Mauritius National Assembly

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 14 June 2016

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

B/563

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, in regard to the recent appointment of Dr S. S.¹ as Executive Director of the Information Communications Technology Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to if it is in presence of any complaint in relation thereto and, if so, indicate the nature thereof?

B/564

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 provisional charges, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof which have been lodged since January 2015 to date, indicating the number thereof which have been set aside by the courts?

¹ stands for Sunjiv Soyjaudah
B/565  The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

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

Whether, in regard to the flyover bridges, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) if one V. T.² has reported having been assaulted and robbed of his jewelries in the flyover located over the M1 Motorway at the level of Pailles on Saturday 28 May 2016, indicating (i) the number of reported cases of similar incidents in 2015 and 2016 respectively in or in the vicinity thereof and (ii) if consideration will be given for the provision of additional pedestrian crossings and traffic lights along the said motorway and (b) the measures taken to ensure the safety and security of the pedestrians when using same?

B/566  The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

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

Whether, in regard to the importation of products such as haute couture fibres for textile industries and pet food which contain byproducts of cannabis, also called industrial cannabis, hemp or ‘chanvre’, which are currently prohibited under the Dangerous Drugs Act, he will state if consideration will be given for amendments to be introduced to the Dangerous Drugs Act to exempt industrial cannabis redefined as cannabis/hemp with low THC content, to address the problem of importers thereof being liable to prosecution?

B/567  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 Mauritius Prison Services, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, since January 2015 to date, information as to the number of (a) recruits who do not possess a clean Certificate of Character, if any, and (b) officers thereof who are suspected of being involved in illegal transactions at the prisons, if any, and if so, indicate in each case the actions taken in relation thereto?

² stands for Vicky Taralwa
B/568 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 Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Human Rights Commission, information as to if it has an office thereat and, if so, indicate the number of reported cases of police brutality having occurred thereat over the past two years, indicating the number thereof which have been prosecuted and, if not, indicate to whom cases of police brutality are reported and how are they dealt with?

B/569 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the roads, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the monitoring thereof through the Closed Circuit Television Camera Surveillance Systems is yielding satisfactory results and, if not, if consideration will be given for the improvement thereof?

B/570 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Monty)

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

Whether, in regard to Sainte Croix Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of Police Officers posted thereat who have been transferred in 2014, indicating if they have been replaced equally and, if not, why not?
Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit

571 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the Business Parks of Mauritius Limited, he will state if a review of the activities and of the management thereof since 2010 to date has been carried out and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/572 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the post of Director of the Integrity Reporting Agency, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Agency, information as to if it has been filled and, if so, indicate the (a) name of the incumbent thereof (b) qualifications thereof and (c) terms and conditions of appointment thereof?

B/573 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the State Investment Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if the Chief Executive Officer thereof has been appointed and, if so, indicate the name thereof and the terms and conditions of contract employment thereof and, if not, why not, indicating the name of the Acting Chief Executive Officer or Officer-in-Charge thereof, indicating the terms and conditions of employment thereof?
B/574 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to bio food products, he will state (a) if a Strategic Plan has been prepared for the production of not less than fifty percent of our total local food production according to bio norms in five years, as announced in the Budget Speech 2015-2016 and, if so, give details thereof, including where matters stand as to the implementation thereof (b) if the question of the ultimate selling prices thereof to consumers has been fully investigated into and, if so, give details thereof and (c) the measures that are currently being taken to ensure that non bio food products on sale in the municipal markets do not contain pesticides in excess of the permissible levels thereof?

B/575 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Le Val Nature Park, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to (a) the name of the manager thereof (b) the extent of land vested therein (c) if there is any project for the (i) upgrading thereof and (ii) contracting out of the management thereof and (d) if any compensation has now been paid to the previous lessee thereof?

