

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 24 November 2015****Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit**

B/945 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 Very Important Persons Support Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, a list of the officers thereof who have accompanied Very Important Persons on overseas missions, since 2005 to date, indicating in each case the (a) grade and posting thereof (b) countries visited and duration thereof (c) personalities they had accompanied and (d) total amount of money spent in terms of air tickets, *per diem* and any other allowances?

B/946 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 Brigade des Jeux, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of (i) Police Officers attached thereto and (ii) arrests effected by officers thereof over the past two years and (b) if additional measures will be taken to address the illegal betting issue?

B/947 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/948 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sesungkur**)

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

Whether, in regard to external legal advice sought by his Office, he will state, for the years 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively, the cost thereof, indicating in respect of each case the (a) reasons why external legal advice was warranted and (b) names of the legal Counsel whose services were retained?

B/949 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sesungkur**)

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

Whether, in regard to abortion, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of girls under the age of 16 having allegedly undergone same, since January 2010 to date, indicating the (a) number of prosecuted cases thereof and indicate the outcome thereof and (b) if an assessment of the situation has been carried out recently and, if so, indicate the findings thereof?

B/950 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, in regard to the sniffer dogs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number thereof operating at the Police Dogs Section, indicating the number thereof posted at the Central Investigations Department, Anti-Drugs Smuggling Unit, and other units respectively and (b) if consideration will be given for an increase in the number thereof to address the dangerous drugs problems and, if so, indicate the measures that will be taken in relation thereto?

B/951 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, in regard to the Police Traffic Branch, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of motorcycles attached thereto, indicating if he has received representations from the Police Riders attached thereto to the effect that the low saddle thereof is causing them severe health problems and, if so, indicate if due consideration will be given thereto, including the renewal of the fleet thereof and, if so, indicate (a) when the exercise will be carried out and (b) the number and types thereof that will be purchased?

B/952 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 Mrs K. B., former Permanent Secretary posted at the Private Office of the former Prime Minister over the period 2010 to December 2014, he will state the (a) parastatal bodies/State owned companies of which she was a Board Member and (b) number of official overseas missions she attended, indicating the (i) countries visited (ii) date and duration thereof and (iii) total cost incurred in relation thereto?

B/953 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 construction of drains projects, he will state the number of contracts therefor the National Development Unit awarded through the emergency procurement method in 2013, indicating the number thereof approved by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development without the prior approval of the Central Procurement Board, indicating in each case (a) who gave instructions to seek the approval of the said Ministry and (b) the amount of money approved by the said Ministry?

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/954 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the students of the public primary and secondary schools, she will state if consideration will be given for the provision of lockers thereto with the implementation of the Nine Year Basic Schooling?

B/955 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 Mahebourg Waterfront, he will state if any project for the upgrading thereof is being envisaged and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/956 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the building which formerly housed the Mahebourg Social Welfare Centre, situated in the vicinity of the Mahebourg Waterfront, he will state if he has been informed of the abandoned state thereof, indicating if consideration will be given for the pulling down thereof?

B/957 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mahebourg Waterfront, he will state if consideration will be given for measures to be taken for the promotion and organization of regatta activities thereat?

B/958 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the contracts awarded by Government institutions to HP India for computerizing projects, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof in each case?

B/959 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 *poche de pauvreté* which is being sponsored?

B/960 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives –

Whether in regard to the proposed setting up of Small and Medium Enterprise Parks in specific regions, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority, information as to where matters stand, indicating the measures being taken for the promotion of small and medium enterprises in mainland Mauritius and in Rodrigues, respectively?

B/961 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 Occupation Permit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to (a) the number of expatriates having been issued therewith in the real estate sector since January 2010 to date, indicating the respective nationalities thereof and (b) when the criteria for the allocation thereof was last reviewed, indicating the reasons which warranted the said review?

B/962 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the Housing Estate located at Pavillon, in Cap Malheureux, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to if a survey was carried out prior to the implementation of the renovation works thereof, indicating the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/963 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment –

Whether, in regard to the distribution of school materials, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Empowerment Foundation, information as to if the list of the students who are eligible thereto for the school year 2016 has been finalized and, if not, why not, indicating the expected start and completion dates for the carrying out of the exercise in relation thereto?

