

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 13 September 2005****Questions addressed to Dr the Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service &
Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands**

I B/252 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Agalean students attending secondary education in Mauritius, he will state if he proposes to arrange for their return to Agalega at the end of the school year 2005 and, if so, will he state (a) when and (b) by what means of transport?

I B/253 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to exhibits in cases pending trial, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police the following information (a) the procedures followed by the Police (i) to secure same and (ii) to produce them in Court when needed and (b) whether during the last 2 years any such exhibits have been lost or misplaced and, if so, will he obtain details thereof?

I B/254 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Integrated Resort Scheme, he will state if a fast track committee has been set up and, if so, will he give the following information (a) the number of times the committee met (b) the number of projects dealt with by the committee (c) the value of each project (d) the dates the projects were submitted, indicating the names of the promoters in each case and (e) the changes, if any, brought to these projects?

I B/255 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will state if any contract involving the Government of Mauritius was signed between 24 April 2005, date of the dissolution of the National Assembly and 03 July 2005, date of the holding of the general election and, if so, will he state (a) the number thereof (b) the parties thereto (c) the nature of the contract/s (d) the amount of money involved and (e) the urgency, if any?

I B/256 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he is aware of the difficulties encountered by Mauritian citizens living in France and other countries for the renewal of their passports and, if so, will he state if he envisages to review the existing procedures in order to facilitate matters?

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than
Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home
Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister
of Rodrigues & Outer Islands**

I B/257 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether a 9-year old child received an electric shock while walking between a traffic light and an electric pole in Ste Croix and, if so, will he ascertain the reasons therefor and state the measures taken to avoid such recurrence?

I B/258 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether he will state if it is proposed to review the retail price of fertilizers and, if so, when?

I B/259 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, the number of licences issued to owners of school buses and (b) state whether he will consider the plight of the owners of school buses and thereby include them in the free transport scheme for students and, if so, will he state what remedial measures he proposes to take in that connection and, if not, why not?

I B/260 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the electric pillars put up at Boolaky Lane, Midlands village, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to whether (a) complaints have been received from the inhabitants to the effect that same are causing hardship to them in the construction or extension of their houses and (b) such pillars represent a permanent danger to the inhabitants and, if so, will he state what remedial measures he proposes to take?

I B/261 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the National Land Information System (NLIS), he will state (a) the date it was approved (b) its project value (c) the time frame established for its setting up (d) if a land information project plan of action was presented and, if so, the date thereof (e) whether an implementation plan was submitted and, if so, when and (f) where matters stand?

I B/262 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the sodium-vapour lamps along the Highway from Nouvelle France roundabout to Plaisance roundabout, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (i) the name of the contractor (ii) the number of sodium-vapour lamps installed (iii) the contract value and (b) whether he is aware that the lighting system is defective and, if so, state the reasons therefor and the actions he proposes to take against the contractor to remedy the situation?

I B/263 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether, in regard to the social hall complex project at Jonction, Pailles, he will state (a) when was the tender launched and the contract awarded (b) the contract value and (c) the expected date of completion?

I B/264 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether, in regard to the landscaping and embellishment works at Richelieu entrusted to A. J. Maurel & Co. Ltd., he will state (a) when was the tender launched and the contract awarded (b) the contract value and (c) the date works started and the expected date of completion?

I B/265 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether he will state if works in connection with a landscaping project along the main road of Richelieu have been entrusted to the Development Works Corporation and, if so, will he state (a) the scope of the works (b) the value of the works (c) when works have started and (d) whether actions have been initiated against the Development Works Corporation for the completion of the project and, if so, when?

I B/266 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether, in regard to the market fair at Pte aux Sables, he will state (a) when was the tender launched and the

contract awarded (b) the value of the contract and the name of the contractor and (c) the expected date of completion?

I B/267 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the owners of contract buses and vans, commonly used for the transport of school students, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (i) the number thereof holding a school bus permit (ii) the number holding a contract van permit and which were previously transporting students and (b) state what actions are being taken to take these owners on board for the free transportation of students?

I B/268 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether he is aware that there exists an insufficient number of buses in certain regions of the country for the transport of school students and, if so, will he state what remedial actions are being taken in that connection?

I B/269 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the refund of bus fares to sugar estate employees as per their conditions of employment, he will, for the benefit of the House, ascertain if such employees will continue benefiting from that refund and, if not, why not?

I B/270 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether, having regard to the quality of air, he will state (a) when unleaded gasoline was introduced and (b) whether there has been any test carried out to ascertain whether there has been an improvement in the quality of air and, if so, will he give the results thereof?

I B/271 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether, having regard to the quality of fuel, he will state (a) whether there has been a reduction in the percentage of sulphur in diesel fuel and, if so, (i) when was the last reduction effected and (ii) whether any further reduction is envisaged and (b) if a Technical Advisory Committee has been set up to look into the matter and, if so, state the outcome thereof?

I B/272 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware that most disciplinary committees are chaired by persons remunerated by the employers and, if so, whether he will state if he proposes to bring about legislation to remedy the situation?

I B/273 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to water-cress growers of Carreau Esnouf in Constituency No. 12, he will consider setting up

a technical committee to study the problems faced by them, mainly due to the non-availability of river water?

