

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 13 October 2015****Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit**

B/657 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

*To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence,
Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development
Unit –*

**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 have been interdicted,
since 2009 to date, indicating the number of cases thereof which
(a) have been determined and the outcome thereof and (b) are
pending, indicating if any mechanism is being envisaged to speed
up the process?**

B/658 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

*To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence,
Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development
Unit –*

**Whether he will state if he has taken cognizance of a report
submitted to the Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of the Civil
Service by a high ranking officer of the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade in regard to
the daily ministerial intervention in the day to day running of the
Ministry and, if so, indicate if an inquiry has been carried out
thereinto and the remedial measures taken, if any, in relation
thereto?**

B/659 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Air Mauritius Limited, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the company, information as to the number of (a) aircrafts owned by the Company (b) pilots presently employed thereat, indicating the number thereof who are (i) Mauritian nationals and (ii) foreign nationals and (c) pilots recruited during the last recruitment exercise, indicating the number thereof who are (i) Mauritian nationals and (ii) foreign nationals?

B/660 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Mr T. F. G, he will state the capacity in which the services thereof have been retained over the period July 2005 to December 2014, indicating if he was appointed (a) adviser to the former Prime Minister and (b) Board Member of (i) Airports of Mauritius Ltd. (ii) Mauritius Duty Free Paradise Ltd. (iii) Air Mauritius Ltd. and others, indicating in each case the terms and conditions of appointment and facilities extended thereto?

B/661 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Human Rights Commission, he will state if consideration will be given for the law in relation thereto to be amended to increase the powers thereof to investigate into alleged cases of miscarriage of justice?

B/662 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether he will state if he has inquired from the Secretary for Home Affairs if he has officially received copy of the Interim Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Horse Racing submitted to him by the former President of the Republic and, if so, indicate the reasons why no action has been taken in regard to the recommendations made by the Commissioner and, if not, will he consider ordering an inquiry to be carried out to trace out the report at the Prime Minister's Office?

B/663 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to air access, he will state the airline companies which (a) are presently serving Mauritius, indicating in each case, their country of origin and (b) will be serving Mauritius?

B/664 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East, he will state the projects undertaken thereat by the National Development Unit, since December 2014 to date, indicating in each case the (a) nature thereof and (b) cost thereof?

B/665 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Ebene, he will state if he will consider requesting the Commissioner of Police to look into the advisability of providing for a Police Station thereat for enhanced security services?

B/666 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Ramano**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of (a) theft and (b) possession of stolen property, having been committed thereat, since January 2015 to date?

B/667 The Honourable Fifth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the project for the enlargement of the coastal road at Pointe aux Sables by the National Development Unit, he will state if the implementation thereof will be carried out during this financial year and, if not, why not?

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other
than the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues
and National Development Unit**

B/668 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land
Transport –*

Whether, in regard to the roads, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if consideration will be given for the inclusion of the scrapping of the old asphalt in the bid specifications for the re-asphalting thereof to avoid increasing the thickness of the asphalt thereof?

B/669 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations,
Employment and Training –*

Whether, in regard to the Employment Rights Act, he will state if consideration will be given for proposed amendments to be introduced thereto to include the payment of severance allowance at normal rate as was the case in the repealed Labour Act, thereby catering for two regimes instead of one, as is presently the case?

B/670 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Commerce and
Consumer Protection –*

Whether, in regard to the manufacturing sector, he will state if the inter-ministerial committee set up to look into the issue of tariff protection for sensitive local industries, especially against dumping practices, has submitted its report and, if so, indicate the findings thereof?

B/671 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to Mr A. M., he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to since when and why he was suspended, indicating (i) where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto and (ii) if salaries and/or allowances, if any, have been paid out thereto and, if so, indicate the quantum thereof and (b) state if he has been reemployed in any Government institution and, if so, give details thereof?

B/672 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, a list of the security guards recruited thereat, since July 2005 to December 2014, indicating in each case the (a) residential address thereof (b) reasons for recruitment (c) mode of recruitment thereof and (d) salaries and allowances drawn?

