

Debate No. 23

Private Notice Questions - 29 April 2003

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given requiring an Oral answer **Sitting of Tuesday 29 April 2003**

Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister

B/246 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs and Minister of External Communications:-

Whether he will, for the benefit and convenience of the public, consider the advisability of recommending that (a) the Social Security Office (b) the Labour Office (c) Women's Centre (d) Sanitary Office (e) Post Office and (f) the Civil Status Office which are housed in rented premises at different locations in Riviere du Rempart, be all transferred to an administrative block?

B/247 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis West and Grand River North West (Dr David)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs and Minister of External Communications:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, ascertain (a) whether the Police inquiry into the aggression of Mr and Mrs Duvergé at Tombeau Bay has been completed and, if so, what has been the outcome thereof and, if not, when the Police is expected to complete that inquiry and (b) what concrete security measures have been taken to protect the inhabitants of that area?

B/248 The Honourable Third Member for Riviere des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Baloomoody)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs and Minister of External Communications:-

Whether he will arrange for an inquiry to be carried out into the Doon Valley Saga relating to the importation of rice under the previous Government and state if it is linked to the recently discovered case of money laundering at the IOIB?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than the Right Honourable Prime Minister

B/249 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebeejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether he will ascertain if the Rector of Sir Raman Osman State Secondary School had a meeting with parents of pre-vocational pupils on Friday 21 February 2003 and, if so, will he further ascertain (a) the purpose of the meeting and (b) the allegations made by parents in regard to sexual

assault by Form VI students on the younger pupils and the response to these allegations?

B/250 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebejaun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Rodrigues, and Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will inform the House if the NDU has hired the services of a consultant for capital projects works for February 2003 to February 2004 and, if so, whether (a) tender procedures were resorted to and, if not, why not and (b) the terms of the new appointment have taken into consideration the observations contained in the December 2002 Report of the Director of Audit regarding, amongst others, segregation of duties over the works of the consultant?

B/251 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebejaun)

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

Whether he has received any representation to the effect that the Mauritius Medical Council as it presently functions enjoys little support within the medical profession and, if so, will he undertake a review of the Medical Council Act after in-depth consultations with the medical profession and the current Medical Council?

B/252 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Beebejaun)

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

Whether he will state since when the Hydrotherapy Unit at Victoria hospital has been out of service and the measures taken to provide for patients requiring such treatment?

B/253 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Hurnam)

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

Whether he will state what corrective measures he has taken or proposes to take in order for accompanying relatives of patients who call for appointments and examination at the Bharati Eye Hospital have no difficulty to trace and locate the patients once appointment cards are issued for consultation as the hospital staff cannot direct them to the appropriate clinical cubicles i.e. FOV, Dilation Room and Laser Examination Section?

B/254 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Chady)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Rodrigues and Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the flooding during the recent rainy days he will, for the benefit of the House, ascertain (a) the causes of such flooding and (b) what measures have been taken with a view to avoiding same in the future?

B/255 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Chady)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Rodrigues and Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to parking facilities under construction by Rogers & Co. Ltd. over the Pouce Stream, he will, for the benefit of the House, ascertain (a) whether the necessary authorizations and permits have been obtained and (b) whether a case has been

lodged in that connection, and whether he will make a statement thereon?

B/256 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Abdoola)

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

Whether he will state what measures he has taken or proposes to take to eradicate rodants in the town centre of Rose Hill?

B/257 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment:-

Whether he will state what remedial measures have been taken to combat the erosion of our beaches, especially after the recent heavy rains?

B/258 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Right, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether, in regard to shelters for children, she will (a) give the number thereof (i) operating under the aegis of her Ministry (ii) funded by her Ministry (b) state the funds allocated in each case (c) the number of children admitted since 01 June 2001 to date in each case and the average length of stay of children?

B/259 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Chady)

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

Whether, in regard to the scheme in Port Louis to alleviate parking congestion within the city, he will ascertain whether it has been successful and, if not, what other remedial action is being contemplated?

B/260 The Honourable Second Member for Grand'Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Gungah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will ensure that Mauritian artists participate fully in the opening and closing ceremonies as well as in cultural shows to be organized in connection with the forthcoming Indian Ocean Games?

B/261 The Honourable Second Member for Grand'Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Gungah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether, in regard to the financial statements of the MTPA, he will, for the benefit of the House, (a) ascertain when those for the years ending 30 June 2000 and 30 June 2001 were submitted to him and the reasons for their late submission (b) ascertain when those for the year ending 30 June 2002 will be submitted and the reasons for their late submission and (c) state what

measures he envisages to take for such statements to be submitted in due time in future?

B/262 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mrs Perrier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Training, Skills Development, Employment and Productivity:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain the reasons as to why female staff employed on a 2-year contract at the IVTB are not granted the maternity leave enjoyed by all other female employees?

