MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given
Requiring an Oral Answer
Sitting of Tuesday 10 June 2008

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

B/611 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 Mauritian passport, he will state if Government is proposing to amend the procedures laid down for the renewal thereof and, if so, where matters stand?

B/612 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, in regard to the Police Officers promoted, since March 2007 todate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to their names, grades and length of service, indicating their former and new posting?
B/613  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 if any violent 
incident occurred at the La Bastille Prison, on 22 May 2008 
and, if so (a) the reasons therefor (b) the number of persons 
injured and (c) the measures he proposes to take, in addition 
to those already taken, to prevent such recurrence?

B/614  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, in regard to reported cases of alleged theft of 
vehicles, since January 2006 todate, he will, for the benefit of 
the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, 
information as to the number thereof, indicating if inquiries 
have been carried out thereinto, and if so, if they have been 
completed and the outcome thereof?

B/615  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, in regard to reported cases of alleged fraud and 
corruption involving Customs Officers, since January 2006 
todate, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain from the 
Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof,
indicating if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof, in each case?

B/616  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, in regard to reported cases of alleged assault on pupils of the primary and secondary levels, perpetrated by their teachers, since August 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, indicating the measures he proposes to take, in addition to those already taken, to prevent such recurrence?

B/617  The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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 post of Principal Assistant Secretary, he will state if the scheme of service thereof is being amended and, if so, the changes that are being brought thereto, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/618  The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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 road accidents during the past three years, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, indicating the number of lives lost, with a breakdown as to the number of pedestrians who have lost their life as a result
thereof and (b) state if an assessment of the financial impact thereof on the country has been carried out?

B/619 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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 alleged cases of hold up and larceny with violence, since the beginning of this year to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number thereof and (b) the remedial measures taken, in addition to the ones already taken?

B/620 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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 projects for the construction of hotels in the southern part of the island, he will state if the Fast Track Committee in connection therewith has taken any decision recently and, if so, if the projects of Les Anges du Sud and Le Dodo Resorts have been approved?

B/621 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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 case of alleged rape of a girl, on 23 May 2008, at Sodjac, Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police,
information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof, including if any arrest has been effected in relation thereto?

B/622 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if an outdoor broadcasting vehicle of the Corporation has met with an accident, on or about Saturday 24 May 2008 and, if so (a) the circumstances thereof (b) the value of the damages caused and (c) if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/623 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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 clauses 3 and 4 of the Millenium Development Goals in relation to the promotion of gender equality, the empowerment of women and reducing child mortality, he will state if he will consider providing a specific subsistence allowance to helpless women when they are carrying a baby and to their newborn?

B/624 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, in regard to the Media Trust, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Trust, information as to if the Chairperson thereof has been appointed and, if not, why not?

B/625  The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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 La Bastille Prison, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to if it has been re-opened and, if so (a) since when (b) the number of detainees thereat as at todate and (c) where matters stand in regard to the recent incident that occurred thereat?

B/626  The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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 if a young student has recently lodged a complaint in regard to the production of video clips of pornographic nature, and if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/627  The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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 High Commissioners, Ambassadors and officers of the diplomatic corps abroad who are presently in office, he will state the number thereof who have benefited from medical assistance, since their appointment to June 2006?

B/628 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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 illegal transmission of video clips through mobile phones, he will state if he will consider toughening the law in relation thereto?

B/629 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

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 if there are inpatients of the Brown Sequard Hospital who have gone missing since July 2005 to date, and if so, the number thereof, indicating the number thereof who have been found?

B/630 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if the Corporation has been holding fixed deposits with financial
institutions since July 2005 to date, and if so, obtain a list thereof, indicating in each case (a) the amount of money deposited and (b) the date of the transactions?

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

B/631 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if the Corporation has rented a shed at Arsenal and, if so (a) since when (b) the name of the owner thereof (c) the amount of money paid monthly as rental and (d) if the Corporation is now being requested to vacate the premises and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/632 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if one Mr C. has been appointed as Public Relations Officer thereat and, if so (a) since when (b) his terms and conditions of appointment and (c) if any complaint has been lodged against him at his Ministry?

B/633 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-
Whether, in regard to the Secretary of the State Trading Corporation, one Mr C., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if the latter has been suspended from duty, on or about 26 March 2008, and if so, the reasons therefor?

B/634 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to one Mr G., Senior Technical Officer at the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if the latter has been suspended from duty, on or about 04 April 2008, and if so, the reasons therefor?

B/635 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to medical negligence, he will state if he will consider reviewing the existing legislation in respect thereof, in view of the recent reported cases?

B/636 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Juggoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if a plot of State land has been allocated, at/or in the vicinity of Market Road, in the region of Long Mountain, and, if so (a) the date thereof and (b) the name of the beneficiary thereof?

