

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 22 September 2015****Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit**

B/519 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 Special Mobile Force quarters in
Vacoas/Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain
from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the
relocation thereof is being envisaged to allow for the
development of the prime land on which the said quarters stand?**

B/520 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Lesjongard)

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

**Whether, in regard to the descendants of slaves and of
indentured labourers in Mauritius, he will state if Government
proposes to introduce a Land Restitution Rights Bill in order to
bring justice thereto?**

B/521 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Lesjongard)

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

**Whether, in regard the proposed setting up of a land tribunal to
expedite matters of land disputes, he will state where matters
stand, especially having regard to the alleged numerous cases of
misappropriation of land by the sugar estates?**

B/522 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Lesjongard)

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 is aware of the request made by the Association Justice et Vérité to delegate the responsibility of the dossier concerning the implementation of the recommendations of the Truth and Justice Commission to another Minister and, if so, indicate the actions he proposes to take, if any, in relation thereto?

B/523 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 the proposed setting up of an Independent Police Complaints Commission, as mentioned in the Presidential Address, he will state where matters stand?

B/524 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/525 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 the barristers of the private practice whose services have been retained by the Police Department, since January 2015 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the names thereof, indicating in each case the (a) mode of selection thereof and the criteria used therefor (b) terms and conditions of retention of services thereof and (c) cases in respect of which the services thereof have been retained?

B/526 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he will state the future projects earmarked for implementation thereat?

B/527 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 the proposed construction of Police Stations, Divisional Headquarters and Detention Centres, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, a list thereof, indicating where matters stand in each case, including (a) the cost of the project, indicating the amount of money budgeted therefor and the amount thereof already spent in relation thereto and (b) when construction works are expected to start?

B/528 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 the vacancies which presently exist at the National Development Unit, including the Citizens Advice Bureaux, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case (a) the grade thereof (b) since when and (c) when they will be filled?

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/529 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether he will state if a Sports Arbitration Tribunal has been set up and, if so, when and if not, why not?

B/530 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the *Jeux des Iles de l'Océan Indien*, he will state if Mauritius still stands as candidate for the organization of the 2019 edition thereof and, if not, why not?

B/531 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to Mr G. D., Adviser Coach of table tennis, he will state the reasons why his contract of employment has not been renewed?

B/532 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 casinos, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Casinos de Maurice, information as to the financial, staffing and industrial relations situations thereof, indicating if (a) losses are being incurred thereat (b) they are overstaffed (c) a mutually agreed retirement scheme and a 14th Month Bonus Scheme for the employees thereof are implemented thereat (d) there are arrears disputes thereat and (e) where matters stand concerning the Grand' Baie and Flic-en-Flac casinos and an eventual strategic partner therefor?

B/533 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 Fishing Port/Fish Processing Project at Bain des Dames, he will give the details of the (a) Chinese investment and (b) project thereof, indicating (i) who will finance the quays and other infrastructure in relation thereto (ii) the fish species concerned therewith (iii) if all permits required therefor have been sought and obtained and (iv) the start and completion dates thereof?

B/534 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to the 2015 sugar crop, he will state if the likely price of sugar for the small planters has been estimated so as to relieve the economic difficulties thereof, indicating if the bagasse transfer price of these small planters will be increased, as recommended in one report submitted to him, the more so, as the Central Electricity Board has made massive windfall gains recently?

B/535 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the parastatal bodies and Government owned companies, he will state if (a) his Ministry has prepared a code of conduct therefor and (b) he has received representations to the effect that several chairpersons intervene daily in the day to day administration of the respective organization, for example the Chairperson of the Mauritius Film Development Corporation and, if so, indicate the actions, if any, initiated in relation thereto, in each case?

B/536 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to the Belle Mare Water Park and Leisure Village, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Sugar Investment Trust, information as to if a new strategic partner for the renovation and management thereof has been secured and, if so, indicate the (a) name of the strategic partner therefor and (b) terms and conditions of the partnership agreement therefor and, if not, why not?

B/537 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the squatters, he will state the number thereof, district-wise, indicating the measures that will be taken in relation thereto, indicating where matters stand in relation to those who are eligible for the regularization of their situation?

B/538 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

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

Whether, in regard to diabetes, he will state the number of children suffering therefrom as at to date, indicating the measures and policies applicable in relation thereto at schools and in hospitals, respectively?

B/539 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

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

Whether, in regard to autism, he will state the number of patients suffering therefrom, indicating the (a) age group thereof and (b) measures provided by Government to help such patients?

B/540 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

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

Whether, in regard to the students suffering from autism, she will state the (a) number thereof presently admitted in private and public schools and (b) existing specific measures provided thereto?

B/541 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

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

Whether, in regard to the last tender exercise for the St. Louis Project – CEB Tender CPB-22-2014 for the Redevelopment of St. Louis Power Station – Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 4x15MW Diesel Generating Sets, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the (a) name/s of the bidder/s thereof and (b) reasons why the bid exercise was cancelled?

B/542 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

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

Whether, in regard to the Traffic Light Control System, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) terms and conditions of the maintenance contracts awarded in relation thereto and (b) name/s of the contractor/s therefor?

B/543 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether he will state if he is aware of a letter from Mrs D. T. of Association Justice et Vérité about unfinished business related to the Truth and Justice Commission and, if so, indicate if he has taken any action in relation thereto and, if not, why not?

