

## **MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **Questions of which notice has been given**

#### **Requiring an Oral Answer**

#### **Sitting of Tuesday 23 August 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/80      The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Guttee)

*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 the Police station in Goodlands is located in an old rented building and, if so, whether he proposes to arrange for that building to be renovated and, if so, when and, if not, why not?**

I B/81      The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

*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 ascertain if drug trafficking has increased since the last 5 years in the regions of Plaine Verte, Roche Bois and Vallée Pitot and that at certain times these areas are unsafe and, if so, will he state what measures he proposes to take to address the issue and in particular, whether he will consider posting officers of the ADSU and the Flying Squad on a permanent basis in these areas?**

I B/82 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 he is aware that employees of the Muslim faith at SICOM have in a recent past been facing difficulties to accomplish their Friday prayers (Jummah) and, if so, will he use his good offices to see to it that all such employees no longer face any difficulties?**

I B/83 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, for the benefit of the House, ascertain from the Commissioner of Police if a Parliamentary Private Secretary presently in office was arrested on 21 March 2001 on a charge of receiving stolen goods (*receit*) and, if so, whether (a) he was released on bail and the amount of recognizance, if any, (b) the goods were found at his residence and, if so, whether these goods were a computer, a pair of loudspeakers, a pressure cleaning machine make 'Karcher' and an adaptor and (c) if the case has been disposed of?**

I B/84 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 advisers and press attachés, recruited by Government since July 2005, he will give their names, respective salaries, other benefits and conditions of service?**

I B/85 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, having regard to problems faced by the public in Port Louis resulting from (a) the lack of office space (b) traffic jams and (c) non-availability of parking, he will consider shifting some Ministries or departments elsewhere?**

I B/86 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, with a view to fighting drug trafficking, corruption and money laundering, he will consider introducing legislation with a view to granting immunity from prosecution to persons who have unlawfully acquired wealth and who are willing to declare and return same to the State?**

I B/87 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

*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 new passports, he will state (a) the total number ordered and the price paid per passport (b) the CIF cost of one passport and (c) the duty, if any, paid on each passport?**

I B/88            The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

*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 the measures, if any, taken to avoid the repatriation of Mauritian students presently studying in madrassahs in Pakistan with a view to become maulanas, halims and halimas, following the recent decision of H.E Mr Parwez Musharraf, President of the Republic of Pakistan to send back to their respective countries all foreign students studying in madrassahs in Pakistan?**

**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/89            The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

**Whether he will state if the immediate former Minister of Foreign Affairs was nominated by Government for the post of Director of the World Trade Organization and, if so (a) when (b) the reasons therefor (c) the number of missions undertaken by him to gather support for his election, indicating the countries he visited (d) the amount, if any, spent on each mission and (e) what other facilities were extended to him by the Government then?**

I B/90 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare and Consumer Protection:-*

**Whether she will make a statement on Government policy regarding abortion?**

I B/91 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 ascertain if the degrees awarded by the University of Ukraine are recognized by the Medical Council in Mauritius?**

I B/92 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 is aware of the problems faced by the students in medicine in Ukraine and, if so, will he state the measures taken in relation thereto?**

I B/93 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-*

**Whether, in regard to the parceling of State land at Henrietta for the purpose of housing squatters, he will state (a) the extent of land earmarked (b) whether the land was identified for the low cost housing projects, and whether electricity and water supplies are available?**

I B/94 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-*

**Whether, having regard to the new policy of Government relating to the housing sector, he will state if his Ministry is contemplating not to proceed with the construction of the 2000 Firinga-type houses?**

I B/95 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-*

**Whether he will make a statement on Government policy regarding the Integrated Resort Scheme projects?**

I B/96 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

**Whether, following the recent decrease in the price of milk, he will state if he intends to extend the price review and control to milk-based products, breakfast cereals, skimmed milk, Hi-calcium milk and wheat-based cereals and, if so, when and, if not, why not?**

I B/97 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

**Whether he is aware that the Cité Hibiscus along rivulet Céré at Central Flacq is a flood-prone area and, if so, whether the Land and Drainage Committee of his Ministry has considered dredging works thereat, indicating (a) the outcome thereof and (b) when works are likely to start?**