I B/274 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware of the requests made to his Ministry by the inhabitants of Mare Tabac for the extension and consolidation of the bridge situated along the main road of the village and, if so, will he give same priority?

I B/275 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether he will state if there is an established set of performance indicators in public primary schools and, if so, indicate (a) the rate of teacher absenteeism (b) the rate of pupil absenteeism (c) the running cost per pupil (d) the actual and desirable ratio of administrative to teaching staff?

I B/276 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-

Whether he will state (a) the number of pleasure crafts todate (b) the number of licensed skippers todate (c) the number of provisional licences issued to skippers todate (d) whether there is a competency test for the licensing of skippers and (e) the number of fatal accidents registered during the year 2004?

I B/277 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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

Whether he will state Government policy on exchange rate in view of the massive depreciation of the Mauritian rupee vis-à-vis our main trading currencies over the recent years?

I B/278 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether he will inform the House if his Ministry has any project for the construction of a motorway to link the Northern and the Eastern parts of Mauritius?

I B/279 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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

Whether he will inform the House if his Ministry has any plan to attract foreign companies, particularly from the Region, for listing in the Stock Exchange of Mauritius, with a view to make of Mauritius an international financial centre?

I B/280 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Goomany Area Health Centre, he will state if he is aware that it is overcrowded and in an insalubrious condition, and, if so, will he consider the advisability of having it replaced by a medi-clinic, which

project was earmarked by Government during the period 1995-2000?

I B/281 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the official overseas missions effected by the Councillors of the Municipality of Port Louis, he will state (a) the names of the Councillors who travelled from September 2001 to August 2005 and (b) the cost of the air tickets and any other allowances paid to them in relation thereto?

I B/282 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will state if the subject of citizenship's education is being taught in primary school and, if not, why not?

I B/283 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether he is aware that there is an uphill road which has been the cause of several accidents at Royal Road, Providence, Quartier Militaire near Bombay Road and, if so, will he state what actions he proposes to take to have the road levelled?

I B/284 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware that Government purchased, around the year 1999, a portion of land at Bois Chéri Road, Moka for the setting up of a multipurpose complex project for recreational and other activities and that the land was vested in the relevant Ministry before 2000 and will he state where matters stand?

I B/285 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state (a) if a lease for a plot of State land situated on Royal Road, Cité St Claire, Goodlands has been granted to one G. C. for the construction of a commercial building and, if so, since when and (b) if he is aware that the building is encroaching onto the road reserves?

I B/286 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information Technology and Telecommunications:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Information and Communication Technologies Authority information as to (a) the number of overseas missions/seminars/workshops/training courses attended by the Chairman, the Board Members and members of the staff during the period 01 July 2002 to 30 June 2005 and the outcome thereof and (b) the total expenses incurred in terms of air tickets and *per diem* allowances for each beneficiary?

I B/287 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether, in regard to the Notre Dame Women Centre which was opened under the Gian Nath Scheme to facilitate access to Information and Communication Technologies for women of the region and subsequently closed she will state (a) the reasons for its closure and (b) if she will consider reopening the Centre and, if so, when?

I B/288 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board (CEB), information as to (a) the reason for the transfer of a High Tension Line and a transformer located at Auguste Esnouf Street, Forest Side in December 2004 (b) the expenses incurred by the CEB in connection therewith (c) the name of the occupier of the land where the sub-station was located for the last 25 years and (d) the name of the present occupier?

I B/289 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-

Whether, he is aware of the existence of any agreement between the airport authorities and other parties regarding the construction and commissioning of proposed facilities to increase the jet fuel storage capacity and, if so, will he state (a) the names of the parties to the agreement (b) if works are progressing in accordance with the terms of the contract and, if not, whether there is any delay and, if so, the damages it may give rise to?

I B/290 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

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

Whether he will state if he proposes to bring amendments to Pharmacy Act to address the issues of (a) the practice of medical practitioners within the pharmacy premises (b) medical practitioners being pharmacy owners and (c) one pharmacist practising in more than one pharmacy?

I B/291 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, with regard to the last Jeux des Iles de l'Océan Indien held in Mauritius, he will state (a) the initial amount earmarked for infrastructure, in particular the George V and Bambous Stadiums and the final cost thereof and (b) whether the Central Tender Board procedures were followed and, if not, why not?

I B/292 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rucktooa)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if there has been any application for land lease on Grand' Baie beach for the setting up of a boat house known as 'Ecole de la Voile'?

I B/293 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, with regard to the irrigation project at Solferino, Vacoas, he will state where matters stand?

I B/294 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

*To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of
Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-*

**Whether, in regard to air access policy, he will state if
Government intends to grant any new carrier licences
and, if so, on which route and when?**

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

***Parliament House
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Not Requiring an Oral Answer

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I A/3 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the enlargement and tarring of the Buctowarsing Road leading to the NHDC complex in l'Avenir, he will state if he has received any representations from the inhabitants on its deplorable state and, if so, will he state what remedial measures he proposes to take, and when, to alleviate the hardship caused to the inhabitants?

R. R. Dowlutta
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