

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 06 September 2005****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**

I B/196 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will state if Government proposes to revisit the functions and powers of the Director of Public Prosecutions and, if so, will he state which ones will be revisited?

I B/197 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 he will state if all political appointees nominated as advisers or otherwise by Government during the period 03 October 2000 to 03 July 2005 have resigned or have been asked to do so and, if not, when will they be asked to vacate or made to vacate the office they are occupying?

I B/198 The Honourable Fourth Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sayed-Hossen)

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 death of J. D., he will state (a) the findings of the autopsy and of the forensic analysis, if any, and (b) the results of the Police inquiry, if any?

I B/199 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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 give the amount of public funds spent by the Independent Commission Against Corruption since its inception up to 30 June 2005?

I B/200 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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 SIDS Conference held in January 2005, he will (a) give the number of convertible cars put at the disposal of Heads of State and Government officials and (b) state the names of the subcontractors for transport, security and meals, together with the amount paid in each category?

I B/201 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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 new passports being issued, he will state (a) the number of times tenders were called for and (b) whether at anytime the tender exercise was cancelled?

I B/202 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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 is aware that business at District and Intermediate Courts starts at 9.30 a.m. and that prisoners reach there at 11.30 a.m. at earliest and, if so, will he (a) state the reasons thereof and (b) use his good offices for remedial action?

**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**

I B/203 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

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

Whether, with regard to gas emission by local industries, he will state (a) if his Ministry has arranged for facilities and equipment for the monitoring of same and (b) the measures proposed to be taken in case of major departures from existing norms?

I B/204 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

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

Whether he will state if there has been a recent survey on the state of pollution at sea in the regions of Pointe aux Sables, Bain des Dames and the adjoining areas and, if so, will he make a statement thereon?

I B/205 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

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

Whether he will state the reasons for the termination of the contract of Mr C. H., a handyman on full time employment, at the Adolphe de Plevitz State Secondary School?

I B/206 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the CEB, information as to whether the regions of Grand River and Canal Dayot in Port Louis were deprived of electricity during two consecutive nights on 17 and 18 August 2005 and, if so, will he give the reasons therefor and the measures taken to avoid any such recurrence?

I B/207 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the covering of the irrigation canal under the Irrigation Canal Project at Petite Rivière, he will state (a) when tenders were launched and (b) whether any contract has been awarded and, if so, when, indicating when work is scheduled (i) to start and (ii) to be completed?

I B/208 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of primary and secondary schools during each of the periods December 1995 to September 2000 and September 2000 to July 2005, he will state the capital budget allocated for the projects therefor?

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

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

Whether he will state if he has been made aware of the problems faced by the students of Standard I of Robert Edward Hart Government School at Surinam due to the frequent absences of a teacher and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?

I B/210 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will state if he has been made aware of the high speed at which motor vehicles are being driven in the region between Ruisseau Créole complex and St Augustin Church at La Preneuse and, if so, will he state if he proposes to take remedial actions?

I B/211 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the upgrading, construction of drains and resurfacing works at Cité Mangalkhan, he will state if the contract has been awarded and, if so, will he state (a) when (b) the project value and (c) the initial contractual date of completion?

I B/212 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the teaching staff of prevocational classes, holding a Teacher's Diploma Pre-Voc, he will state if their salary has been aligned on that of Education Officers and, if so, since when?

I B/213 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority if road works are being

carried out at Duperré Street, Beau Bassin and, if so, state (a) the scope thereof and (b) when they are scheduled to be completed?

I B/214 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether, in regard to the football ground project at Morcellement La Confiance, Maingard, he will state if (a) the land donated therefor has been levelled and (b) his Ministry was instructed to prepare the relevant drawings necessary for the issue of tenders and, if so, will he state (i) when (ii) whether the said drawings have been completed and tenders issued and (iii) when works are scheduled to start?

I B/215 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether, in regard to the Albion Primary School project, he will state (a) the extent of land available and (b) when works are scheduled to start?

I B/216 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether, in regard to the Leisure Park project at Cité Richelieu, he will state (a) when tenders were launched (b) when was the contract awarded (c) the name of the contractor (d) the value of the contract and (e) when works are likely to be completed and the Leisure Park open to the public?

