

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 29 September 2015****Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit**

B/566 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 dispensing of methadone at the Vacoas
Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from
the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of
complaints in relation thereto reported by the Municipal Council
of Vacoas-Phoenix thereto, indicating the remedial measures
taken, if any, as at to date?**

B/567 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Hurreeram)

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

**Whether, in regard to the premises rented to serve as official
residence for H.E. the Vice-President of the Republic of
Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain
information as to if tender procedures have been followed for
the renting thereof and, if so, indicate the (a) date the bid
therefor was launched (b) name of the bidders therefor,
indicating the name of the successful bidder (c) extent thereof
and (d) monthly rental thereof?**

B/568 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(**Mr Hurreeram**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent request made to the Government of Mauritius by Mrs K. L. A., Director of the Conflict Awareness Project, to re-open the inquiry concerning the alleged arm trafficking network in Mauritius, he will state if he will consider acceding thereto?

B/569 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 Commission of Inquiry set up on the Sale by Levy, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the main recommendations thereof, indicating the actions that have been initiated in relation thereto for the implementation thereof as at to date?

B/570 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(**Mr Rughoobur**)

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 a football ground at Poudre d'Or, he will state (a) the date of award of the contract therefor (b) the date of completion thereof (c) the reasons why the pre-final handing over has not been effected as at to date and (d) if consideration will be given for the Senior Chief Executive of his Ministry to effect a site visit thereat, together with the Honourable Members of Constituency No. 6, Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or?

B/571 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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. 2, Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, he will state the projects undertaken thereat by the National Development Unit, over the period July 2005 to December 2014, indicating in each case, the (a) nature thereof and (b) cost thereof?

B/572 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 the Commission of Inquiry on Sale by Levy and Prescription, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to where matters stand as to the work thereof and give an indication as to when the findings thereof will be submitted?

B/573 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 Human Rights Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of complaints for Police brutality received thereat, since January 2014 to date, indicating the number of investigations thereinto which have led to the prosecution of members of the Mauritius Police Force and the number of convictions secured as a result thereof?

B/574 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 vacancies which presently exist in each of the grade of Men and Women Police Constable to Deputy Commissioner of Police, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, in each grade, indicating (a) when they will be filled and (b) the number thereof that will be filled?

B/575 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 drafting of the proposed Juvenile Justice Bill, he will state where matters stand?

B/576 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 proposed implementation of the Electronic Bracelets Systems for the tracking of prisoners, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

B/577 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

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. 20, Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière, he will give a list of the projects earmarked for implementation thereat by the National Development Unit during the financial year 2015-2016?

B/578 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons presently serving sentence/on remand/being detained for a drug related offence?

**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/579 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the new National Identity Cards Project, he will state the (a) name of the contractor therefor (b) scope of works thereof (c) contractual cost thereof and (d) contractual completion date thereof?

B/580 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

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 Insurance Company Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom (a) a list of the current assets and liabilities thereof, indicating the respective value thereof and the monthly revenue/loss thereof and (b) when the general insurance services will be operational?

B/581 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 allocation of the contract to Airway Coffee Ltd. for the provision of catering services at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, allegedly to the detriment of Tropical Times, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airports of Mauritius Ltd., information as to if the case has been referred to the Commissioner of Police for inquiry and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof and, if not, why not?

B/582 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 contracts awarded to Proguard Ltd., he will give a list thereof, over the period July 2005 to 10 December 2014, indicating in each case the (a) awarding body (b) procedures followed for the allocation thereof and (c) total amount of money paid therefor?

B/583 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 new terminal of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airports of Mauritius Ltd., information as to the (a) initial and final contract value thereof, indicating if final payment has been effected therefor (b) procedures followed for the award of the contract therefor and (c) reported shortcomings in relation to the infrastructural conditions thereof, since the coming into operation thereof to date?

