

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 14 July 2009

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

B/796 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

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

Whether, in regard to road accidents, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if cases thereof are reported to have occurred at or in the vicinity of Avenue Rosiers and Avenue Talipots, in Quatres Bornes, and, if so, the frequency thereof, over the last three years, indicating if any of them has been fatal?

B/797 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 the Police Riders posted at the Traffic Branch, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the frequency at which they are provided with helmets, indicating the date on which they were last issued with same?

B/798 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 Police Complaints Investigation Bureau, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of complaints received thereat, since July 2008 to date, indicating the number thereof which have been referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions?

B/799 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 outdoor broadcasting vehicle of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, which was involved in a road accident, on or about Sunday 25 May 2008, at La Vigie, he will, for the benefit of the House, now obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the value of the damages caused (b) the outcome of the inquiry and (c) if the vehicle has been repaired and if so, when?

B/800 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 recruitment of cameramen at the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, since July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the number thereof, indicating, in each case, their respective names, addresses and qualifications and (b) if the posts were advertised, indicating (i) when and (ii) the required qualifications?

B/801 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, in regard to the foreigners who have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the number thereof who are presently serving their term in prison, indicating in each case, the respective term of imprisonment?

B/802 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 the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit of Mahebourg, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, since 2007 to date, on a yearly basis, information as to the number of (a) Police operations effected (b) persons arrested and (c) the amount of drugs seized, in the regions of Cité La Chaux, Beau Vallon and Cité Beau Vallon?

B/803 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 convicted persons who have been released on bail pending the determination of the appeal lodged against a judgment against them, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the number thereof who have left Mauritius, in spite of the fact that an objection to departure order has been issued against them, since July 2005 to date, indicating if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/804 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 one C. C., a convict, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to when he last reported to the Police Station, indicating the measures that had been taken to keep an eye on him?

B/805 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 State Trading Corporation, he will state if Government proposes to take any action against the General Manager thereof, following the losses incurred on the hedging transactions on the purchase of petroleum products?

B/806 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 one C. C., convicted for trafficking in Subutex, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he has absconded and is reported to have left the country and, if so (a) when and (b) if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/807 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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will state if he proposes to discuss, with the new Director General, matters regarding adequate coverage of the news items to be broadcast in a fair and impartial manner as per the provisions of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation Act?

B/808 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 Ilois Community, he will state (a) the latest developments on the issue of their right to have access to the Chagos Archipelago and (b) if a training centre has been set up to cater for their welfare?

B/809 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of introducing legislation in regard to the double jeopardy principle in cases of serious criminal offences having been committed?

B/810 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether he will state if official invitations have been extended to the President and the Prime Minister of the Republic of France to visit Mauritius?

B/811 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 and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Office of the Drug Commissioner, information as to the number of cases (a) dealt with by the Office, since July 2005 to date and (b) in which freezing orders of assets were recommended and obtained, indicating the value of the assets frozen, if any?

B/812 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 detainees and prisoners, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof having escaped, since July 2005 to May 2009, indicating (a) if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof and (b) the measures taken to prevent evasion therefrom?

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

B/813 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 sea cucumber, he will state the (a) number of species thereof (b) regions which are being exploited (c) operators authorized to exploit same (d) volume and quantity of the catches, since 2006 to date, on a yearly basis (e) market value thereof and (f) countries to which they are being exported?

B/814 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed project of waste-sorting at the Municipality of Quatre Bornes, he will state if his Ministry proposes to facilitate the launching thereof?

B/815 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the widening of Avenue Tulipes, in Quatre Bornes, he will state where matters stand?

B/816 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

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

Whether, in regard to major waste water works being undertaken in Constituency No. 18, Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to the progress of works thereat, indicating their expected date of completion?

B/817 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the casinos, bookmakers and other gambling companies, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the (a) Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the number thereof in mainland Mauritius and in Rodrigues and (b) Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the amount of money collected in terms of taxes and other licence fees, for each of the last three financial years?

B/818 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether he will state if the Rose Belle Sugar Estate has signed an agreement with the Singaporean Company Vita Grain for the cultivation of hybrid rice and, if so, give details thereof?

B/819 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 he will state if Government has approved the establishment of a Pan African Stock Exchange for Commerce with the Financial Technologies (India) Ltd., and, if so, give details thereof?

B/820 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 her Ministry has taken cognizance of the latest statistics on the ageing of the population and, if so, will she state how Government proposes to tackle the problems associated therewith?

B/821 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 Export Credit Insurance Scheme announced in the last Budget Speech, he will state (a) the local and foreign insurance companies contacted, prior to the announcement thereof and thereafter (b) the percentage of export that will be insured and (c) if subsidies will be provided on the insurance premiums?