I B/217 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether, with regard to the upgrading of the football ground at Camp Chapelon, he will state (a) when works started (b) the name of the contractor and (c) the value of the contract?

I B/218 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, with regard to the upgrading of the football ground at Camp Chapelon, he will state (a) when was the approval sought and obtained from the Ministry of Housing and Lands for additional land for the project?

I B/219 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to powder milk, he will (a) give the present stock in the country (b) state the monthly consumption thereof and (c) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to when the State Trading Corporation will bring its first consignment?

I B/220 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 he will state the criteria that will henceforth be applied for the admission of pupils in the seven State colleges which were previously known as Form VI colleges?

I B/221 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to the South Eastern Highway project, he will state if a High Powered Committee has been set up and, if so, will he state if it has completed its assignment and the decisions reached, if any?

I B/222 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether any project has been initiated by the Customs and Excise Department for the privatization of the sale of goods and, if so, will he further ascertain where matters stand and indicate (a) the CIF value, duties and taxes payable on these goods held in bonded warehouses as at mid July 2004 and (b) the remedial measures, if any, taken for the disposal of goods and for the recovery of duties and taxes due?

I B/223 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether, in regard to the practice of dentistry in the public service, he will (a) give the number of dentists working therein (b) give the number of dental clinics in operation on (i) a full time basis and (ii) a part time basis and (c) state if presently, there is a shortage of dental surgeons and, if so, when recruitment thereof will be effected?

I B/224 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry has purchased one Lithotripsy machine for the Victoria Hospital in the year 2000 and, if so, will he (a) state the cost thereof and (b) ascertain the number of days during which the machine broke down for the period 2000 to 2003?

I B/225 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the VAT Department, a breakdown of arrears of VAT due as at June 2004 and state what action is being taken to ensure their recovery?

I B/226 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Agency for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Substance Abusers (NATReSA), she will, for the benefit of the House, (a) state the name of the Chairman for the period 2000-2005 and (b) obtain from the NATReSA information (i) on the number of trips effected by the said Chairman, indicating the countries visited, the conferences attended and their respective outcome and (ii) the amount paid as allowances, *per diem* and airfares for each trip effected by the said Chairman during the aforesaid period?

I B/227 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Jean Lebrun Government School, he will state (a) if there is a project for the reconstruction of the school and, if so, indicate at what stage is the project and (b) indicate the date when the reconstruction works are likely to start and the expected date of completion?

I B/228 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the renting of the office of the Road Development Authority in Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain the following information (a) if a public invitation for the renting of office space was made (b) the names and offers made by each applicant and (c) the present monthly rent being paid for the chosen office?

I B/229 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the renting of the Labour office in Vacoas, he will state (a) if a public invitation for renting of office space was made (b) the names and offers made by each applicant and (c) the present monthly rent being paid for the chosen office?

I B/230 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the renting of the Post Office in Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain the following information (a) if a public invitation for renting of office space was made (b) the names and offers made by each applicant and (c) the present monthly rent being paid for the chosen office?

I B/231 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mohunlall Mohit Government school at L'Avenir, he will inform the House if the members of the Parent Teachers Association wrote to his Ministry in the year 2004 concerning (a) the additional classrooms (b) the pre-primary complex (c) the fencing of the school compound (d) the provision of an IT room and a reading room and, if so, will he state if he is aware that nothing has been done since the year 2004 and whether he will take the above matter into consideration to the general satisfaction of stakeholders?

I B/232 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will state if there has been a project for the construction of a new toilet block at the Mohunlall Mohit Government School at L'Avenir and, if so, will he state (a) if the toilet block has been handed over to his Ministry by the contractor (b) if all the facilities mentioned in the contract have been installed and, if not, what measures

his Ministry will take to set matters right and (c) the cost of the project and the sum paid to the contractor?

I B/233 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether he will give the exact number of concessions granted in connection with the Illovo deal and indicate the amount involved in each case?

