

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 18 October 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/335 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 decoders for the free TV channels, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether any company was already awaiting customs clearance prior to the specifications being made public by the MBC/TV?

I B/336 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 he is aware that there was an incident involving a group of persons at the Mauritius Shopping Paradise on or around Thursday 06 October 2005 and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the causes thereof and ascertain if, following the incident, there has been any arrest and, if not, why not?

I B/337 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to whether the flight MK 042 to London on or around 01 October 2005 was delayed and, if so, the reasons therefor?

I B/338 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 he will state if, during his recent visit to the United States to attend the United Nations Conference, he has raised the issue of the Third Country Fabrics related to our Textile Industry and, if so, will he indicate with whom and the outcome of the discussions thereon and, if not, why not?

I B/339 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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 that there have been reported cases of suicide by Policemen using their firearms whilst on duty, and, if so, he will state what measures, if any, will be taken to prevent further such recurrence?

I B/340 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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 decoders for the TNT digital channels, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation (a) whether they are available on the local market and, if so, their price (b) a list of importers of these equipment and (c) the procedures followed in respect of the publication of the specifications for the supply of these equipment?

I B/341 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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 introduction of the Digital Terrestrial Television Channels, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to when the decision was taken, indicating the name of the persons involved in that exercise?

I B/342 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to whether it recently carried out a tender exercise for the supply of Set Top Boxes and, if so, will he give (a) the date on which the tender was published and (b) the number of Set Top Boxes which the Corporation intended to buy and (c) the manner in which they will be disposed of by the Corporation?

I B/343 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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, following the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Sale by Levy, he will say if cases have been referred to the Police and the ICAC and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

I B/344 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Issack)

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 the person who gave information to the Police on “l’escadron de la mort” and which led to its dismantling has received the promised reward of Rs 500,000?

I B/345 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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether members of the Police Force are evenly distributed amongst the various Police Stations and whether police patrol is effected in an organized manner and at regular intervals both during the day and at night?

I B/346 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to whether the Corporation intends to introduce or has introduced digital television in mainland Mauritius and, if so, the number of channels which are operational?

I B/347 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

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 there is any short, medium and long term plan for the development and modernization of the MBC in Rodrigues, indicating the policies in regard to the training of personnel, uplifting of the TV and Radio Stations and broadcasting?

**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/348 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether he will state if Government has decided to take back the control over the administration of the REDCO which was entrusted to the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and, if so, the reasons thereof?

I B/349 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Shopping Paradise, information as to whether any incident took place last week on its premises and, if so, (a) the nature of the incident and whether it was reported to the Police and (b) whether any Police inquiry has been initiated thereon?

I B/350 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will state if he has taken cognizance of the different studies conducted by organizations, like the *Organisation pour la Recherche Scientifique Appliquée* based in the Netherlands, in regard to the impact of the use of mobile phones on the central nervous system and the effects caused by the transmission stations and, if so, whether it is proposed to carry out a similar study in Mauritius?

I B/351 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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Corporation, the following information in regard to its Provident Fund (a) the date of its creation (b) the amount collected and the interest accrued thereon so far and (c) the number of beneficiaries who have been granted support todate?

I B/352 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will state if a Tertiary Education Loan Scheme has been set up and, if so, will he give the details thereof?

I B/353 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the Set Top Boxes for the reception of Digital Terrestrial Television Channels for the MBC, he will state (a) the name of the importer/s (b) the date on which their respective order/s were placed and received (c) the number of containers of such boxes and/or units at the Customs Department and (d) whether they have been cleared from Customs and, if not, why not?

I B/354 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state if there is a project for providing an access road to Camp Savanne, Henrietta and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

I B/355 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state (a) the amount earmarked for the education of disabled children for the year 2005-2006 and (b) the amount paid as at 30 September 2005 during that

financial year to the institutions which provide education to children with special needs?

I B/356 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Prevention Unit of the NATReSA, she will state (a) when it was set up (b) its objectives and (c) the name of its Coordinator, indicating when he took up employment?

I B/357 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Bundhoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he has been made aware of the difficulties being encountered by the inhabitants of Ecroignard, Flacq regarding the domestic water supply and, if so, will he state what urgent remedial measures will be taken?

