MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given Requiring an Oral Answer Sitting of Tuesday 22 November 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

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 the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether a raid was carried out at the residence of the Chairman of the Moka/Flacq District Council on Saturday 12 November 2005 and, if so, the reasons therefor?

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 death of PC S. L. and his spouse, by gunshot, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether an inquiry has been carried out to determine the circumstances in which that Police Officer was in possession of his service firearm whilst not on duty?

I B/523 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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 line of credit obtained during his recent visit to India, he will give a breakdown of the amount allocated to each of the projects earmarked to be financed thereunder?

The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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 air traffic control at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will state (a) if there has been any reports of accidents and/or near misses between aircrafts at landing and/or take-off between the years 2000 to 2005 (b) the number of air traffic controllers presently in post and (c) whether any training facilities are provided to the air traffic controllers?

I B/525 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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 Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life has recently been interdicted and, if so, will he state (a) if the interdiction was linked to a tender exercise for the supply of security services to Government hospitals and (b) whether disciplinary proceedings have been initiated and, if so, where matters stand?

I B/526 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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, during the night of Sunday to Monday 14 November 2005, Police Officers effected a search at the residence of one Mr F. B. D. at Deep River Beau Champ and, if so, (a) the number of Police Officers present (b) the reasons for the search (c) the time at which the search was carried out and (d) whether they had a warrant of arrest?

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

The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he will state if the contracts of employment of three foreign medical practitioners attached to a mediclinic have recently been terminated and, if so, the reasons therefor, indicating whether they have subsequently been reinstated in their posts and, if so, the reasons therefor?

The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he will state Government policy in regard to the employment and dismissal of foreign medical practitioners?

I B/529 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will state if the storage in the port area of the fertilizer 30-06-00 imported by the Mauritius Chemical and Fertilizer Industry represents a potential threat to the security of the port, in particular, and to the country in general?

I B/530 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he proposes to review the mark-up on pharmaceutical products?

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

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

Whether she will state if it is proposed to offer to Mr C. R. a new contract in the National Pevention Unit of the NATReSA on the same terms and conditions as those applicable to his previous employment thereat?

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, in regard to the survey on the means of transport used by students to attend secondary schools, he will state if taxis were included in the survey form as one of the means of transport and, if not, why not?

I B/533 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether there is shortage of medical practitioners at the Victoria Hospital and, if so, the reasons therefor?

The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether he will state if the project for the embellishment of the sports ground at Chebel has been awarded to the Development Works Corporation and, if so, will he state (a) the project value (b) when works are scheduled to start and (c) the expected date of completion?

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

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

Whether he will state if he has received any letter from the inhabitants of Residence Coquillage, La Tour Koenig, Pointe aux Sables, concerning compact emission of black fumes, from the Compagnie Mauricienne de Textile, and resulting in carbon particles being scattered all over the region and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the dialysis treatment, he will state (a) the number of dialysis machines which existed in the public and the private sectors respectively (i) as at September 2000 and (ii) as from September 2000 to July

2005 (b) the number of patients presently undergoing dialysis in the public and in the private sectors and (c) the cost of such service in the private sector?

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

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

Whether he will state if the new psychiatric Hospital of Beau Bassin has been damaged by a fire outbreak and, if so, (a) the cause thereof (b) the extent of the damage and (c) the estimated cost of repairs?

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

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

Whether he will state the frequency at which water samples were taken from hospitals and health centres since October 2003 todate for testing purposes, indicating the number of cases, if any, of contamination detected?

The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware that one section of the cemetery at Plaine Magnien in Constituency No. 12 is reserved and, if so, will he state the reasons therefor, indicating if the two remaining sections are sufficient for burial purposes and, if not, what remedial measures are envisaged?

I B/540 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 will state when the swimming pool in Mare d'Albert will become operational?

I B/541 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 that the volleyball pitch in Mare Tabac is in a deplorable state and, if so, will he consider the advisability of having it upgraded as a matter of priority?

The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether he will, for the years 2003 and 2004, give the number of accidents involving bicycles, indicating the number of (i) deaths and (ii) serious injuries suffered by cyclists and state whether it is proposed to amend the law to make provision for the compulsory use of helmets by cyclists?

The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether he is aware of the severe space constraints in the Community Health Centres in the villages of Laventure, Belle Mare, Camp Ithier and St Julien and, if so, will he consider the advisability of providing extensions thereto?

