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Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 27 May 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/547 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 riots which occurred at Ste Croix, on Friday 09 May 2008, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the names of the persons who have been arrested in connection therewith and (b) if any political activist was involved therein?

B/548 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 posts of Deputy Assistant Superintendent of Police within the Helicopter Squadron Flying Unit of the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) when were the posts created (b) if other officers in the rank of Deputy Assistant Superintendent of Police were considered for appointment thereto during the recent promotion exercise and (c) the salaries and conditions of service attached thereto?
B/549  The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Juggoo)

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 he has received a letter from the inhabitants of Le Hochet, Terre Rouge, regarding an incident which took place at Pont Bazir, on 03 May 2008, during the course of which a young lady was attacked and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/550  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 recent promotion exercise carried out in the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if only the vacant posts for male Police Officers have been filled at the level of Chief Inspector, Assistant Superintendent, Superintendent and Assistant Commissioner of Police and if so, the reasons therefor?

B/551  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 Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Officers posted in our Embassies and High Commissions abroad, he will state the amount of money disbursed for medical treatment for the financial years 2006-2007 and since July 2007 to date, giving a breakdown thereof in respect of each mission and each officer?
B/552 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, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if cases of circulation of fake bank notes have recently been reported, and if so, will he consider toughening the law for the protection of the victims thereof?

B/553 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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 memory of late Aimé Césaire, he will state if Government will consider naming a public place or any other important State building after him?

B/554 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 national coast, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Coast Guard, information as to if it is sufficiently equipped to exercise strict surveillance thereof and (b) state the other measures that exist, if any, to reinforce the actions of the National Coast Guard?

B/555 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 persons employed by Government and earning between Rs 100,000 and Rs 150,000, he will give a list
thereof, indicating (a) their salaries and allowances drawn and (b) the fringe benefits to which they are entitled?

B/556 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 Zimbabwe, he will state if he has had any communication with (a) the Honourable Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa, after the meeting of the latter with the Honourable Robert Mugabe, President of Zimbabwe, indicating the outcome thereof and (b) the Honourable Morgan Tsangarai, Leader of the Opposition of Zimbabwe?

B/557 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 driving tests, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons who have, since January 2008 to date, on a monthly basis, taken part in (a) the advanced driving test for driving instructors, indicating the percentage pass rates and (b) the driving licence test, indicating the percentage of pass rates?

B/558 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, in regard to the three Mauritian Nationals who have recently been arrested in Réunion Island, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out as to the
circumstances in which they left the country and the outcome thereof?

B/559 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, in regard to cases of production of video clips of pornographic nature and their transmission through mobile phones, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof indicating (a) if the inquiries thereinto have been completed (b) the outcome thereof and (c) if any case thereof has been prosecuted?

B/560 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 Inquiry Unit of the Northern Division of the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if it has been disbanded and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/561 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 Director of the National Security Service, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the name of the incumbent (b) his qualifications and (b) his terms and conditions of service?
B/562 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 Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of (a) existing vacancies in the grade of Police Inspectors and Police Sergeants, following the carrying out of the recent promotion exercise and (b) Police Sergeants and Police Constables who are holders of a Bachelor in Science degree in Police Studies?

B/563 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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 Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if Women Police Officers are posted in Police Stations on a twenty-four hour basis?

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

B/564 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Tianli Industrial Development zone, he will state if five portions of land have been compulsorily acquired at Riche Terre for the purpose of constructing an access road thereto and, if so, indicate (a) the total acreage
thereof and (b) the amount of compensation being paid to the land owners, indicating their names?

B/565 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the sale of the assets owned by the Le Domaine Les Pailles Limited, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to where matters stand?

B/566 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 Chief Executive Officer of the Sugar Investment Trust, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Trust, information as to the name of the incumbent, indicating (a) his qualifications (b) the salaries, allowances and other fringe benefits drawn and (c) the make and model of the car put at his disposal?