I B/234 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius information as to whether any loan has been advanced to the sugar industry by the Bank for the implementation of the Voluntary Retirement Scheme and, if so, will he indicate (a) the amount of loan granted (b) the rate of interest imposed and (c) if it is the policy of the Bank to advance loans in such cases?

I B/235 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether he will state how many renal transplant operations have been carried out at the Jawaharlal Nehru hospital, Rose Belle, during the period 2000 and 2005 and state the success rate of those operations?

I B/236 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he will state if he is aware of the repeated requests made by the inhabitants of Le Bouchon village, in the Constituency of Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien for a social and leisure centre and, if so, will he consider its construction as a priority?

I B/237 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will state if he is aware of the pitiable state of the Harry Latour and of the Beau Vallon football grounds in Mahebourg and, if so, will he state when they will be renovated?

I B/238 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloll)

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

Whether he will state if he is aware of the frequent traffic jam/road congestion along the Moka-St Pierre Road and, if so, will he state (a) if a study has been carried out and alternative arrangements proposed to solve the problem and (b) when works are likely to start?

I B/239 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloll)

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

Whether he will state if there is a project for the construction of a bus terminal at Nouvelle Découverte

and for connecting that place to Les Mariannes and, if so, when works are likely to start?

I B/240 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloll)

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

Whether, in regard to Phase II of the Caudan Waterfront project, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether any lease agreement has been signed by the State Property Development Co. or the Mauritius Ports Authority or any other parastatal body with any South African company and, if so, the terms and conditions thereof and the date of signature of the lease agreement and (b) state the policy of Government regarding the same project?

I B/241 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloll)

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

Whether he will state the policy of Government on the National Health Insurance Scheme under the health reform programme?

I B/242 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether, with regard to the principle of separation of powers, he will state if he proposes to amend existing laws, regarding offences such as road traffic offences, so as to restore the discretion of Magistrates to impose the appropriate penalty in such cases?

I B/243 The Honourable Fourth Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sayed-Hossen)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Black River District Council, information as to whether (a) development permits have been issued to the Jet-7 company and (b) whether his Ministry has been informed of irregularities in the issue of development permits in Flic-en-Flac and other areas in the Black River District and, if so, the actions, if any, he proposes to take against those responsible for such irregularities?

I B/244 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 he will state if he is aware of the hardship met by the inhabitants of Vuillemin, Quartier Militaire, concerning the irregular bus service provided by individual bus operators and, if so, will he state what remedial measures he proposes to take in the matter?

I B/245 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Equity Fund, he will ascertain its performance since its inception and state whether he proposes to take measures to redress the situation thereat?

I B/246 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the HIV virus, he will give the number of individuals, in Mauritius, who have contracted

the virus to date and state what measures his Ministry has taken to reduce its prevalence among the population?

I B/247 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether, with regard to the duty free cars imported for the SIDS Conference held in 2005, he will state (a) the number of cars imported (b) the make and type (convertible or not) of the cars and (c) the total duty remissions on these cars?

I B/248 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether he will state the total expenses incurred by his Ministry with regard to the billboard and other media advertising campaign during the period March 2005 to July 2005?

I B/249 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to the market at Cité Martial, Plaine Verte, obtain the following information (a) the contract value (b) the number of stalls by category (c) the criteria for the selection of eventual occupiers of stalls (d) the proposed rent (e) the date of the inauguration and (f) the date of its becoming operational?

I B/250 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

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

Whether he will state if he is aware of an EIA application submitted by the Island Fertilizers Company Ltd., for the delocalization of a pesticide plant from Mer Rouge to Desbouchers Street, Roche Bois, a densely populated area and, if so, whether he proposes to refer the application to a Technical Advisory Committee?

I B/251 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House and in regard to the swimming pool at Plaine Verte, obtain information as to (a) the contract value (b) the date of its completion (c) the date if its inauguration and (d) if it is operational and, if not, why not?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

***Parliament House
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Sitting of Tuesday 06 September 2005

I A/2 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the rehabilitation of the old Chimney at Albion, he will state (a) when tenders therefor were launched and the closing date thereof and (b) where matters stand?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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