B/576 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sewerage Project at Verger Bissambar, Mont Roches, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to if it has now been completed and, if not, indicate (a) the reasons therefor (b) the number of household already connected thereto and (c) if all the roads and drains would be fully reinstated after the completion of the works?
B/577  The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)  

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

Whether, in regard to the Certificate of Fitness, he will state if consideration will be given for the existing legislation to be amended to provide for the requirement of the issue thereof to vehicles above ten years old instead of seven years old with a view to alleviating the pressures on the examiners of the fitness centres?

B/578  The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)  

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the promotion of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Film Development Company, information as to the number of foreign film shooters who have been paid to produce shoots therefor since January 2015 to date, indicating in each case, the amount of money paid thereto?

B/579  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 forthcoming Rio Olympic Games, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Olympic Committee the list of athletes, discipline-wise, qualified therefor and (b) information as to the composition of the Club Maurice Company, indicating the responsibilities of each member thereof?

B/580  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 forthcoming Rio Olympic Games, he will give a breakdown of the financial assistance given by his Ministry and by the Club Maurice Company respectively to the athletes who have been qualified/invited thereto?
B/581 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 recruitment of a Directeur Technique National for football, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Football Association, information as to the actions taken in relation thereto and (b) state the actions taken by his Ministry in relation thereto, if any?

B/582 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the housing projects, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., a list of the contracts awarded therefor since January 2015 to date, indicating the respective (a) contract value thereof (b) location thereof and (c) names of the contractors thereof, together with the respective bid amount submitted?

B/583 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to gasoline and diesel available at the petrol stations for use in vehicles, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain in each case information as to (i) the grade thereof and (ii) if any mixing of additives thereto is permitted and, if so, indicate the nature and use made thereof and (b) state if regular routine tests are carried out by his Ministry to ascertain the quality thereof?

B/584 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the smart cities projects which have already been approved, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if the developers thereof have submitted thereto the respective electricity supply requirements therefor and, if so, indicate (a) in each case, the requirement thereof in terms of Megawatts and (b) how the Board proposes to meet same?
B/585 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the Pilgrimage Committee in respect of the forthcoming Hajj pilgrimage, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to the (a) composition thereof, indicating in each case the criteria used for the appointment of the said members and (b) duties and powers thereof?

B/586 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the street lighting system on the M1 and M2 Motorways, from Grand Baie to Plaisance, the Terre Rouge Verdun Link Road and the Port Louis Ring Road, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if a survey has been carried out to identify the defective segments thereof and, if so, give a list thereof and indicate if (a) urgent remedial measures will be taken in relation thereto and (b) additional street lighting vans will be purchased for the maintenance thereof?

B/587 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of halal and vegetarian food regulations, he will state where matters stand?

B/588 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to the employment of persons with disabilities in the public and private sectors respectively, she will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Training and Employment of Disabled Persons Board, information as to the number of jobs created therefor since January 2015 to date, indicating the number of persons with disabilities who have taken up the said jobs and (b) state the actions that will be taken by her Ministry to ensure that more persons with disabilities are employed?
B/589

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training –

Whether, in regard to the skill gap that exists in our labour market, he will state the (a) measures that have been implemented to address same (b) actions taken to revamp the training/vocational sector and (c) role of the national employment policy in addressing the labour challenges?

B/590

The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

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

Whether, in regard to the setting up of a Digital State Land Register to be open to the public to ensure greater transparency in the allocation of State lands, as announced in the 2015-2016 Budget Speech, he will state where matters stand?

B/591

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Build Operations Transfer Projects, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Procurement Policy Office and/or Build Operations Transfer Project Unit, a list of the requests received therefor, indicating the outcome thereof in each case?

B/592

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

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

Whether, in regard to the Financial Services Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom (a) a list of the persons recruited thereat on a permanent and contract basis respectively, since December 2014 to date, indicating the (i) post occupied (ii) qualifications held and (iii) terms and conditions of appointment (b) information as to (i) the salaries and allowances drawn by each Board Member thereof and (ii) where matters stand as to the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer and of the external auditor thereof and (iii) the name of the Acting Chief Executive Officer, indicating the salary package drawn?
B/593 The Honourable First Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Gobin)

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

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the ministerial commitment taken for Comprehensive Sexuality Education in schools signed on 07 December 2013 in Durban, South Africa, she will state where matters stand?