I B/98 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil  
(Dr Mungur)

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

**Whether he will ascertain the state of the market fair at Central Flacq and state if there is any project for the construction of a new market fair thereat and, if so, when works are likely to start?**

I B/99 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil  
(Dr Mungur)

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

**Whether, in regard to Medical Superintendents, he will give the number of posts on the establishment of his Ministry and the number of vacancies todate, indicating when such vacancies will be filled?**

I B/100 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil  
(Dr Mungur)

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

**Whether there is any project for the construction of a football ground at Camp Marcelin, Flacq?**

I B/101 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Miss Deerpalsing)

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

**Whether, in regard to the State Investment Corporation, he will state the Return of Equity and the Return on Capital employed for the period 2000 to 2004 inclusive?**

I B/102 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Miss Deerpalsing)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Balance of Payment (BOP), he will state the reasons for the present macro-economic situation?**

I B/103 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Guttee)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Duty Free Paradise Ltd, he will state (a) when it came into operation (b) whether it has been wound up and, if not, why not and (c) whether he will give details of the expenses incurred on the staff and the Executive Chairman as from September 2000 to date?**

I B/104 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Guttee)

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

**Whether he is aware that the people of Bois d'Oiseaux, Poudre d'Or Village have to walk over a long distance to the bus stops and, if so, will he use his good offices to have a bus service diverted to Bois d'Oiseaux and, if not, why not?**

I B/105 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-*

**Whether he will (a) ascertain if the water supply in the region of Plaine Verte is irregular and, if so, will he ensure that a regular water supply be provided in the short term**



to the above area, especially on Fridays and on public holidays and (b) state what remedial measures he proposes to take in the long term?

I B/106 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-*

**Whether he is aware that there is a regular overflow in the sewerage system in the Plaine Verte/Roche Bois area and, if so, will he arrange for a survey to be carried out to ascertain if the present system can cater for the needs of the population?**

I B/107 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

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

**Whether, in regard to the slot machines in operation at the Gamelink Ltd, he will state (a) if any control is exercised thereon and, if so, the nature of the control and (b) the number thereof, the date on which they were purchased, their respective costs and the number presently being used, and say whether they are in proper running condition?**

I B/108 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

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

**Whether he will ascertain if land earmarked at Lady Barkly Street, Souillac under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme has already been allocated to former employees and, if so, will he state the number of beneficiaries thereof and, if not, the reason therefor and the remedial measures he proposes to take?**

I B/109 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

**Whether he will ascertain the physical state of the La Flora village hall and state (a) what steps have been taken between years 2000 and 2005 to improve the said village hall and (b) indicate what steps his Ministry proposes to take for the upgrading of the village hall or for the construction of a new one?**

I B/110 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

**Whether between the years 2000 and 2005 there were projects to put up a swimming pool and a covered market place in Rivière des Anguilles and, if so, will he state where matters stand?**

I B/111 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

**Whether he is aware that the Rivière des Anguilles and the Souillac health centres are closed by 16.00 hrs and, if so, will he arrange for them to be open after normal working hours for the provision of health services?**

I B/112 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

**Whether he will state if the sewerage system in Ville Noire, Mahebourg is defective thereby resulting in inconvenience to the inhabitants of the locality and is**

**also having adverse effects on the environment and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?**

I B/113 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 received any complaints regarding the speed monitoring equipment in use currently and, if so, whether it is proposed (a) to have same replaced and (b) to review the actual speed monitoring?**

I B/114 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 financial assistance approved for flood and cyclone victims and destitutes by the National Solidarity Fund, she will (a) give the amount disbursed for the months of May, June and July 2005 (b) state if any prior inquiry was carried out in relation thereto and (c) whether the approval of the Minister was obtained in respect thereof?**

I B/115 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 she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of the National Solidarity Fund the outcome of its meeting held on 07 July 2005?**

I B/116 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 she will state if the National Solidarity Fund has on 24 June 2005 approved the cases of 28 destitutes residing at Cité La Cure?**