B/673 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of infrastructures in Plaine Verte, Port Louis, he will state (a) where matters stand in relation to the proposed construction of a new Gymnasium on the premises of the Concorde Garden, Plaine Verte and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to where matters stand in relation to the construction of a new Multipurpose Complex at Renaissance, Plaine Verte, indicating (i) the amount of money earmarked therefor and (ii) if fresh tenders have been launched therefor and, if not, why not?

B/674 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jhuboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to Fleet Master Ltd., a subsidiary of Iframac Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the financial and staffing situations thereof?

B/675 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jhuboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to the coastal region between Le Morne Village and the La Prairie public beach, he will state the measures, if any, that have been taken to prevent the erosion thereof and the risk of the coastal road thereat collapsing?

B/676 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to bids evaluation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Procurement Board, information as to (a) the criteria used when selecting the chairperson and the members of the evaluation panels thereof (b) the number of training organized by the Board over the past three years in relation thereto, indicating in each case the (i) names of the trainers and (ii) costs thereof and, if not, why not and (c) if the Board has assessed the reasons why the Independent Review Panel has allowed challenges on award of contracts during the recent months, and if so, indicate the remedial measures taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/677 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of universities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Land Development Company Ltd., information as to (a) the amount of funds invested therein as at to date, indicating the (i) names of the consultants and of the selected contractors therefor and (ii) expected completion dates thereof and (b) if the Company is exempted from the application of the provisions of the Public Procurement Act?

B/678 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the Human Resources Development Council, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) if the Board thereof has been constituted and, if not, why not (b) the initiatives undertaken to ensure that Mauritius has the required trained human resources to develop the Information Communications Technology, financial services and tourism sectors (c) if any action plan is/will be implemented therefor and if so, give details thereof and (d) if a strategic partner has been appointed therefor and, if so, give details of the partnership and, if not, why not?

B/679 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Treatment Plant Project at Pailles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the (a) costs thereof, indicating the amount of variation costs (b) date on which it will become operational and (c) if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/680 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Apollo Bramwell Hospital, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) funds that have been used for the acquisition thereof (b) procedures that have been followed for the acquisition thereof (c) monthly income and expenditure thereof since the acquisition thereof to date and (d) intended use thereof?

B/681 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Chairperson of the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the (a) name of the incumbent thereof (b) date of appointment thereof and (c) terms and conditions of contract of employment thereof?

B/682 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the overseas missions effected by the Honourable Ministers, since January 2015 to date, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case the (a) duration thereof and countries visited (b) composition of the accompanying delegation thereof and (c) amount of money paid out in terms of air tickets, *per diem* and other allowances?

B/683 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the Maritime Labour Convention 2006 which was ratified by the Republic of Mauritius on 30 May 2014, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/684 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the Maritime Training Academy of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of (a) trainers/instructors posted thereat (b) persons trained thereat in 2015 in the field of safety and (c) persons trained to work on cruise ships, over the period January 2015 to date?

B/685 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training –

Whether, in regard to the unemployed registered with his Ministry, he will state (a) the number thereof and (b) the number of requests for the employment thereof received from other Ministries and Government institutions in respect of vacancies existing thereat since December 2014 to date, indicating the (i) number of vacancies concerned therewith and (ii) number thereof who have been employed in each Ministry or Government institutions as a result thereof?

B/686 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Board of Investment, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) if a full restructuring exercise is being or will be undertaken thereat to enable the Board to respond to the increasing need of the Mauritian economy to attract adequate Foreign Direct Investments (b) the amount of Foreign Direct Investments (i) generated, excluding real properties, through promotional activities during the year ending 31 December 2014 and (ii) expected for the year ending 31 December 2015 and (c) give details as to the share representing the manufacturing sector and the services sector, respectively?

