

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 14 April 2009

Questions addressed to Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs

B/172 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of a Select Committee to look into the live broadcasting of the proceedings of the National Assembly on radio and television, he will state where matters stand?

B/173 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mr Dowarkasing)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the 2000 Lisbon Summit, he will state the measures and initiatives taken by Government to implement the European Union-Africa Strategic Plan of Action?

B/174 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the landslide which occurred in Crève Coeur last year, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if statements have been made by some inhabitants thereof to the effect that their respective residence were damaged as a result thereof and, if so, if inquiries have been carried thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/175 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the installation of CCTV Surveillance System in public places, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police a list of the places where same have been installed as at to date, indicating when the project is expected to be completed?

B/176 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to one Mr P. of Caro Lalo, Vallée des Prêtres, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he has reported that 27 goats and 200 hens, belonging to him, have drowned in a river near his residence, following the heavy rainfall of 30 March 2009 and, if so, will he state if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the circumstances thereof?

B/177 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the prohibition to smoke in public places, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons booked, since the coming into force of the Regulations in relation thereto?

B/178 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to teenage violence, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof committed between 2002 and 2008 (a) individually (b) in gang, indicating the number thereof in each case in which (i) death of the victim/s resulted and (ii) teenage depression was identified to be associated therewith?

B/179 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the use of video recording of children's statements, especially of victims of abuse, as evidence in courts, he will, for the benefit of House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a Committee has been set up to make proposals in relation thereto and, if so, indicate (a) the composition thereof (b) the number of meetings held as at to date and (c) where matters stand?

B/180 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will state if Government proposes to introduce a Senate in our parliamentary system with a view to enhancing democracy?

B/181 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the offence of larceny and burglary in the regions of Flic-en-Flac, Grand' Baie and Trou d'Eau Douce, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, over the last two years, in which tourists have been victims?

B/182 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the Bangladeshi nationals, he will state Government policy in relation to those having a contract of employment in Mauritius, indicating if any changes have recently been brought thereto?

B/183 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the foreigners who have been granted a permanent residence permit after the acquisition of property under the Integrated Resort Scheme, he will state the number thereof?

B/184 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the offence of possession of stolen property, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, for each of the years 2005 to 2008, indicating in each case, if the accused had, in the past, been found guilty of the same offence?

B/185 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the issue of the sovereignty of Diégo Garcia and the return on the islands of the Archipelago, he will state if Government proposes to involve the new United States administration in the current efforts to find a suitable solution thereto, following the election of Mr Barack Obama as President of the United States?

B/186 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to Government publicity for period July 2008 to April 2009, he will state the amount of money paid out to each of the dailies and weeklies which have benefitted therefrom, including L'Express, Le Mauricien, Le Matinal, Le Week-End and Le Defi Group, indicating the criteria laid down and followed for the allocation thereof?

B/187 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the activities organized by the Trade Unions, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation and the Independent Broadcasting Authority, information as to if official complaints have been registered therewith to the effect that the Unions are not receiving fair coverage by the Corporation and, if so, the actions that will taken to ensure that the provisions of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation Act in relation to fair coverage be complied with?

B/188 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if any cameraman of the Corporation was recently arrested for damaging property by band or any other charge and, if so, if he has been interdicted?

B/189 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to public concerts, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the measures that are taken to ensure security at the place where they are held?

B/190 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to Government publicity, he will state the amount of money paid out to Le Matinal, Le Socialiste, L'Express, Le Militant, Le Mauricien and Week-end (a) for the year 2008 and (b) since January to March 2009, indicating if Government proposes to task an impartial and independent body with authority to decide on the quantum thereof to be allocated to each of the newspapers published in Mauritius?

B/191 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the application/renewal of the Mauritian passport, he will state where matters stand as to the review of the procedures to simplify same?

B/192 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Allet)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to electrical bicycles, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of accidents involving same, since January 2006 to date and (b) state where matters stand as to the proposed legislation for the regulation of their use?

B/193 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Allet)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the gaming houses, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of incidents reported thereat, since January 2006 to date, indicating in each case, if any arrest has been effected in relation thereto?

B/194 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the Police Officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof who are holders of a BSc Police Studies, indicating in each case their respective grades?