B/822 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether he is aware that there is a lack of infrastructural facilities at the crematorium of Alma and that it is presently not operational and if so, the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/823 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether he will state if Government has recently adopted the policy to use the creole language as a medium of instruction at the primary, secondary and tertiary levels?

B/824 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 people having contracted HIV and AIDS, he will state the number thereof who are (a) undergoing treatment in the public health institutions and (b) being treated with anti-retroviral drugs?

B/825 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 Vacoas/Phoenix, information as to if any permit has been granted to operate a night club at the previous Savoy Cinema at Vacoas and, if so, indicate (a) when and (b) the conditions attached thereto?

B/826 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloil)

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

Whether, in regard to the link road between the Dagotière and Alma villages, commonly known as the Railway Road, he will state when tarring works thereat are expected to start?

B/827 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloil)

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

Whether, in regard to medicines, he will state if Government proposes to introduce legislation with a view to control the sale thereof over the counter in the pharmacies and to provide for the sale thereof strictly on presentation of prescription from doctors? (R)

B/828 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloil)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of bus shelters in Constituency No. 8, Quartier Militaire and Moka, he will state when the contract will be awarded?

The letter (R) denotes that the Honourable Member has declared an interest in the Parliamentary Question

B/829 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

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

Whether, in regard to the surgeons visiting Mauritius to carry out surgical operations, for the period July 2009 to June 2020, he will state (a) the fields of speciality concerned, indicating the number of patients who will be operated in each field and (b) if private clinics will be involved and (c) table a list thereof?

B/830 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the agreement signed between Government and the Mauritius Sugar Producers' Association, following the Technical Committee which was set up, he will state the number of metayers who have, as at to date, swapped strategic land against non-strategic land, indicating the compensation paid to them?

B/831 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to if a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Economic Development Board of Madagascar and, if so, will he state when, indicating where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/832 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether, in regard to the LAVIMS project, he will state (a) when the contract in relation thereto was awarded (b) the final contract value (c) the duration of the contract (d) the end product of the contract and (e) the number of foreign and Mauritian nationals involved in the implementation thereof?

B/833 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 Mauritius Duty Free Island project announced in the 2007-2008 Budget Speech, he will state the measures taken as at to date for the implementation thereof?

B/834 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 Second Chance Programme announced in the 2008-2009 Budget Speech, he will state if it has been implemented and, if so, indicate (a) since when (b) the number of trainees involved and (c) the outline of the proposed programme?

B/835 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to hotel construction projects in Rodrigues, he will state the number thereof, since August 2006 to date, indicating (a) those which are (i) in the pipeline and (ii) completed (b) the names of the promoters (c) the location and area of land requested for and used (d) the terms and conditions of the leases, indicating the annual rental payable?

B/836 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the preparation of the 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009 and July-December 2009 Budgets, he will state the amount of money paid out to the officers of his Ministry, in terms of extra allowances, indicating the names of the officers who have been paid same and the amount paid?

B/837 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the allocation of State land in Rodrigues, since August 2005 to date, he will state the number of (a) letters of (i) reservation sent and (ii) intent given and (b) leases approved, indicating in each case the (i) names of the promoters (ii) location and the extent of the land (iii) purpose of the lease and (iv) annual rental value payable?

B/838 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 negotiations held with the Rodrigues Rodrigues Regional Assembly in relation to the Mauritian Educators working in Rodrigues, he will state the outcome thereof?

B/839 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the illegal construction of walls on the river banks by individuals or companies, since July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Conservator of Forests, information as to if complaints in relation thereto have been received at the Forestry Department and, if so, the number thereof?

B/840 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 students, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tertiary Education Commission, information as to if the Government Guaranteed Loan Scheme for students opting for tertiary education in Mauritius also applies to those seeking admission in the Medical Colleges operating in Mauritius?

B/841 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 Professor Basdeo Bissoondoyal Secondary School, he will state the pass rate at the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate examinations, since the year 2000 to 2008, indicating how these results compare with the results obtained in the other institutions of the locality?

B/842 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed Airport City Project in Plaine Magnien, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to where matters stand?

B/843 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the embellishment of the road running between the Plaine Magnien roundabout to the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will state where matters stand?

B/844 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 forthcoming academic year intake at the University of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the University, information as to the number of students who have (a) applied for seats thereat (b) been selected and (c) been enrolled, indicating in each case, the respective programmes?

B/845 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the increase in the price of petroleum products on 03 July 2009, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the (a) different components used in calculating the basic value of Mogas and Gas Oil and (b) amount of hedging losses, as at 03 July 2009?