B/637 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Juggoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-
Whether he will state if he has received any complaint from the inhabitants of Notre Dame, in regard to various accidents that have taken place on the main road of Notre Dame, more specifically near the bakery and, if so, indicate the remedial measures that have been or will be taken?

B/638  The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to one Mr V. C., of Montagne Blanche, he will state if his Ministry has been apprised of his having been allegedly unjustly dismissed from his work, following an accident which occurred at his workplace and, if so, the actions taken by his Ministry, if any, in connection therewith?

B/639  The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Methadone Treatment Programme, he will state (a) the number of patients who are undergoing same and (b) what is being done to ascertain the successful implementation thereof?

B/640  The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rochester Falls, in Surinam, he will state if consideration will be given for the (a) upgrading of the roads leading thereto and (b) embellishment works to be carried out thereat?

B/641  The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-
Whether, in regard to the extension of the existing *Ferme marine de Mahebourg*, he will state if (a) he is aware that it is causing prejudice to the public, including the artisanal fishermen, in view of the fact that they have been asked not to swim or operate in the vicinity of the floating cages and (b) part of the lagoon has been leased?

B/642 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, he has taken cognizance of the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of Grand' Baie Cruise Ltd v/s Ocean Blue Island Co. Ltd, confirming that the public domain cannot be subject to alienation or prescription and, if so, indicate the stand that will be taken by his Ministry in regard to the projects for the purpose of carrying out aqua business activities in our lagoon and sea?

B/643 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Chebel temporary shelter, Beau Bassin, commonly known as Kosovo, he will state if families are still staying thereat and, if so, indicate (a) the number thereof and (b) if it is proposed to give them alternative accommodation and, if not, the other alternatives that are being offered to them?

B/644 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Inter-ministerial Committee, which was set up to examine and review the terms and conditions of the industrial site leases on *Pas Géométriques* and State land, he will state (a) the composition thereof (b) the date of the
meetings (c) the outcome thereof and (d) the name of the stakeholders who are attending the meetings thereof?

B/645 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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

Whether, in regard to land owned by the Mauritius Port Authority in the port area, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to if any land has been leased out and, if so, the name of the beneficiaries, indicating the purpose thereof, in each case?

B/646 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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

Whether, in regard to the Corniche Bay Gulf Integrated Resort Scheme Project at La Gaulette, he will state if he has received any representation from the inhabitants of La Gaulette regarding the environmental aspect thereof and, if so, if any other Ministry has been involved therein, indicating the extent of the involvement?

B/647 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Economic and Social Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to (a) the number of overseas missions
undertaken by the Chairperson and the Assistant Secretary thereof, since their appointment to date and (b) the composition of the delegation, which recently proceeded to China, following an invitation from the Chinese Government?

B/648 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the hotel projects at Bel Ombre, he will state (a) the amount of money disbursed by the promoters thereof as social component for the development of the Bel Ombre Village and (b) if the money disbursed has already been used and if so, for which projects and, if not, why not?

B/649 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the members of the Central Procurement Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if any one of them had been arrested in the past in connection with the fixing of horse races?

B/650 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether, in regard to the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius information as to if it has recently highlighted cases of alleged mismanagement at the DBM Ltd., and if so, the corrective measures, if any, that have been taken as at to date?
B/651  The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware of the “New Deal for Global Food Policy” formulated by the World Bank and, if so, will he state the stand taken by his Ministry in relation thereto?

B/652  The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Casting of Slabs Scheme, he will state (a) the amount of money disbursed since November 2007 todate and (d) the proposed duration of the scheme?

B/653  The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a community center at Le Bouchon, he will state where matters stand?

B/654  The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the rising cost of jet fuel, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius Ltd.,
information as to if the Board thereof has taken any measures to address the issue in relation to its impact on the number of flights and destinations in the near future?

B/655 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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 Authority, information as to if consideration will be given for the review of the bus services provided at the Ebène Business Park, in view of the irregular working hours of the people working thereat?

B/656 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether, in regard to the electric bicycles, he will state if Government proposes to amend the law with a view to bringing it at par with motor cycles, inasmuch as the legal age for driving and the wearing of helmets are concerned and, if not, why not?

B/657 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:

Whether he will state if he has received copy of a letter addressed to the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin Rose Hill by the Association Marchands de la Foire Da Patten Rose Hill in regard to the arrears for the rental of stalls in the foire Da Patten and if so, the measures he proposes to take, if any?
B/658  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the Building and Land Use permits, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the local authorities, information as to the amount of money collected by the authorities (a) for the periods 2006-2007 and July 2007 to date in respect of applications therefor and (b) for the periods 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and July 2007 to date in respect of the licences issued under the Eighth Schedule?

B/659  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the low energy consumption lamps purchased by the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to (a) the number and cost thereof (b) if a tender was launched and if so, the name of the successful tenderer (c) the estimated amount of energy that will be saved and (d) the power factor thereof?