B/594 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the various leases granted, since January 2015 to date, in the region of Les Salines Pilot Rivière Noire, for the implementation of hotel projects, he will give a list thereof, indicating where matters stand in each case?

B/595 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to Camp Benoit and Montée S, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if consideration will be given to the request made by several inhabitants thereof for the rehabilitation of the football ground formerly used by the Hindu Cadets Football Club, and, if not, why not?

B/596 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomody)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fisheries Training and Extension Centre at Pointe-aux-Sables, he will state (a) when it will become operational and (b) the eligibility criteria to benefit from training thereat?
B/597  The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the Tamil, Telegu and Marathi Cultural Centres respectively, he will give a list of the Board Members thereof, indicating the criteria for the selection thereof?

B/598  The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the fish landing stations, he will give a list thereof which have been upgraded, if any, during the last financial year?

B/599  The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the properties that had been compulsorily acquired for the implementation of the Harbour Bridge Project, he will state the number of owners thereof who have (a) been compensated therefor as at to date, indicating if they have vacated same and (b) not yet been compensated therefor, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/600  The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the inhabitants of the upper topographic zone in Plaine Lauzun, he will state if he is aware that they are being supplied with water for only one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to if remedial measures will be taken in relation thereto?
The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to the squatters in the regions of Dilo Pouri,
Le Morne and Coteau Raffin, he will state where matters stand in
regard to the regularization thereof?

The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to Karo Kaliptis and Batterie Cassée, he will
state if (a) lands located thereat have already been completely
leased to squatters and (b) his Ministry has retrieved the land
leased to the Mouvement Civique de Batterie Cassée?

The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

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

Whether, in regard to the collaboration of the University of
Limoges with the University of Mascareignes, she will, for the
benefit of the House, obtain from the Tertiary Education
Commission, information as to if any one of the parties is
proposing to bring changes to the agreement in relation thereto?

The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and
Montagne Longue (Mrs Monty)

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

Whether, in regard to Cité Biquetterie, Sainte Croix, he will, for
the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water
Authority, information as to the causes of the severe water
supply problems thereat, indicating if remedial measures will be
taken in relation thereto?
B/605 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Monty)

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

Whether, in regard to the Domestic Violence Unit, she will state when training sessions were carried out thereat for the Enforcement Officers in relation thereto, indicating the (a) number of Police Officers who have equally benefitted therefrom and (b) resource persons having conducted same?

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Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and
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A/20 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 the construction of Police Stations which
have been earmarked for implementation and which have been
either set aside or put on hold, since 2005 to date, he will, for
the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of
Police, a list thereof, indicating in each case (a) the amount of
money budgeted therefor and the amount thereof disbursed as at
to date and (b) the reasons why the implementation thereof have
been set aside/put on hold and (c) if consideration will now be
given for the implementation thereof, and if so, when and if not,
why not?

A/21 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 the proposed construction of Police
Stations, Divisional Headquarters and Detention Centres, he will,
for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of
Police, a list thereof, indicating where matters stand in each case,
including the (a) cost thereof and (b) amount of funds earmarked
therefor, indicating the amount of money already spent and
(c) expected start and completion dates thereof, indicating the
reasons for the delay in the implementation thereof, if any?
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A/22 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a football ground in the region of Bassin, Quatre Bornes, he will state where matters stand?

A/23 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of the new Chemin Grenier Market Fair, he will state where matters stand?

A/24 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the buses serving the Route Curepipe to Carreau Acacia, he will state if he has been informed that the individual operators are providing irregular services thereat and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to if urgent measures will be taken to ensure adequate services along the said route?

A/25 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the street lanterns found on classified roads in Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Grand Port, information as to if consideration will be given for the replacement thereof by LED lights with a view to increasing the lighting thereof at night and if so, when and if not, why not?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
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