B/195 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Dr Husnoo)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the foreigners who have been given permanent residence in Mauritius over the last five years, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, a list thereof, indicating in each case (a) their respective nationality and (b) the ground on which they were given permanent residence?

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than
Dr the Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence and Home Affairs**

B/196 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry, Food Production and Security:-

Whether, in regard to the Chairperson of the Tobacco Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to if any allegation of corruption has been levelled against him and, if so (a) the grounds thereof and (b) if he is still in office?

B/197 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Renewable Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the consumers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if they have been issued claims in excess of their consumption and if so (a) the total amount thereof for the months of December 2008 and January 2009 (b) the number of consumers concerned and (c) if any such occurrence had been reported in the past?

B/198 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Renewable Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the waste water services at Cité La Cure, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to if complaints have been registered from the inhabitants thereof concerning the waste water reticulation problems thereat, and, if so, will he state if a survey has been carried out to assess the extent of the problem, indicating if any project is in the pipeline to remedy the situation?

B/199 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of the Cité La Cure Community Health Centre, he will state where matters stand?

B/200 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recruitment of staff at the Tourism Authority, since May 2008 to date, either on a contractual or permanent basis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, a list thereof, indicating in each case their respective (a) qualifications (b) terms and conditions of employment and (c) addresses?

B/201 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry, Food Production and Security:-

Whether he is aware of the difficulties being faced by the fishermen in the region of Le Morne to Riambel and, if so, indicate the remedial measures Government proposes to take in relation thereto?

B/202 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the *Ile aux Bénitiers*, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed development project submitted by the lessee thereof, indicating if an Environment Impact Assessment certificate has been issued in relation thereto?

B/203 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the granting of permits to foreign tertiary educational institutions wishing to operate in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tertiary Education Commission, information as to the criteria used by the Commission for the granting thereof?

B/204 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauras School of Dentistry, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tertiary Education Commission, information as to (a) the date on which the application for its operation was made (b) the date of approval (c) the institution to which the Mauras School of Dentistry is affiliated and (d) the number of students who have completed the Bachelor in Dental Surgery Course from the School of Dentistry?

B/205 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the students of the Mauras School of Dentistry, he will state the number thereof, who have been registered with the Dental Council of Mauritius?

B/206 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Barbier)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry, Food Production and Security:-

Whether, in regard to the fishermen of Rodrigues, he will state if he has received requests from those wishing to stop carrying out fishing activities to be paid compensations and if so, will same be favourably considered and, if not, why not?

B/207 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade:-

Whether, in regard to the career diplomats, he will state the number thereof, who have been recruited, since July 2005 to date, indicating if they have been given training abroad and if so (a) the names of those who have benefitted therefrom and (b) the amount of money disbursed therefor?

B/208 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Renewable Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the preparation of a National Energy Policy, he will state where matters stand?

B/209 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the National Pay Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to (a) if its terms of reference has been amended and (b) the number of meetings of the Council held, since July 2008 to date?

B/210 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Barbier)**

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

Whether, in regard to the boats leaving Mauritius from places other than the port, he will state if any system has been put in place for the monitoring thereof?

B/211 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mr Guimbeau)**

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

Whether, in regard to the entertainment sector, he will state if Government will consider introducing entertainment laws and, if so (a) when (b) it is proposed to work out a salary scale structure for the sector?

B/212 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mr Guimbeau)**

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

Whether, in regard to the maintenance of the fleet of aircraft of the Air Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to (a) the name of the contractor (b) the contract value (c) if an international tender exercise was carried out and, if so, indicate (i) the names of the bidders and (ii) the value quoted in each case and (c) if the Company proposes to reduce the maintenance costs of the aircrafts?

B/213 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the State Bank of Mauritius, he will state if the Head Office thereof is located on State land and, if so, indicate (a) the extent of land (b) the terms and conditions of the lease (c) the annual rental and (d) if the rental value reflects the actual market value?

B/214 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a social centre at CTR Lane, St Paul, and another one near the Castel Madrassa at Allée Brillant Road, in Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix, he will state where matters stand?

B/215 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the payment of income tax on interests accruing to the savings account, he will state if he proposes changing the policy thereof?

