Mauritius National Assembly

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Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 10 March 2015

Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit

B/148 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to access to the VIP facilities at the La Terrasse Lounge and at the State Lounge at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport granted at the discretion of the Prime Minister’s Office, he will give a list of the persons who have benefitted therefrom on direct request from the Private Office of the Prime Minister’s Office, since July 2005 to date, indicating in each case the (a) date of travel (b) capacity in which the person was granted the said facilities and (c) name/s of the person/s who have seen off or greeted the person?

B/149 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Police Complaints Bureau, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the number of cases reported thereat, since the setting up thereof to date, indicating the number thereof disposed of and (b) who is at the head thereof?
B/150 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Development Unit (a) information as to the projects being implemented thereat and (b) and table a list of the future projects earmarked for implementation thereat?

B/151 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, following the case of assault of Police Officers whilst being on duty which occurred in the afternoon of 21 February 2015, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto and (b) the measures taken or that will be taken to prevent the recurrence thereof?

B/152 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the use of drone aircrafts around the country for reconnaissance exercises or for filming purposes, he will state if Government proposes to introduce legislation for the regulation thereof?
B/153  The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if consideration is or will be given for the construction of a Police Station in the vicinity of Cap Malheureux and, if so, indicate (a) if a survey has been carried out in relation thereto and (b) where matters stand?

B/154  The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Aliphon)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Ponzi Schemes which have allegedly made one thousand nine hundred victims in the recent past, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiries carried out thereinto?

B/155  The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Commission of Inquiry on Sale by Levy, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) if it has now completed its works and submitted its report thereto and (i) if so, indicate the main recommendations thereof and (ii) if not, indicate the reasons and (b) cost incurred for the inquiry?
B/156 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Police des Jeux, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of Police Officers attached thereto and (b) name of the officer at the head thereof, indicating if additional human resources will be attached thereto to monitor illegal betting, especially regarding horseracing?

B/157 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Police Act, he will state if consideration will be given for the advisability of introducing amendments thereto to make provisions for Police Officers to be members of any trade union of employees?

B/158 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Commission of Inquiry on the prescription of immovable properties, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if it has completed its works and, if so, indicate the recommendations thereof and the measures that will be taken for the implementation thereof?
B/159 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Melrose Prison, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the (a) Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of entry of mobile phones and drugs theretofor and (b) Human Rights Commission, information as to if complaints of the prevalence of inhumane conditions of detention theretofor have been reported thereto?

B/160 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the municipal council elections, he will state when same will be held, indicating if Government is proposing to introduce amendments to the Local Government Act before same will be held and, if so, indicate the sections of the Act which will be concerned therewith?

B/161 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Rutnah)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the registered contractors resorted to by the National Development Unit since 2006 to 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the NDU, a list thereof, indicating in each case the (a) procedure followed for the selection and appointment thereof and (b) contracts allocated thereto indicating in each case the (i) contract value thereof (ii) procedures followed for the allocation thereof and (iii) payments effected thereto (iv) claims made by the contractors indicating the outcome thereof in each case and (v) total cumulative amounts paid to each contractor during the period 2006-2010?
Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit

B/162 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to live cattle, beef, goats and muttons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the number thereof imported in 2014, indicating the (i) names of the importers thereof and (ii) measures taken/mechanisms put in place to control the selling price thereof and (b) if the State Trading Corporation (i) floated tenders for the freighting thereof and (ii) will be importing same with a view to reducing the selling prices thereof, especially during the Eid Ul Adha and end of year festivities?

B/163 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to Agalega, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Outer Islands Development Corporation, information as to where matters stand in relation to each of the six projects earmarked in the Programme Based Budget 2012 for implementation?

B/164 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the project for the setting up of a Football Academy by an English Premier League team, as stated in the Government Programme 2015-2019, he will state where matters stand?
B/165 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Youth Centres in Constituency No. 20, Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière, he will state, in each case, the (a) opening hours thereof (b) staff attached thereto and (c) facilities and equipment available thereat?

B/166 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the Non-Double Taxation Agreement signed between the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of South Africa, he will state where matters stand, indicating if he is in presence of information indicating whether other countries having signed similar agreements with the Republic of South Africa have also had theirs reviewed along the same lines as the one existing between our two countries?

B/167 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the Route des Pamplemousses, from the junction of Vallée des Prêtres to the Kadafi Square, he will state if consideration will be given for the introduction of raised junction platforms as a new means to enhance road safety and thereby making its use along the said road as a test case to be replicated elsewhere if it produces results, if so required?