- B/687 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment –*
- Whether, in regard to the Marshall Plan against poverty, he will state the (a) overall costs and timeframe set for the elaboration thereof (b) expected number of families who will be concerned therewith (c) financing aspect thereof, taking into consideration eventual input of funds from the Corporate Social Responsibility and (d) complementary aspect thereof with the Love Bridge Project?**
- B/688 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Ameer Meea)**
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the number of employees thereof (i) whose employment have been terminated over the period January 2015 to date and (ii) in post as at to date and (b) where matters stand in relation to the proposed restructuring thereof?**
- B/689 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Ameer Meea)**
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the Corporate Social Responsibility, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain a list of the thirty-eight companies which are sponsoring *poches de pauvreté*, indicating in each case, the *poches de pauvreté* which are being sponsored?**
- B/690 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mr Ganoo)**
- To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*
- Whether, in regard to the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if any decision has been taken to seek a strategic partner therefor and if so, indicate (a) when the decision therefor was taken (b) the reasons therefor and (c) if studies had ever been carried out in relation thereto and if so, indicate the findings thereof?**

B/691 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to the public parks, green spaces and roads, he will state the measures that his Ministry proposes to take to avert the risk of accidents caused by the potential danger represented by trees, following the fatal accident which was caused by the fall of a tree on a car parked near the London Supermarket, in Vacoas, on 21 September 2015?

B/692 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to the inhabitants of the EDC at Rivière des Galets who are at risk during bad weather conditions, he will state if any decision has been taken in regard to the relocation thereof?

B/693 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions –

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a recreational centre for senior citizens at Pomponette, in Riambel, she will state (a) if bids have been launched therefor and (b) the costs thereof?

B/694 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sesungkur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Banking Act, he will state if proposed amendments will be introduced thereto to correct the imbalances and inefficiencies caused by the banks distributing credits over the last decade to finance construction, housing, hotels and real estate projects at the expense of such productive sectors as manufacturing/production, Information and Communications Technology, leisure, entertainment, agriculture, small and medium enterprises and to ensure that financial resources are also channeled thereto to support Government's strategy for a sustainable growth and to favour the long term interests of the country?

B/695 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sesungkur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether he will state if he is aware that the establishment of lengthy, complex and cumbersome procedures by some commercial banks for the opening of bank accounts is proving difficult for corporate entities and individuals and, if so, indicate if he will consider requesting the Bank of Mauritius to inquire thereinto and to propose appropriate reforms of the banking sector to correct certain imperfections and/or abuses?

B/696 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sesungkur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the procurement disputes and other contingent liabilities, he will state the costs incurred by Government in relation thereto and expected costs to be incurred in relation to the pending cases for each of the years, 2005 to 2014?

B/697 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sesungkur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the national debt, he will state the (a) mode of calculation thereof (b) magnitude of increase thereof over the period 2005 to December 2014, indicating the average amount of funds applied annually towards the servicing thereof and (c) strategy developed by Government to manage the level thereof in future and to ensure that we do not live beyond our means?

B/698 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the former British American Insurance Co. (Mtius) Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Insurance Company, information as to the number of life insurance policy holders thereof who have been paid by the Company following the maturity of their respective policy?

B/699 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the Nine Year Schooling Project, she will state (a) if the present standards of the infrastructure at the primary and secondary levels meet the requirements thereof and (b) the total costs of implementation thereof?

B/700 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Central Water Authority, he will state if Government is proposing the privatization thereof and, if so, indicate if consultations have been held with all the stakeholders concerned therewith?

B/701 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

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

Whether, in regard to childbirth, he will state the number thereof, which have taken place in public hospitals, since January 2014 to December 2014, through (a) normal delivery and (b) delivery by caesarean section?

B/702 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

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

Whether, in regard to childbirth, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof, which have taken place in private clinics, since January 2014 to December 2014, through (a) normal delivery and (b) delivery by caesarean section?

B/703 The Honourable Fifth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Customs Department, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if the post of the Director thereof is vacant and, if so, since when, indicating when it will be filled?

B/704 The Honourable Fifth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the fishers of Baie du Tombeau, Roche Bois, Bain des Dames, Sables Noir, Grand River North West and Pointe aux Sables affected by the developments in the Port Louis Harbour, he will give a list of those who are eligible for compensation, indicating (a) the sum payable to each one of them (b) those in respect of whom the payment thereof has already been effected and (c) whether, as was the case in the north, those who are regular and active but not possessing the fisherman professional card will also be taken into consideration for the payment thereof?

B/705 The Honourable Fifth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the social houses constructed at Pointe aux Sables for the squatters who actually reside on the alignment of the forthcoming Ring Road at Tranquebar, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to where matters stand?

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