B/544 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 Science Research –

Whether, in regard to the recruitment of staff in the private secondary schools funded by the Private Secondary School Authority, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to (a) the composition of the panel of interviewers therefor and procedures laid down and followed for the appointment of the members thereof (b) the total amount of money disbursed in terms of salaries of the staff of the educational institutions registered with the Authority for the year ending 31 December 2014 and (c) if any mechanism is in place to appraise the performance of the non teaching staff members of the private secondary schools?

B/545 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 Leasing Equipment Modernization Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to if (a) it has been extended for the current financial year and (b) any amount of leasing facilities approved by the Corporation is still due to leasing companies and, if so, indicate the (i) total amount owed as at to date and (ii) expected dates on which the arrears will be paid?

B/546 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 in relation thereto as at to date, indicating the (i) names of the consultants and building contractors appointed therefor and (ii) completion dates of works thereof and (b) if the company is exempted from the application of the provisions of the Public Procurement Act?

B/547 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the creation of the new national portal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Information Communications Technology Authority, information as to (a) the amount of funds invested therein, indicating the names of the bidders therefor, further indicating the price quoted in each case and (b) if the successful bidder has strictly complied with the scope of services, as at to date and, if not, indicate the measures that are being envisaged against the latter?

B/548 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Aids Committee, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the composition thereof (b) when the Committee last met and (c) if the proposed discontinuation of the Methadone Substitution Therapy Programme was discussed at the level thereof and, if so, table copy of the proceedings thereof in relation thereto?

B/549 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 Science Research –

Whether, in regard to the proposed implementation of the Nine Year Continuous Basic Education Project, she will state how her Ministry is proposing to respond to the public concerns that (a) it will lead to the introduction of an additional competitive high stake examination at the end of Year 9 and (b) the introduction of mixed schooling in existing single sex schools, to be renamed *Academies*, in Year 10, may result in serious management issues?

B/550 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) cost thereof, indicating the amount of variation costs (b) date on which it will become operational and (c) outcome of any inquiry carried out in relation thereto?

B/551 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 state the (a) funds that have been used for the acquisition thereof (b) procedures that have been followed for the acquisition thereof and (c) monthly income and expenditure thereof?

B/552 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the shelter for children in distress, she will state the number thereof, indicating in each case the (a) number of children staying therein and (b) ratio of carers to children?

B/553 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 (a) state 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/554 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the proposed hotel development by Le Chaland Resort Hotel, at La Cambuse, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Grand Port, information as to if it has granted a Building and Land Use Permit therefor and, if so, indicate (a) when (b) the number of organizations and individuals who had objected thereto (c) the date on which the Ramsar Committee Clearance was granted therefor, indicating the names of the committee members thereof and (d) if the subject site is located within environmentally sensitive areas?

B/555 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 electricity, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to (a) the number of households in mainland Mauritius which have had their supply thereof disconnected since 01 January 2013 to date, indicating the reasons therefor and (b) if the Board is still contemplating the introduction of ‘Pay as You Use’ pre-paid meters for certain categories of consumers?

B/556 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the parastatal bodies and State-owned enterprise, he will give a list of the ones which have negative balance sheets, indicating in each case, the amount of debt as at to date?

B/557 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent laying off of the workers at Courts Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the number thereof (b) if the ‘last in first out’ principle, as promised, has been fully adhered to and (c) the compensation being paid thereto?

B/558 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent “whitening” of the river water over a long distance at Petit-Verger, Saint Pierre, he will state if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/559 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project on “Capacity Development in Coastal Protection and Rehabilitation in Mauritius” undertaken by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), he will state the outcome thereof?

B/560 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the public beaches, he will state the measures, if any, which have been taken to (a) prevent the erosion thereof and (b) rehabilitate the public beach of Blue Bay/Pointe d’Esny?

B/561 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 the emergence of the virus causing MERS in Saudi Arabia which has recently caused several deaths, he will state (a) if adequate information have been given to the Mauritian pilgrims accomplishing the Hajj 2015 in relation thereto and (b) the measures that have been taken to screen and follow-up the pilgrims on their arrival?

B/562 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Special Olympic World Summer Games which was held from 25 July to 02 August 2015, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the number of athletes who represented Mauritius thereto, indicating their respective performances and (b) if any provision has been made for a cash prize for our Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals Athletes?

B/563 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Waste Water Sewerage Network Project in the region of Pailles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation of Phases 1 and 2 thereof respectively, indicating if there has been any delay in the carrying out of the tender procedures in relation thereto and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, indicate the timeframe set for the implementation thereof?

B/564 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Ministries, Government Departments and parastatal bodies, he will state the measures that have been initiated or will be taken to reduce the monthly telephone costs, indicating if (a) dormant telephone lines and telephone lines with rentals only will be cancelled to avoid the payment of monthly rental fees and surcharges and (b) directives will be given thereto for the installation of GSM gateways for mobile phones to their existing PABX telephone systems with a view to reducing the monthly telephone costs when calling to a mobile service provider?

B/565 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the sale of State land to lease holders at Camp Carol, Kenya, in Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he will state where matters stand, indicating if the survey carried out in relation thereto has been completed and, if not, why not?

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