B/660  The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the Enterprise Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the distribution of shares between the private and public sectors (b) the assets and liabilities taken over from the Mauritius Industrial Development Authority, the Export
Processing Zones Development Authority and the Subex M (c) the annual grants received, as at todate and (d) the percentage of self financing, achieved in each of the last three years?

B/661 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a Central Slaughter House, he will state (a) the date since when this project has been conceptualised (b) the estimated initial cost and the estimated actual cost thereof (c) the amount of money disbursed, as at todate and (d) the present status thereof?

B/662 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the waste water treatment plants, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to (a) the amount of money disbursed thereon, as at todate and (b) if his Ministry is fully satisfied with the overall operation and maintenance operation thereof?

B/663 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the persons benefiting from the old age pension and earning more than Rs 20,000 monthly, she will state, on an annual basis since 2005 todate (a) the number thereof (b) the total amount of money spent therefor and (c) if
Government is proposing to review the old age pension scheme in the future?

B/664 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:—

Whether, in regard to the new Bus Park at Camp Thorel, he will state if he will consider (a) the resurfacing of the access leading thereto and (b) the construction of drains in the vicinity thereof?

B/665 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:—

Whether, in regard to the village of Bonne Veine, Quartier Militaire, he will state if he will consider (a) reinstating the damaged handrails along Community Road and (b) covering the existing drains with concrete slabs?

B/666 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether, he will state if he will consider proposing measures to make (a) bicycles become a popular form of transport and (b) cycling a recreation sport and lifestyle option, in view of the rise in the price of petrol and the growing awareness of environmental issues?

B/667 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Juggoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:—
Whether, in regard to the Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montage Longue, he will state if it is proposed to (a) construct covered drains (b) provide humps, traffic signs and handrails along the main road of Notre Dame and (c) construct a traffic island near Pont La Chaine, Notre Dame?

B/668 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Issack)

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

Whether, in regard to the waste water tax, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to if any religious or charitable institutions are in arrears thereof and, if so (i) the amount thereof, in each case and (ii) the number of religious or charitable institutions which have been issued with a formal notice and (b) if he will consider exempting the registered religious and charitable institutions from the payment thereof?

B/669 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Issack)

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

Whether, in regard to the male and female foreign workers, he will state the number thereof, indicating (a) the sectors where they are employed and (b) their country of origin?

B/670 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the housing loans disbursed by the Mauritius Housing Company Ltd. for each of the calendar years 2003 to 2008, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain
from the Company, information as to (a) the number of beneficiaries thereof and (b) the amount of loans disbursed?

B/671 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will state if he has taken cognizance of the protests made by the private land owners and the promoters of the Integrated Resorts Scheme Project within the buffer or core zone of the Le Morne Heritage site and, if so, indicate the stand of his Ministry thereon?

B/672 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Voluntary Retirement Scheme 1, he will state the number of the ex-employees of the sugar sector who have obtained their title deeds as at todate?

B/673 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the use of wind and solar energy, he will state the outcome of his official visit to Réunion Island at the head of a delegation in relation thereto, indicating if he will consider reviewing his policy thereon?

B/674 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women’s Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-
Whether, she will state if a complaint of a case of a child having been the victim of domestic violence has been reported to the Child Protection Unit, on 27 April 2008, and if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/675 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the Garden Tower Building, he will state if the hawkers will be allocated space therein and if so, when the exercise for the allocation of space will be carried out?

B/676 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to each of the overseas missions undertaken by the Lord Mayor and the Councillors of the Municipal Council of Port Louis, since October 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information, in each case, as to (a) the countries visited (b) the composition of the delegations (c) the amount of money spent in terms of air fares and per diem allowances and (d) the purpose thereof?

B/677 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the supply of water to the consumers for domestic purposes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to (a) a list of the regions where cuts have been effected since January 2008, indicating (i) the time and (ii) the reasons therefor and (b) the measures that are being taken to improve the regular supply of water?

B/678 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Women’s Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to the minors presently living in shelters, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Child Development Unit (a) a list thereof and (b) information as to the cases in which the parents are being prosecuted?

B/679 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the NHDC complexes in Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to, in each case (i) the date of construction and (ii) the number of inhabitants living thereat and (b) state if he is aware of the infrastructural problems which the inhabitants are facing and, if so, indicate the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/680 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will state if his Ministry has a financial scheme to promote artistic creativity and, if so, indicate (a) the categories of artists targeted and (b) the number of artists who have benefited from same, since January 2008 todate?

B/681 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the pre-primary schools under the aegis of the Municipal Council of Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to (a) the number of children who have been admitted in January 2008 in each establishment (b) the number of children in each school (c) the number of pre-primary teachers per school and (d) if any of those pre-primary schools are in need of repair works?
R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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