B/567 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 Sugar Investment Trust, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Trust, information as to the number of overseas missions undertaken by the Chief Executive Officer thereof, indicating in each case (a) the countries visited (b) the duration (c) the composition of the accompanying delegation (c) the amount of money spent in terms of airfares, per diem allowances and (d) the purpose and outcome thereof?
B/568 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to the number of overseas missions undertaken by the Chairperson, the Commissioner and members of the staff, since September 2000 to June 2005 and since July 2005 to date, indicating in each case (a) the countries visited (b) the duration and purpose thereof (b) the composition of the delegation and (c) the amount of money spent in terms of airfares and per diem allowances?

B/569 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to the affiliation of the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund with Civicus, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to (a) the date it was terminated and (b) if an application for the renewal thereof has been made, indicating (i) when and (ii) the reasons therefor?

B/570 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the land and building belonging to the British American Tobacco at Nicolay Road, Port Louis, he will state if Government has finalized the purchase thereof and, if so (a) if the Government Valuation Office was involved (b) the estimated value thereof and (b) the actual price paid by Government?
B/571 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to the shareholdings of the fishermen in the Fishermen Investment Trust, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Trust, information as to where matters stand?

B/572 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a fish market and a fishing port in Port Louis, he will state where matters stand?

B/573 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether, in regard to the fishermen of Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he will state where matters stand as to the measures proposed to solve the problems they are facing in the exercise of their trade?

B/574 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 post graduate medical studies at the Banaras Hindu University, he will state if any scholarship has been offered this year and, if so (a) the number thereof (b) the procedures set up to ensure that the best qualified candidates are selected (c) if these scholarships have been advertised and (d) the eligibility criteria?
B/575  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 widening of and the renovation works to be carried out at the bridge found near the church and the State Bank of Mauritius at St Pierre, he will state where matters stand?

B/576  The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Juggoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will state if he has received any complaint from the inhabitants of Morcellement Goolamaly, Geranium Lane, Le Hochet, Terre Rouge, in regard to the accumulation of earth in the drains, thus causing the flooding of the roads in the region during rainfalls and, if so, state the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/577  The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Juggoo)

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

Whether he will state if he has received any complaint from the inhabitants of Congomah regarding the overflow of the Blackburn Bridge during heavy rainfalls, which represent hazard for the children and, if so, the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/578  The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the de-proclamation of public beaches in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues since July 2005 todate, he will state the number thereof, indicating in each case (a) the location and extent thereof and (b) the names of the
beneficiaries to whom the de-proclaimed public beaches have been allocated?

B/579 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 region in Mont Ory, Moka, adjacent to the highway, he will state if he will consider (a) providing relevant lay byes for access from and exit to the highway (b) reinforcing security measures along the underpass or putting up a flyover and (c) arrange for the regular trimming of the trees alongside the highway to ensure better visibility?

B/580 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the renovation and extension works which were to be carried out at the Dr Onesipho Beaugeard Government School, Edith Cavell Street, Port Louis, he will state where matters stand?

B/581 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the centralization of the sugar estates and the closure of the Mon Loisir Sugar Estate, he will state (a) if he has received the recommendations of the Cane Planters and Millers Arbitration Control Board in connection with the allocation of canes to the other factories and if so, give details thereof and (b) if any agreement has been reached as to when the workers will benefit from the Blueprint?

B/582 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the ex-workers of the Bel Ombre Sugar Estate who had benefited from the Voluntary Retirement Scheme 1, he will state if the exercise of drawing of lots has
been carried out, especially for land identified at Beau Champ, and if not, the reasons therefor?

B/583 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 the port activities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Cargo Handling Corporation, information as to if the Corporation proposes to enter into any strategic partnership?

B/584 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the staff of the Brown Sequard Hospital, he will state the number thereof posted in each ward in the grade of (a) specialists or consultants (b) general practitioners and (c) nurses and other staff?

B/585 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:

Whether, in regard to the hawkers operating illegally in Port Louis, he will state the measures he proposes to take?

B/586 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether, in regard to the honey keepers, he will state the number thereof, indicating the facilities, which his Ministry is currently extending to them?
B/587  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 proposed construction of a hotel within the Integrated Resort Scheme at Le Bouchon, he will state where matters stand as to the negotiations being held with his Ministry regarding the leasehold land?

B/588  The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the river near the bridge, at the entrance of Dagotière, from Verdun, he will state if he will consider the advisability of having (a) dredging works carried out thereat and (b) a bridge constructed thereat?