B/216 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Speville)**

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

Whether he is aware of the flooding problem on the Motorway, from La Vigie to the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, especially around the roundabout at the junction of La Rosa, L'Escalier/Souillac, and if so, the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/217 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the customers of the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., who had contracted a loan up to Rs 200,000, before April 2003 and who are entitled to the special measures as announced in the Budget 2008-2009, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to (a) the number thereof and (b) the total amount money it represents, indicating the amount for Rodrigues?

B/218 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms:-

Whether, in regard to the public officers who have applied for permanent transfer and who have been granted same from the Rodrigues establishment to the Mauritius establishment and *vice versa*, he will state (a) the number thereof for period (i) January 2000 to December 2005 and (ii) January 2006 to date and (b) their job title, indicating their respective previous and present posting?

B/219 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the Action Plan of the Empowerment Foundation, he will state the number of projects earmarked for 2008 and 2009 for Rodrigues, indicating (a) the amount of funds transferred to the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., as at to date in relation thereto and (b) the beneficiaries thereof, indicating the amount of money disbursed?

B/220 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry, Food Production and Security:-

Whether he is aware that the buyers of the Beau Champ Sugar Estate camps are now being asked to pay additional registration duty ranging from Rs 25,000 to Rs 50,000 and, if so, state the reasons therefor?

B/221 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Allet)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the La Brasserie Transfer Station, he will state if any ongoing work is being carried out thereat and, if so, indicate if a tender exercise was carried out and, if so (a) when (b) the names of the bidders (c) the value of each bid received and (d) the name of the successful bidder?

B/222 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mr Dowarkasing)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade:-

Whether, in regard to our Ambassador to the African Union based in Addis Ababa, he will state if he has received representations as regards his conduct and, if so, the measures Government proposes to take?

B/223 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mr Dowarkasing)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the Solidarity Levy, he will state the amount of money collected for each of the last three years, indicating how these sums have been used?

B/224 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

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

Whether, in regard to mobile phones, he will state the health hazards that the use thereof represent?

B/225 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands:-

Whether, he is aware of the state of the fencing of the football ground, found adjacent to the Petit Verger St Pierre Government School, and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/226 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the Petit Verger St Pierre Government School, he will state if he will consider upgrading the toilets thereat?

B/227 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 banks of the river, near Le Pouce Mountain, St Pierre, which are used by devotees to offer prayers during the religious festivals, he will state if he will consider putting up a platform thereat?

B/228 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he is aware of the litigious industrial relations prevailing at the Adamas Ltd. and, if so, state if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if not, why not?

B/229 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to if it has received a petition from the inhabitants of Robin Street and Mootoo Lane, Curepipe, regarding the obstruction of a pedestrian lane and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/230 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the protocol existing between the University of Limoges, l'Institut Supérieur de Technologie and the Swami Dayanand Institute of Management which expired in February last, he will state if same has been renewed and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/231 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, in regard to the new Standard III English and French textbooks, he will state if he is aware of any complaint in relation thereto and, if so (a) the nature thereof and (b) the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/232 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, in regard to the *non-gazetting* of the Taxi Stand for the Blue Lagoon Hotel in Blue Bay, he will state the reasons therefor, indicating when remedial action will be taken?

B/233 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mr Ganoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the employees recently laid off at the Indian Resort Hotel and the Plantation Hotel respectively, he will state, in each case (a) the number thereof (b) the date on which they received their notice of termination of employment (c) their length of service and (d) if any offer of compensation was made to them and, if so, the amount thereof?

B/234 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether he will state if there was recently an outbreak of scabies in the region of Black River and, if so, indicate (a) when were the first cases detected (b) the number of patients who had reported to the hospital in Black River for treatment and (c) the remedial measures taken to prevent the resurgence thereof?

B/235 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives:-

Whether, in regard to the importation of butter beans from the Republic of Madagascar, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if officials of the Corporation negotiated with a group of planters through the Malagasy authorities for the purchase thereof and, if so, indicate (a) when (b) the names of the officials (c) if advance payment to the planters and a guaranteed price of 600 USD per ton, as a hedging transaction, were agreed upon and (d) the agreed contract price?