B/168 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the payment by households of the monthly fee of Rs 150 to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will state if he will consider recommending a revision downwards thereof to Rs 100 in the forthcoming budget?
B/169 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the Short Message Services, he will state if he will consider recommending a waiver of the levy of the 10 cents tax per message in the forthcoming budget?

B/170 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the prevention of tooth decay, he will state if consideration will be given for a reintroduction of the distribution of fluoride tablets in the pre-primary and primary schools of mainland Mauritius, of Rodrigues and of Agalega?

B/171 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the GPS Project for Local Authorities, he will state (a) who advised the implementation thereof (b) if a prior study was carried out in relation thereto and, if so, indicate (i) by whom (ii) when and (iii) the cost thereof and (c) if tenders were called for the supply and installation thereof and, if so, indicate (i) when (ii) the name of the successful bidder thereof and (iii) the cost thereof?

B/172 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives –

Whether, in regard to the plots of agricultural land leased to individuals at Bambous, he will (a) state the number thereof and (b) table a list of the beneficiaries thereof, indicating in each case, the (i) extent thereof and (ii) conditions thereof?
B/173 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to the contract signed between the former Maurice Ile Durable Commission and the United Nation Industrial Development Organisations for the Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production Programme for the industry, he will state where matters stand as to the (a) implementation thereof and (b) timeframe set for the completion thereof?

B/174 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to the Solar Water Heater Programme implemented by the Maurice Ile Durable Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to (a) the number of schemes implemented to date, indicating in each case, the (i) date of implementation thereof (ii) number of beneficiaries thereof (iii) energy savings in respect thereof to the country (iv) societal benefit thereof, if any (v) emission reductions thereof (vi) economic savings thereof to the country and (vii) cost to Government and the payback period of the investment and (b) if any additional scheme is still awaiting implementation and, if so, indicate the expected timeframe for implementation set therefor?

B/175 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the post of VIP Consultant at Airports of Mauritius Limited, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airports of Mauritius Limited, information as to (a) if it was advertised and, if not, indicate the mode of recruitment thereof and (b) the name of the incumbent thereof, indicating (i) his qualifications (ii) his salaries and terms and conditions of appointment and (iii) the make and model of car put at his disposal, together with the date of purchase and cost thereof and (iv) the duties assigned thereto?
B/176 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the post of Administrative Manager at Airports of Mauritius Limited, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airports of Mauritius Limited, information as to (a) when it was advertised, indicating the criteria laid down therefor and (b) the name of the incumbent thereof, indicating his (i) qualifications and (ii) salaries and terms and conditions of employment?

B/177 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the poorest sections of the community who are heavily in arrears in relation to their waste water bills, he will state if consideration will be given for them to be allowed to clear the said bills by small installments with a view to reducing the burden thereon?

B/178 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the inhabitants of Port Louis, particularly of the region of Pailles and of the vicinity thereof, including several other regions of Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, who are currently deprived of adequate water supply, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to when the target of a 24-hour adequate water supply of potable water will reach thereto?
B/179 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether he will state if he is aware of the nuisances caused by the wastewater discharge into the sea at Pointe-aux-Sables, namely an uncovered outlet from which emanates a strong unpleasant smell of which the local residents keep complaining of and that the infrastructure for the discharge of effluents suffers from a structural problem that prevents it to be properly covered where the wastewater reaches its outlet into the sea and, if so, indicate if urgent remedial measures will be taken in relation thereto?

B/180 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether he will state if he is aware that the inhabitants of Balloram Lane, in Pailles, are currently living in sub-humane conditions and in constant danger of flooding and, if so, indicate if, as a matter of urgency, consideration will be given for the relocation thereof, as already decided by the former Government?

B/181 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to second hand cars, he will state if consideration will be given for the regulations in relation to the importation thereof to be revisited in order to remove the mandatory element therein, namely, for the proposed imported second hand cars to have been first registered at least 18 months prior to the importation thereof and, if not, why not?
B/182 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the visa requirement for Mauritian nationals to enter the United Arab Emirates, he will state if he will consider taking up the matter with the Government of the United Arab Emirates to exempt the Mauritian nationals from such a requirement?

B/183 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the provision made in the 2012 budget for the dispensing of ayurvedic health services at the Plaine Verte Medi-clinic, he will state when the said services will be provided thereat?

B/184 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether he will state if he has received representations from the staff of Air Mauritius Ltd. regarding their conditions of employment and, if so, indicate the actions he proposes to take in relation thereto, if any?