B/589  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 milk under the brand name ‘OASIS’ has recently been imported from China and if so (a) the quantity thereof and (b) if same has been sold on the local market and if not, the reasons therefor?

B/590  The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Tourism Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the names of the Chairperson and Director thereof, indicating in each case their (a) qualifications (b) date of appointment and (c) salaries and other benefits drawn?
B/591  The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Tourism Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, a list of, since September 2005 to date (a) the persons recruited thereat, indicating the salaries and benefits drawn and (b) the advisers posted thereat, indicating the salaries and benefits drawn?

B/592  The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Director of the Small Enterprises Handicraft Development Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to if his contract has expired and, if so (a) since when and (b) if it has been renewed, indicating the terms and conditions thereof?

B/593  The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the water meters installed by the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to (a) details of the last tender launched for the purchase thereof (b) the number thereof presently available thereat and (c) if there are cases of consumers having been connected with new supply of water without a water meter having been installed on their premises and, if so, indicate (i) the number thereof and (ii) since when?
B/594  The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Le Morne Government School, he will state (a) the percentage pass rate at the Certificate of Primary Education examinations for the past five years (b) if the successive Head Teachers posted thereat have been transferred shortly after their posting, and if so, the reasons therefor (c) if an additional teacher is posted thereat for the purpose of replacing the teachers when they are on leave and (d) the reasons as to why it is not included in the Zone d’Education Prioritaire?

B/595  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 Trust Fund for the Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups and Poverty Alleviation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Trust, information as to (a) the amount of money spent on each project and scheme during the current financial year, as at todate, constituency-wise and (b) the human resources available thereat, indicating the number of social workers and field workers, posted in the district of Black River?

B/596  The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the slots machines purchased by Game Link Ltd. which were to be converted into coin operated ones, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, details of the spare parts which were ordered as a consequence thereof, indicating if there has been any delay and loss of money in connection therewith?
The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the slot machines recently purchased by Game Link Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to the number thereof which are lying in the store at Le Domaines Les Pailles and, if so, the reasons therefor?

The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the shuffling machines recently purchased by Game Link Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to the number thereof, indicating the price paid?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the disbursement of funds from the Sale by Levy Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to (a) the number of cases (i) which have been earmarked for consideration and (ii) in which funds have been disbursed, indicating the quantum thereof in each case and (c) the time frame set out for the determination of the remaining cases?
B/600 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the solar panels installed at the new Government Centre, he will state the number thereof, which are still operational?

B/601 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the posts of Regional Development Officers, he will state (a) the number thereof on the establishment of his Ministry and (b) the existing number of vacancies, indicating if he proposes to have them filled and if so, when?

B/602 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to water leakages from the natural reservoirs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/603 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the Director of the Small Enterprises Handicraft Development Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to if his
contract has been renewed and if so, the terms and conditions thereof?

B/604 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the solar heating systems, he will state if he proposes to review the customs duties levied on same and the other incentives in connection therewith, with a view to promoting the use thereof?

B/605 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the handy workers posted at the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the number thereof recruited, since July 2005 to date, indicating (a) their names and addresses and (b) if it is the practice for these handy workers to be posted in Rodrigues and, if so, the number thereof who have been posted thereat?

B/606 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women’s Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to complaints of alleged violence on women and children reported to her Ministry, since January 2006 to March 2008, she will state (a) the number thereof and (b) the follow up actions taken in connection therewith by her Ministry?

B/607 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women’s Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to the shelters for women and children, she will state (a) the number thereof (b) the number of women and children who can be accommodated therein (c) the facilities
provided thereat and (d) if any psychologist is attached to each shelter?

B/608  The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the priorities and items to be budgeted by the Municipal Council of Port Louis for the financial year 2008-2009, he will state if he has received any representation from the councillors?

B/609  The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fishermen Welfare Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to the number of times the Board has met for the past one year, indicating if the Chairperson was present, in each case?

B/610  The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

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

Whether, in regard to the scholarships granted to the children of the fishermen, he will state if (a) any of these scholarships has been cancelled and (b) there has been any delay in the disbursement of funds in relation thereto?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly
23 May 2008