B/236 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the conflict opposing Mr R.R. and Mr I. C. to the management of the Mauritius Telecom, he will state if he has received a letter dated 31 March 2009, in connection therewith, from the France Telecom?

B/237 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether he is aware that the National Transport Authority has issued notice for the granting of Public Service Vehicle (Taxi) Licences on transfer to operate from the Anahita World Class Sanctuary-Beau Champ and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to if many surrounding localities have been omitted from the list, indicating the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/238 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Verdun-Terre Rouge Road project, he will state (a) the name of the contractor (b) the contract value (c) when works are likely to start (d) the estimated value of the project by (i) the Consultant and (ii) the Road Development Authority and (e) if Government has resorted to direct negotiations?

B/239 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Hajj pilgrimage, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to (a) the composition of the (i) Hajj mission 2008 (ii) pre-Hajj Mission 2009 and (b) the remedial measures he proposes to take to avoid any shortcomings for the forthcoming Hajj?

B/240 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Allet**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives:-

Whether, in regard to steel scrap metal, he will state the number of permits issued to the operators thereof, for the year 2007, 2008 and 2009 as at todate, indicating (a) the names of the operators (b) the duration of each permit and (c) the number of permits which have not been renewed and the reasons therefor?

B/241 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Jean Le Brun Government School, he will state when the construction works for the Phase II and Phase III thereof are expected to start?

B/242 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the poster panels, he will state (a) the number thereof, constituency-wise, indicating their respective location and (b) if he proposes to increase the number thereof temporarily, in view of the forthcoming Labour Day and, if so, indicate their proposed location constituency-wise?

B/243 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

Whether he will state if he has effected site visits at the Dr A. G. Jeetoo Hospital, Port Louis and the Queen Victoria Hospital, Quatre Bornes to assess the services provided to the patients thereat and, if so, the improvements he proposes to bring thereto?

B/244 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms:-

Whether, in regard to customer care service, he will state if public officers who are in regular contact with the public have undergone training therein, since 2006 to date and, if so, indicate (a) the number of officers (i) trained (ii) remaining to be trained (b) the monitoring put up to ensure that the acquired skills are put into effect and (c) if new measures for the improvement thereof are being contemplated ?

B/245 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to regular flood prone areas in the Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will state the (a) number thereof falling under the purview of his Ministry and (b) remedial measures Government proposes to take, giving details of each project, especially in terms of cost and time frame?

B/246 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the NHDC units, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the number thereof which has been seized by the Company, since July 2007 to date?

B/247 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the Riambel Coastal Road, he will consider the advisability of putting up speed breakers thereat for the security of the inhabitants?

B/248 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry, Food Production and Security:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the setting up of a fish auction market, he will state where matters stand?

B/249 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry, Food Production and Security:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed boat mooring project at Les Salines, Port Louis, he will state where matters stand?

B/250 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Jugnauth**)

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

Whether, in regard to the medical services provided in the hospitals, he will state if Government proposes to claim payments in respect thereof?

B/251 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Jugnauth**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives:-

Whether, in regard to the purchase of petroleum products from Mangalore Refineries by the State Trading Corporation, for the period June 2008 to March 2009, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the purchase dates and the purchase prices thereof?

- B/252 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-
- Whether, in regard to the layoff of the employees of the Shibani Inwear, he will state (a) the date on which the Company informed his Ministry thereof (b) the number thereof (c) the nature of the grief expressed by the workers (d) the employer's responsibility and (e) if the employer has complied with all the provisions of the labour laws as regard to layoff?**
- B/253 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)
To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-
- Whether, in regard to the Tianli Project in Riche Terre, he will state where matters stand?**
- B/254 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Lauthan)**
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-
- Whether, in regard to the Plaine Verte Garden, from the Paul & Virginie Street to the Diégo Garcia Street, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if consideration will be given for (a) an increase in the number of (i) lighting points (ii) benches (iii) dustbins (iv) entrances and (b) the upgrading of the pond found in the centre of the garden, in view of the increasing number of visitors thereat at night?**
- B/255 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Lauthan)**
To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-
- Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a 165 metres drain along the Rosan and Coringa Streets, Cité Martial, he will state where matters stand?**

R. R. Dowlutta

Clerk of the National Assembly

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