B/964 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Saint François Xavier Stadium, he will state if consideration will be given for the covering of the bleachers and for the provision of lighting thereat and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/965 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the BAI Co. (Mtius) Ltd. and related entities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of the employees thereof whose contract of employment have been terminated since April 2015 to date, indicating in each case the (a) company in which the said employee was employed and (b) quantum of compensation paid out thereto?

B/966 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to State land, he will state the names of the beneficiaries of new leases therefor granted since January 2015 to date, indicating in each case, the (a) terms and conditions of the lease and (b) purpose of the lease?

B/967 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Property Fund Limited, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the assets and liabilities thereof as at to date and (b) when it will issue debentures to the policy holders of the Super Cash Back Gold Scheme and the investors in the Bramer Property Fund?

B/968 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 Mauritian Diaspora Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to the number of applications received thereunder, indicating in each case the outcome thereof?

B/969 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 export trade for the years 2014 and 2015 respectively, he will state in each case (a) the total export revenue thereof (b) the current account deficit thereof (c) if the worsening of the current account deficit was due to a fall in the export revenue and (d) the steps taken to rebalance the economy?

B/970 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sesungkur**)

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

Whether, in regard to water supply, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the number of applications received for connection to the network thereof as at 31 December 2014 which have remained unattended as at to date, indicating (a) the fee charged when the applications were submitted and (b) if measures will be taken to expedite the processing of the pending applications therefor?

B/971 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 Auguste Vollaire Stadium, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sports Council, information as to if it is presently not available for the holding of football competitions thereat and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/972 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 Ms L. B. and Ms S. S. C., he will state the reasons why his Ministry did not extend any financial assistance thereto for their participation in the final World Championship of Boxe Française to be held in Paris, in December 2015?

B/973 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the sports complexes and football grounds managed by the local authorities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the local authorities, information as to if the utilization thereof by local clubs and by individuals is free of charge and, if not, why not?

B/974 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the appointment of Mr I. S. as Chairperson of the Commission for Conciliation and Mediation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commission, information as to (a) the date of appointment thereof (b) the terms and conditions of contract thereof and (c) who was acting as Chairperson prior to his appointment and since when?

B/975 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 persons employed on contract at his Ministry since December 2014 to date, he will state in each case the (a) names thereof (b) qualifications held (c) post occupied (d) terms and conditions of contract thereof and (e) parasatal bodies or State Owned Companies on which they represent his Ministry, indicating since when and the remunerations received?

B/976 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

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

Whether, in regard to the Avastin treatment, he will state the number of patients who have permanently lost their eyesight following treatment therewith at the Subramanien Bharati Eyes Hospital in the recent past, indicating in each case, the name of the doctor who had administered same thereto?

- B/977 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mr Jhuboo**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –*
- Whether, in regard to the Yves Cantin Community Hospital, he will state (a) if it is in fact a dispensary, a mediclinic or a hospital and (b) the projects earmarked for implementation thereat, if any?**
- B/978 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Tarolah**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –*
- Whether, in regard to the office space rented by his Ministry at the NPS Building, at Rose Hill, he will state the (a) monthly rental fee thereof (b) purposes therefor and (c) activities being carried out thereat?**
- B/979 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(**Mr Ramano**)
- To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –*
- Whether, in regard to Mon Choisy, he will state when decision was taken for the public road in front of the Tarisa Resort Hotel thereat to be deviated, indicating if (a) all the procedures therefor were followed and (b) consideration will be given for the reinstatement of the previous alignment of the said public road?**
- B/980 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(**Mr Lepoigneur**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –*
- Whether, in regard to the World Championship of Boxe Française to be held in Paris, in December 2015, he will state why his Ministry is not providing any financial support to the two Mauritian athletes who have been qualified to participate therein?**
- B/981 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 Indian Ocean Cup Championship Zone 7 of Volleyball held at Madagascar from 12 to 21 November 2015, he will state if his Ministry has received any request from the four selected clubs therefor for any grant thereto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?**

B/982 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Oree**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cambridge School Certificate Examinations 2015, she will state if she is aware that the examination papers thereof for Mathematics, Accounts and Economics were scheduled on the same day, 05 November 2015 and, if so, indicate if measures will be taken to avoid any such recurrence in the future?

