

A/313 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

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

Whether, in regard to one Ms M. S. S. T., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the latter has reported a case of receiving anonymous threats over the telephone for serious bodily harm and death, made since April 2011, and if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof, indicating if an application has been lodged in court for an authorization to inquire in these alleged anonymous calls?

A/314 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Ms Ribot)

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

Whether, in regard to the Closed Circuit Television Surveillance System installed in Port Louis and Grand Bay, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he is aware that some images cannot be properly captured due to the presence of trees and insufficient street lighting, and, if so, indicate if remedial steps will be taken in relation thereto?
A/315 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Ms Ribot)

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

Whether, in regard to the building housing the Police Executive Services, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the name of the owner thereof (b) the number of floors and extent thereof, indicating the monthly rent payable therefor and (c) if consideration will be given for the (i) relocation thereof in a Government-owned building within the precincts of the Line Barracks and (ii) extension of their telephone lines to the Police Exchange telephone system?

A/316 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to the warrants of arrest issued by the District and Intermediate Courts and which have not yet been executed, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) present number thereof which were issued more than six months ago, at each Police Station and (b) additional steps that will be taken for the timely execution thereof?

A/317 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Closed Circuit Television Street Surveillance System installed in Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if all the (a) streets in the commercial area of Port Louis are adequately covered and, if not, if remedial steps will be taken and (b) cameras are operational and, if not, why not?
A/318 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Police Quarters, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number thereof which need to be pulled down, indicating (i) the location thereof and (ii) where matters stand as to the pulling down thereof and (b) if any project for the construction of new ones is being envisaged?

A/319 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the New Digital Radio Communication of the make ZTE, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof issued to the Police Officers as at to-date, indicating (a) when the system will be fully operational and (b) if consideration will be given for the issuing thereof to the Police Officers posted at the Police Transport Branch, for use whilst on duty outside office?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications

A/320 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the house connections to the sewerage network for the regions of Plaines Wilhems, Lots 1 and 2, Port Louis and Grand Baie, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to if the process of appointing contractors have been completed and, if so (a) indicate when and (b) table the list of the contractors who have been appointed?
A/321 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the house connections to the sewerage network, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to (a) the number of applications therefor which are pending, indicating the number thereof where the houses have already been completed (b) if the Authority has already approved the appointment of contractors therefor and (c) if funds are available and, if so, the amount thereof and, if not, why not?

A/322 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Radegonde)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the setting up of a new Fire Station in Tamarin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Government Fire Services, information as to where matters stand?

A/323 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Li Kwong Wing)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to public sector debt, he will state the total amount and percentage rate of Gross Domestic Product as at end of September 2011 compared to September 2010, giving an estimate of the amount and rate thereof as at the end of the year, classified in (a) local debts (b) foreign debts (c) short term debts and (d) long term debts, indicating the reasons for the change thereof and measures taken for re-profiling, if any?
A/324 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Li Kwong Wing)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to the public finances, he will, for the year 2011, state the amount of (a) foreign grants received as at date and estimated for the year (b) funds transferred from the Special Funds to the Consolidated Fund (c) increase in the domestic tax on goods and services estimated during the year and (d) increase in the compensation of employees and old age pensions due to the payment of the Additional Remuneration, indicating the impact thereof on income growth and distribution?

A/325 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the open fairs which are held in the Plaine Verte Garden during the week-ends, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, a list thereof, held since 2006 to-date, indicating in each case, the (a) names of the organisers thereof (b) dates thereof and (c) total amount of fees collected?

A/326 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the foreign workers, he will give a list of the private agencies which have, since May 2010 to-date, been issued with a permit for the recruitment thereof to work in Mauritius, indicating in each case, the date on which same was issued?
A/327 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Club Maurice Company, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the amount of money collected by each contributor thereto, since its setting-up to-date, indicating the amount thereof allocated to each federation engaged in the last Indian Ocean Islands Games and table copy of a statement of the income and expenditure in relation thereto?

A/328 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources:-

Whether, in regard to the football ground at the Floreal State Secondary School, he will state the local groups/clubs which have been authorized to make use thereof as at to-date?

A/329 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Obeegadoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources:-

Whether, in regard to the Enhancement Programme, he will state (a) when it has been implemented at the different levels of primary schooling (b) the objectives thereof (c) the number of schools and students involved in the public and non-fee paying private education sector (d) the number of teachers involved, indicating the allowances paid thereto and (e) the number of hours put in, on a daily and weekly basis?

A/330 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Obeegadoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Tertiary Education, Science, Research and Technology:-

Whether, in regard to the former students of the University of Mauritius, he will state if a tracer study thereof has recently been carried out and, if so, table copy of the findings thereof?
A/331 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether, in regard to the National Women Entrepreneur Council, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, a list of the activities carried out by the Council, since January 2010 to-date, indicating the number of women entrepreneurs having participated in the (a) training programmes (b) programmes aimed at motivating women entrepreneurs (c) organization of events and fairs and exhibitions (d) women entrepreneurship development programmes (e) collaboration with private and public entities, including projects under the Corporate Social Responsibility and (f) international events?

A/332 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Radegonde)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to drainage, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Black River District Council, information as to the projects which are being proposed for implementation in Constituency No.14, Savanne and Black River, giving details thereof?

A/333 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether, in regard to the Social Welfare Centres, she will give the list thereof, indicating the composition of their respective appointed Managing Committees?

A/334 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the Highlands Road, at the level of the Mosque and the Tupsees Shop, he will state if consideration will be given for the construction of drains thereat, taking into consideration the inconveniences caused by the absence thereof?
A/335  The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether he will state if he has received representations from the Cinq Arpents Maha Kali Mandali to the effect that the high voltage electrical transformer located at about one foot therefrom represents a constant threat to the public and if so, indicate the remedial steps taken in relation thereto, if any?

A/336  The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security:-

Whether, in regard to the plot of land earmarked at Hermitage to be granted to the beneficiaries of the Highlands Sugar Estate, under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme 2, in 2007, he will state where matters stand?

A/337  The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the setting up of a composting plant at La Chaumièr e, he will state if tenders have been launched for the (a) construction thereof and, if so, indicate the (i) names of the bidders, indicating the respective bid value and (ii) name of the contractor to whom the contract was awarded and (b) operation thereof and, if so, indicate the (i) names of the bidders, indicating the respective bid value and (ii) name of the contractor to whom the contract was awarded?
A/338 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)  

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Government Fire Services, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Government Fire Services, information as to the monthly rental payable for the space rented to house the Head Office thereof, indicating (a) the extent thereof (b) since when it is being rented (c) the lease period and (d) if consideration will be given for the construction of a building to house same?

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