I B/117 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

**Whether he will state if Government will introduce the 40-hour week and, if so, whether it will be applicable to the present harvest?**

I B/118 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-*

**Whether he will state if one Mr B. B., residing at Dubreuil, has obtained a lease for a plot of land and, if so, will he state (a) the purpose thereof and (b) whether the conditions of the lease have been complied with and, if not, whether he proposes to take any action and, if so, when?**

I B/119 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands  
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

**Whether, in regard to the recruitment of 388 health care assistants, he will state the following facts (a) when the vacancies were advertised (b) the closing date for applications (c) the number of applicants (d) qualifications required for the post (e) the number of applicants interviewed (f) the dates on which (i) interviews were held (ii) the report of the selection board was approved and (iii) the approval of the PSC was obtained and (g) whether provisions had been made for these recruitments in the 2004/2005 budget?**

I B/120 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands  
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

**Whether, with a view to reducing acts of medical malpractice, he will state if he proposes to take measures with a view to test all medical practitioners, including specialists, surgeons and physicians coming from any country before they start practising in Mauritius?**

I B/121 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix  
(Mr Soodhun)

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

**Whether he will state the number of International Labour Organization Conventions ratified during the periods (i) 1995 to 2000 and (ii) 2000 to 2005 and if it is proposed to ratify other conventions and, if so, when and which ones?**

I B/122 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

**Whether he will state if the wages and conditions of employment in the ICT sector are prescribed by a Remuneration Order and, if not, whether he proposes to ensure that a minimum wage is fixed in that sector?**

I B/123 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

**Whether he will inform the House of the number of Remuneration Orders revised since 2000, indicating the number of workers concerned and the rate of wage increases granted to each category of workers?**

I B/124 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 is aware that female patients undergoing an ECG examination do so in the presence of male ECG technicians at the Victoria hospital, Candos, and, if so, will he state the reasons for such a practice, indicating if alternative arrangements are being envisaged?**

I B/125 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-*

**Whether he will state the date on which the Granary at the Port Louis Harbour was included in the National Heritage list?**

I B/126 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-*

**Whether he will inform the House where matters stand regarding the project for the setting up of an Art Gallery in the Chateau Mon Plaisir at the SSR Botanical Garden, Pamplemousses?**

I B/127 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-*

**Whether he is aware that the region of Moka-Quartier Militaire is deprived of sports facilities and, if so, will he consider the advisability of putting up an omnisports gymnasium and a swimming pool in that region?**

I B/128 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 there exists a scarcity of wood for cremation purposes in the regions of Verdun and Alma and, if so, will he consider the advisability of setting up a gasoline or diesel-propelled incinerator in the said regions?**

I B/129 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 the projects financed through the Trust Fund for the Rehabilitation of Vulnerable Groups in the Constituency of Moka and Quartier Militaire he will (a) give the number initiated and completed during the period 01 January 2005 to date, with a breakdown of each in terms of site and cost incurred and (b) give the number of**

**projects which have not been completed, indicating the reasons therefor?**

I B/130 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 the Camp Thorel-Nouvelle Découverte link road and, if so, when?**

I B/131 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloll)

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

**Whether he is aware that the link road between Curepipe and Quartier Militaire is narrow for traffic purposes and, if so, will he consider widening that road?**

I B/132 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloll)

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

**Whether his Ministry has any plan for the reopening of the Ripailles and of the Cote d'Or primary schools?**

I B/133 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloll)

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

**Whether, in regard to Education Officers and minor grades/manual/field workers at the MGI, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information on the recruitment exercises carried out during the period 01 January to date?**



I B/134 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Miss Deerpalsing)

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

**Whether he is aware of the public danger represented by a crane from which a number of concrete slabs are suspended just above the main road at the construction site for 'The Gateway' building at St Jean Road, Quatre Bornes and whether any actions are envisaged to prevent any accident?**

I B/135 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Miss Deerpalsing)

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

**Whether, with regard to the overhead passageway at the St Jean roundabout, he will consider making available lighting facilities as from early evening for the benefit of the public?**

**R. R. Dowlutta**

Clerk of the National Assembly

***Parliament House***

***Port Louis***

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