B/983 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General –

Whether, in regard to the forty two cases of alleged dispossession of land by the sugar barons identified in the report of the Land Monitoring and Mediation Unit referred to his Office, he will state where matters stand, indicating the names of the families concerned therewith and if officers of his Office have established contacts therewith?

B/984 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, in regard to the alleged dispossession of land identified in the report of the Land Monitoring and Mediation Unit, he will state if (a) the Land Monitoring and Mediation Unit will inquire into all the cases that have not been referred to the Attorney General's Office and (b) there exists a possibility of conflict of interest regarding the person heading the Land Monitoring and Mediation Unit?

B/985 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sarako Project for the generation of electricity, he will state if his Ministry has carried out an inquiry thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/986 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Tarolah**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a water treatment plant at Pont Lardier, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the (a) name of the consultant appointed therefor and (b) budget earmarked therefor?

B/987 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to the status of women in Mauritius, she will state the initiatives and remedial measures taken by her Ministry to address the issues in relation thereto, following her statement before United Nations Commission, on 17 March 2015, and following the Report thereof in which it is reported that despite the political will to reduce gender gaps, critical issues such as physical and sexual abuse, high poverty and unemployment rates, under-representation of women in Parliament and patriarchal attitudes remain?

B/988 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to gender discrimination against women in the public service and in other sectors of the economy in terms of recruitment, promotions, scholarships, overseas missions and appointments, she will state if her Ministry has collected or will collect data in respect thereof and table copy thereof?

B/989 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to the kovil overlooking the Grand River North West, located close to the junction between the Royal Road and the road leading to Pointe aux Sables, he will state if consideration will be given for the carrying out of an assessment of possible threats to the safety of the devotees attending thereat, especially in the course of the holding of ceremonies involving large crowds, indicating if assistance will be granted to the Managing Committee thereof in terms of expert advice in relation thereto or in any other form as appropriate in the circumstances?

B/990 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to alcohol, he will state (a) the statistics thereof over the past five years in respect of the (i) consumption thereof per capita, indicating the percentage in terms of age group and sex (ii) impact thereof, indicating the number of patients undergoing treatment in hospitals for alcohol related diseases and (iii) death rate related to the abuse thereof and (b) if a national action plan is being contemplated to deal with the prevalence of the consumption thereof?

B/991 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the retailers of liquor and of alcoholic beverages, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the number thereof holding On and Off licences therefor, indicating the number of such licences which have been issued on a yearly basis since 2010 to date?

B/992 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the internet, he will state if he will consider the advisability of better regulating access to the pornographic contents thereon, especially to protect our children from being exposed thereto, in the light of the increasing number of households connected thereto?

B/993 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment –

Whether, in regard to poverty, he will state if he will consider establishing an interdepartmental committee to deal therewith in a more holistic results-oriented and cost effective manner and, if so, when?

B/994 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Casino at Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Casinos de Maurice, information as to if quotations were received for drywall partition, doors and other related renovation works to be carried out thereat and, if so, indicate (a) the name of the selected subcontractors therefor and (b) which firm submitted the report on the quotations, evaluation and recommendations for the award of the contract therefor?

B/995 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

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

Whether, in regard to his recent official mission in St Petersburg, he will state the (a) composition of the delegation thereof and (b) outcome of the meeting thereof?

B/996 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the programmes of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation in which he participated, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the cost incurred for the production thereof?

B/997 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Aliphon**)

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

Whether, in regard to the road known as St Martin running through Mont Roches, he will state if consideration will be given for the widening thereof to avert risks of accident thereat?

B/998 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Aliphon**)

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

Whether, in regard to the landslide prone area of Hermitage, in Coromandel, he will state the remedial measures taken in relation thereto as at to date, including to prevent the recurring of landslides?

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