I B/358 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the Grand' Baie Sewerage Project, he will state (a) when the contract was awarded (b) the date by which the Project ought to have been completed (c) whether the project has now been completed and, if so, when (d) the contract price and (e) whether there has been an increase in the contract price and, if so, the details thereof?

I B/359 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, in regard to the Government villas at the Trou aux Biches Hotel, he will state (a) the number thereof (b) the number of villas leased to the Hotel and the terms and conditions thereof (c) whether there are any arrears in regard to the payment of rent and (d) the action, if any, initiated for the recovery of arrears?

I B/360 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether he will table a detailed list of scholarships awarded to students and officers of his Ministry between the years 2000 to 2005 and say if it is proposed to review the existing method for the award of scholarships in order to make it more transparent?

I B/361 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rivière des Anguilles Government School, he will state (a) when renovation works were last carried out (b) the expenditure incurred for renovation works between the years 2000 to 2005 and (c) if there is any project for all necessary renovation works to be carried out and, if so, the details thereof?

I B/362 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to the Health Centre at Tyack, he will consider the advisability of providing an extension to the existing building, in view of the limited space available for both the users and the members of the staff?

I B/363 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry has received a request dated 21 January 2005 for the extension of the public transport service to Legrand Branch Road at Grand Bois and, if so, will he state if any decision has been taken thereon?

I B/364 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to houses and apartments built at the Cyber Village in Ebène, he will state (a) the number thereof (b) the purpose for which they were constructed (c) the initial and revised selling price thereof and (d) the number sold todate?

I B/365 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he has been made aware that the Development Works Corporation has stopped all renovation works in regard to the community centre, the children's park and the football ground at Cité La Chaux, Mahebourg and,

if so, will he state the reasons therefor and say what remedial measures are envisaged?

I B/366 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Property Development Company Ltd., the reasons why works on the second phase of the Waterfront at Mahebourg due to have started in 2001 were not undertaken and say when works will start?

I B/367 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to provide free transport to associations of old age pensioners for the organization of excursions for the benefit of their members?

I B/368 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether he will state if there is a shortage of medical and para-medical staff and, if so, will he state what measures will be taken for the filling of the vacancies to ensure that there is no lack of personnel especially in the light of Government decision for all Area Health Centres to be opened after normal working hours?

I B/369 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether it is proposed to establish a Pharmacy Council and, if so, when?

I B/370 The Honourable Fourth Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sayed-Hossen)

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

Whether, in regard to the Waterfront Project at Grand River South East, he will (a) say where matters stand (b) state whether in order to give a boost to the economic development of the region, he intends to reactivate the Project?

I B/371 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the University of Mauritius the amount of (a) overtime paid to its academic staff and (b) fees paid to part time lecturers during the financial year 2004-2005?

I B/372 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether she is aware that the pension benefits of Mr R. T. of Cité Hibiscus, Flacq have decreased significantly and, if so, will she give the reasons therefor?

I B/373 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether he will state the number of cases of HIV/AIDS reported todate, indicating if some regions are specifically affected and the measures taken in connection therewith?

I B/374 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether he will state the number of vacancies in the different grades existing at present at his Ministry and say when it is proposed to have them filled?

I B/375 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to extend the contract of work of Mr B. Cunningham, Comptroller of Customs and, if so, the reasons therefor?

I B/376 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

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

Whether he will state the measures it is proposed to take so that students in Rodrigues may benefit from the Student Loan facilities offered by the Mauritius Post and Co-operative Bank (MPCB)?

I B/377 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

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

Whether he will state if he is aware that the Mauritius Post and Co-operative Bank operates a Loan Guarantee Scheme for Women Entrepreneurs and, if so, what measures it is proposed to take to enable women entrepreneurs in Rodrigues to benefit therefrom?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

***Parliament House
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MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Not Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 18 October 2005**

I A/4 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to construct a foot-bridge leading to the football ground at Valetta and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

I A/5 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if it is proposed to clean up the canal at Circonstance and construct a foot-bridge thereat?

I A/6 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of having the football ground at Camp Thorel Government School levelled?

I A/7 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to construct a community centre at Ripailles and, if not, why not?

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