B/185 The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions –

Whether, in regard to the social security office at Grand Bay, she will state the amount of monthly rental fee payable for the building housing same, indicating the (a) name of the owner thereof (b) duration of the contract therefor and (c) date on which bids were issued in relation thereto, indicating the (i) name of the bidders therefor (ii) prices quoted and (e) if copy of the evaluation reports in relation thereto will be tabled?
B/186

The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the hotel industry, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of expatriates (i) currently employed therein (ii) eligible for a work permit issued by the Board of Investment and (iii) a local hotel can appoint and (b) state if his Ministry has record/statistics on the list of local professionals thereof currently appointed in the same industry abroad?

B/187

The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Independent Review Panel Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) number of challenges allowed by the Panel over the past five years and (b) composition thereof, indicating in respect of each Board member thereof (i) his qualifications (iii) his experience and (iv) the duration of his contract?

B/188

The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Science Research –

Whether, in regard to the Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning Management (EIILM) Mauritian Branch Campus, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tertiary Education Commission, information as to (a) the outcome of the fact finding committees set up to inquire into alleged irregularities in relation to the operation thereof (b) if it has been allowed to enroll new students and offer new courses for academic year 2015 and (c) if the qualifications awarded thereby will be recognized and accredited?
B/189 The Honourable First 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 contract for the supply of Liquefied Petroleum Gas for each of the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, in each case, information as to the (a) name of the successful bidder thereof (b) contract value thereof and (c) procurement method use for the award thereof?

B/190 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the financial institutions, he will state if consideration will be given for (a) measures to be taken for the regulation of the rates and charges imposed by these institutions and (b) the establishment of an Ombudsperson for the protection of the customers thereof?

B/191 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the new defunct project known as Dream Bridge, he will state when the plots of land compulsorily acquired in relation to the implementation thereof will be reverted back to the owners thereof?

B/192 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the two television channels of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if the privatization thereof is being contemplated and, if so, indicate if (a) a prior study has been carried out in relation thereto and, if so, give details thereof and (b) any timeframe for the implementation thereof has been fixed?
B/193 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Sports Act, he will state if he will consider the advisability of introducing amendments to the schedule thereof to make provisions for the recognition and registration of Regatta Competitions, commonly known as Regatte, as a National Sports Federation?

B/194 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the ex-CHA and Cité EDC houses located in Cité Paul Langlois, Cité Burrenchobbey and Cité Balance, located in the region of Plaine Magnien, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number (a) thereof sold to the occupiers thereof, as at to date and (b) of owners thereof who have not received their respective title deed as at to date, indicating in each case the reasons therefor?

B/195 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Casting of Slabs Scheme, he will state if Government proposes to increase the threshold of Rs 8,500 as monthly earnings in order to allow more beneficiaries to benefit from the grant of the allowances provided thereunder?

B/196 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the construction of a new rapid gravity plant of 800,000 m³ capacity per day to provide uninterrupted water supply to the Port Louis region, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand, indicating (a) the expected completion date thereof and (b) if consumers from the Priest Peak Service Reservoir will benefit from water on a 24-hour basis after the completion thereof and, if not, why not?
B/197 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the port area, he will state (a) the allocation of prime land thereat reserved for the storage of petroleum products as per the approved master plans prior to 2005 and (b) the beneficiaries of land thereat allocated for the storage of petroleum products since 2006 indicating (i) if the leases were granted to established players and were in line with established policies (ii) the procedures followed in each case (iii) extent of land allocated to each beneficiary (iv) the respective purpose and other terms and conditions thereof and (v) rental charged in each case, and whether they were in line with the commercial valuation of the respective plots of land allocated?

B/198 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Voluntary Retirement Scheme pursuant to the provisions of the Sugar Industry Efficiency Act 2001, he will state the number of former employees of the sugar estates who agreed therewith but who are still awaiting the allocation thereunto of their respective plot of land, indicating the (a) number of sugar estates not complying with the agreement in relation thereto and (b) measures his Ministry is proposing to take against the said non-complying sugar estates to enforce compliance with the agreement?

B/199 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Science Research –

Whether, in regard to the D. Y. Patil Medical College, he will state if Former Chief Justice Arringa Pillay presided over a fact-finding committee in relation thereto during the tenure of office of the last Government, indicating if it has submitted its report and, if so, indicate the remarks, if any, made by the said committee on the International Monitoring Report on Accreditation?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
Clerk of the National Assembly