The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether he will, in regard to the yearly budget allocated to the Trust Fund for the Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups for the financial year 2005-2006, state (a) the amount spent todate and (b) whether the remaining funds will be sufficient to cater for the needs of the targeted group up to the end of the financial year?

The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether he will state the number of requests received from the socio-economically vulnerable groups in the region of Flacq for the provision of corrugated iron sheets and wood, indicating what appropriate action has been taken?

The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to foreigners employed in the tourism sector in Mauritius, he will state the number thereof employed at managerial level and as Executive Housekeeper?

I B/547 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will use his good offices to impress upon the Grand Port/Savanne District Council, the need to cover

the market at Grand Bois, for the protection of the inhabitants and the sellers from bad weather conditions?

I B/548 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether he is aware of the difficulties faced by the inhabitants of Cité La Cure when attending the dispensary thereat and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?

The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Dr Babajee)

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

Whether he is aware that the recruitment and promotion exercise carried out at the IVTB in October/November 2004, gave rise to dissatisfaction and frustration amongst the staff and which resulted in a demonstration in front of the Government House and, if so, will he state whether any committee was set up to look into the matter and the outcome thereof?

The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation:-

Whether, in regard to Mauritian nationals wishing to visit certain countries where a visa is required, he will use his good offices to liaise with the Embassies and the High Commissions of those countries in Mauritius with a view to easing the processing of the applications?

I B/551 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, in regard to accidents which have occurred at the junction at Providence, Quartier Militaire and the roads leading to Montagne Blanche and Flacq, he will state (a) the number thereof during the past five years, giving a breakdown in terms of seriousness (b) the remedial actions, if any, which have been or will be taken and (c) if he will consider the advisability of having traffic lights placed thereat?

The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if part of the public beach or of the Pas Géométriques at Woolmar, Flic-en-Flac has been leased or is proposed to be leased for the extension/renovation of a hotel or for other purposes and, if so, will he state (a) the area involved (b) the name of the lessee/s (c) whether an EIA licence was obtained and (d) whether clearances from (i) the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit (ii) the Ministry of Environment and National Development Unit and (iii) other Statutory Bodies were obtained?

I B/553 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation:-

Whether he is aware that the Chateau Val Ory at Bois Chéri Road, Moka, is presently in an abandoned state and, if so, will he make use of his good offices to impress upon the owners the need for the premises to be properly maintained?

The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

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, in regard to the BSC (Political Science) Course, information as to whether (a) there is a shortage of lecturers for first and second year students (b) these students are facing any problems with their semestrial timetable and (c) the course was properly planned and approved by the Board of the University?

The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

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 number of cases of alleged plagiarism reported thereat during the past five years, indicating what steps have been taken to prevent or discourage this practice?

The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipality of Vacoas/Phoenix, information as to whether the company operating the Tote System in Vacoas since October 2004, was issued with the necessary permit by the Municipality before starting its activities and, if not, the measures which have been taken by the Municipality against the company?

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 will state if facilities for testing and certifying the quality of jet fuel exist in Mauritius?

I B/558 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-

Whether, in regard to the execution of warrants of arrest issued by Magistrates in relation to non-payment of fines and non-attendance in courts, it is proposed to bring amendments to the law for such execution only between 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. to avoid undue hardship to those concerned?

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the allocation of land to squatters at Bambous, he will state (a) if clearance from the Water Resources Unit of the Ministry of Public Utilities was sought before the allocation thereof and, if so, when (b) the date on which he met the representatives of the NGOs of Bambous, indicating their names (c) the distance between the plots which have been allocated nearest the low line portion of the site and the low line portion and (d) the measures he intends to take in respect of the squatters occupying the banks of La Ferme Reservoir since the past five years?

I B/560 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the scrap of the ex-La Chartreuse Tea Factory, he will state (a) if it has been disposed of and, if so, whether a tender exercise was carried out and the details thereof and (b) whether any Police inquiry is being carried out and, if so, where matters stand?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

Parliament House Port Louis

16 November 2005

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<u>Not Requiring an Oral Answer</u> <u>Sitting of Tuesday 22 November 2005</u>

I A/11 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether he will state when the project for the construction of drains at Butterfy Avenue at Belvedère, Beau Bassin, will be implemented?

R. R. Dowlutta
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