B/263 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Chumroo)

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

Whether in regard to the upgrading works at the Victoria bus terminal in Port Louis, he will, (a) ascertain if there has been any compulsory acquisition of property and, if so, the extent thereof, the amount paid and the respective beneficiaries and (b) state whether buildings will be pulled down as proposed in the original plan?

B/264 The Honourable First 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 he will state the progress achieved so far in regard to the light railway project?

B/265 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Rodrigues and Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to the Camp Chapelon football ground, (a) ascertain (i) when it was completed (ii) to whom it was handed over (iii) who was responsible for its maintenance and (iv) why its fencing was recently pulled down and (b) state whether he will give an urgent attention to this problem as the football ground is situated near the trunk road?

B/266 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of arranging for *post-mortem* examinations to be carried out on a 24-hour basis?

B/267 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Paya)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether, in regard to the Singaporean tourist who was injured at the Belle Mare Water Park, he will state (a) if an inquiry has been carried out to situate responsibilities (b) if medical assistance was given to him and (c) if the park is under surveillance to avoid loss of life?

B/268 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Dharmaveersing Roopun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Rodrigues and Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will give a list of the low costs housing projects that his Ministry has earmarked for the constituency of Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, indicating the respective locations and the time within which the works will be completed?

B/269 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Dharmaveersing Roopun)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance:-

Whether he will make a statement on the Mauritian economy as a result of the lifting of the embargo on Iraqi oil and the worldwide reduction on energy cost?

B/270 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Chady)

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

Whether he will ascertain if the Mauritius National College of Dentistry at Arsenal is affiliated to the Bhavnagar University of India and, if so, will he further ascertain if that University has a Faculty of Dentistry?

B/271 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether a CT scanner has been installed at the Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital, Rose Belle and, if so, will he make a statement thereon?

B/272 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance:-

Whether additional remuneration will be paid to workers with effect from 01 July next and, if so, will he make a statement thereon?

B/273 The Honourable Second Member for Riviere des Anguilles and Souillac (Dr Issimdar)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Training, Skills Development, Employment and Productivity:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, ascertain whether the IVTB is launching free courses on IT for HSC school leavers and, if so, will he further ascertain (a) the number of seats available and (b) the eligibility criteria for enrolment?

B/274 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis West and Grand River North West (Dr David)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Fisheries:-

Whether officers of his Ministry have since November last confiscated the fishing cards of some fishermen at Les Salines and Bain des Dames and, if so, will he give the number of such cards together with the reasons for their

confiscation and whether these fishermen who were prevented from working for 21 days during that month be compensated for days lost?

B/275 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis West and Grand River North West (Dr David)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Rodrigues and Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state when the fencing of the football ground at Camp Chapelon will be replaced for the protection of the players against any car accident?

B/276 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis West and Grand River North West (Dr David)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to the purchase by the CEB of a power plant of about 40mw to be commercially operational by July 2005, obtain information as to (a) whether any irregularity or fraud has come to light and, if so, whether the matter has been referred to the ICAC and (b) whether the name of any member of the Board of the CEB has been mentioned?

B/277 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues (Mr Leopold)

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

Whether, in regard to cases of death from cancer, in Rodrigues and in mainland Mauritius, he will (a) give a breakdown of the number of victims for both, according to (i) age (ii) sex and (iii) nature of same, for the last five years (b) name the types of cancers that are presently screened, indicating the frequency of such exercise and (c) state the measures that are presently available for treating and preventing same, and whether he will make a statement thereon?

B/278 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues (Mr Leopold)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether he will state Government policy in regard to Career Guidance in colleges, and indicate future developments in that field?

B/279 The Honourable Fourth Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Duval)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance:-

Whether he will give the amount of VAT collected during the period 01 July 2002 to 30 April 2003 and state whether any shortfall is expected for the current financial year as per his Ministry's forecast?

B/280 The Honourable Fourth Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Scientific Research:-

Whether he will state if the newly appointed Deputy Rector of St Mary's College and the Principal of Pere Laval College hold the minimum qualifications laid down by the Pay Research Bureau?

B/281 The Honourable Third Member for Riviere des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Baloomoody)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Rodrigues and the Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will give a list of capital projects undertaken by the NDU, constituency-wise, and indicate their respective costs?

B/282 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Ministry of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether potato seeds have been imported from Scotland and, if so, will he make a statement thereon?

B/283 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance:-

Whether his Ministry's forecast regarding revenue from VAT for financial year 2002-2003 is indicative of a shortfall and, if so, will he state if any new item or commodity will be subjected to VAT?

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A/15 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Rodrigues and Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the Grand Port/Savanne District Council as to (a) the number of village halls constructed each year during the last five years (b) the cost of such village halls and how they were funded (c) the criteria taken into account for the construction of same and (d) the name of the contractors to whom the work was entrusted?

A/16 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Sakaram)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will arrange with the CWA to have the damaged water pipe in the region of La Marie filter bed, Vacoas, to be urgently repaired in order to save water?

A/17 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Sakaram)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Food Technology and Natural Resources:-

Whether he will state what measures he has taken to eradicate the problem of stray dogs on public beaches?

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