B/846 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to persons who have, since 2007, paid for a Canvasser Licence to operate at Trou d'Eau Douce and who have not been granted same till to date, he will state the number thereof, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/847 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the loans which have been repaid on 20 and 27 May 2009 respectively, by the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to their respective (a) value (b) purpose for which they were contracted and (c) terms and conditions?

B/848 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 National Transport Corporation, he will state the remedial measures taken, following the submission of the report of the firm *Deloitte and Touche*?

B/849 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, in regard to the Appadoo Lane, St Julien d'Hotman, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Moka/Flacq District Council, information as to if he will consider the advisability of having it resurfaced?

B/850 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 Bradley College, the Byron College and the Grand Bois College respectively, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary School Authority, information as to if the Authority is proposing to cease the payment of grants thereto and, if so, the reasons therefor, indicating in each case, the remedial measures taken in relation to the (a) pupils (b) teachers and other staff members and (c) owner of the building?

B/851 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Naidu)

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

Whether he will state if the mortuary house at the Dr Jeetoo Hospital, Port Louis, has been demolished?

B/852 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the fuel surcharge on airfares, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to if same was reduced during the periods July 2008 and December 2008 when the cost of aviation fuel was reduced by more than 50% and, if not, will he state whether it has infringed the IATA recommendation that fuel surcharges should only reflect increases in the price of aviation fuel and not to cover for fuel hedging losses?

B/853 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether he is aware that advantage is being taken of the fact that the integral helmets, currently used, completely hide the face, to commit a number of offences and, if so, will he will state if he will consider the advisability of taking measures to prohibit the importation and use of this type of helmets?

B/854 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Science and Research:-

Whether, in regard to the Export Processing Zone and non-Export Processing Zone, he will state the number of enterprises thereof which have closed, since July 2008 to date, indicating the number of job losses as a result thereof?

B/855 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed use of an ethanol-gasoline mix by motor vehicles, he will state where matters stand?

B/856 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the setting up of a Community Centre at Engrais Martial, in Constituency No. 16, Vacoas and Floréal, for which a plot of land has already been acquired by the Municipal Council of Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to where matters stand?

B/857 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Corporation, information as to if the Chief Engineer of the Corporation has proceeded on an official visit to the Seychelles, on or about 02 July 2009, and if so, the purpose thereof?

B/858 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if there was a breakdown of electricity supply in the region of Vacoas and Floréal, on Sunday 05 July 2009 at about 1800 hrs and, if so, will he state the (a) reasons therefor and (b) measures taken to avoid any such recurrence?

B/859 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, in regard to the permit to operate a gambling outlet, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the number thereof granted for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 and since January to June 2009, respectively?

B/860 The Honourable First Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Dulloo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the projects for the construction of a new fish landing station, a fish market and a food court at Grand' Baie, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Pamplemousses/Rivière du Rempart District Council, information as to where matters stand?

B/861 The Honourable First Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Dulloo)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a marina at Grand' Baie, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Pamplemousses/Rivière du Rempart District Council, information as to where matters stand?

B/862 The Honourable First Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Dulloo)

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

Whether, in regard to the region of Pointe aux Cannoniers, he will state if he will use his good offices to request the Pamplemousses/Rivière du Rempart District Council to provide adequate street lighting thereat?

B/863 The Honourable First Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Dulloo)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Irrigation Authority, information as to if (a) the Authority has received and processed applications for the supply of water for purposes other than irrigation and, if so, if such an application has recently been received from an inhabitant of Triolet, indicating the details and outcome thereof and (b) representations have been received from the planters of the region to the effect that they are not satisfied with the current irrigation input of the Authority?

B/864 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Barbier)**

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

Whether, in regard to the royalties obtained by the Mauritius Society of Authors from international sister societies, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Society, information as to the amount thereof received over the past five years, indicating (a) the names of the persons who have benefitted therefrom and the respective amount received, in each case and (c) how the outstanding amount has been used?

B/865 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 iron bars, he will state the (a) companies currently involved in the business and their respective market share and (b) actual prices thereof of different diameters on the market compared to their respective prices of July 2005?

B/866 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information and Communication Technology:-

Whether, in regard to the replacement of the National Identity Card by a multi-application Smart Card as announced in the 2007-2008 Budget Speech, he will state the progress achieved in relation thereto?

B/867 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Lauthan)**

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

Whether, in regard to the lay-by situated at the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre, along the Old Moka Road, Bell Village, he will state if consideration will be given for the putting up of a bus stop thereat?

B/868 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal and District Councils, information as to the organisations which have benefitted grants therefrom, indicating, in each case the amount and purpose thereof?

R. R. Dowlutta

Clerk of the National Assembly

**Parliament House
Port Louis**

10 July 2009