B/584 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney General –

Whether, in regard to the alleged cases of money laundering and fraudulent transactions by the former Prime Minister involving Centurion American Express credit cards and the purchase of properties in the United Kingdom, he will state if the National Crime Agency of the United Kingdom has solicited the assistance of his office in relation thereto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/585 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) arrears disputes are pending thereat and (e) where matters stand concerning the Grand' Baie and Flic-en-Flac casinos and an eventual strategic partner therefor?

B/586 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 News Department of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) name of the incumbent of the post of Head thereof, indicating the terms and conditions of employment thereof and (b) number of Chief Editors and news editors/journalists posted thereat respectively, indicating in each case, the (i) names (ii) date of appointment and (iii) terms and conditions of employment thereof?

B/587 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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation Television, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, over the period January 2015 to date (a) the list of the programmes thereof which have been cancelled, indicating in each case, the reasons therefor and (b) information as to the names of the animators or producers whose services have been terminated, indicating in each case, the (i) date of termination of the contract of appointment and (ii) reasons therefor?

B/588 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 Cité Marcel Cabon, in Albion, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the sewerage water overflow problem which is representing serious health hazards thereat, indicating if (a) remedial measures will be taken to alleviate the inconveniences being caused to the inhabitants of the housing estate found thereat as a result thereof and (b) the land issue for the provision of a leach field thereat has been resolved and, if so, give details thereof?

B/589 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

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

Whether, in regard to the port area, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to if new storage facilities for Liquefied Petroleum Gas have been constructed and commissioned thereat, since 2011 to date and, if so, indicate (a) the name/s of the promoter/s thereof and (b) if same have been constructed on freehold land or on land belonging to the Authority and, if in the latter case, further indicate the (i) extent and location thereof (ii) procedures followed and terms and conditions thereof and (iii) shareholding of the company/ies at the time of application therefor and subsequent thereto?

B/590 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 Visitor's Report dated 25 February 2013 on the 'Restructuring of the University of Mauritius', she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the University, information as to if (a) the recommendations thereof have been approved by the Board of the University and (i) if not, why not and (ii) if so, indicate where matters stand as to the implementation thereof and obtain copy of the evaluation report on the results achieved as at to date, if any, and (b) consideration will be given for the redefinition of the mission, vision and objectives of the University in the light of the present day socio-economic challenges facing Mauritius?

B/591 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the Agreement signed between Government and the Mauritius Sugar Planters Association for the Grant of 2000 acres of Sugar Cane Land, in April 2008, he will state (a) if the procedures for the acquisition of all the 2000 acres of land have been completed and, if not, why not (b) the expiry date of the said agreement and (c) if plots of the land so acquired have been allocated and, if so, indicate in the case of each beneficiary thereof, the (i) names and address thereof (ii) extent and location of the plot of land allocated (iii) criteria used for the allocation of the plot of land thereto and (iv) conditions of the allocation thereto?

B/592 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 Love Bridge Project being implemented by the Curepipe Starlight Sports Club, he will state if Government proposes to inject funds therein and, if so give details of the project, including the (a) amount of funds that will be committed thereto and (b) eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom?

- B/593 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 British American Insurance and Company, he will state if any investigation has been carried out to ascertain if the auditors thereof for the period 2010 to 2014 had properly carried out their duties in relation thereto and, if so, indicate the (a) outcome thereof and (b) actions that will be taken against them, if any?**
- B/594 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 British American Insurance and Company and the subsidiaries thereof, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to the amount of money that these companies owed to the local banks, indicating the amount thereof that have been written off, if any, as at to date?**
- B/595 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives –*
- Whether, in regard to the small and medium enterprises, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority, information as to the schemes currently administered by the Small and Medium Enterprise One Stop Shop, indicating in each case, the number of enterprises registered thereunder, as at to date?**
- B/596 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 Mauritius Professional Football League, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to when it will start the new season thereof and (b) state the financial contribution of his Ministry thereto?**

B/597 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 doping, he will state the actions taken by his Ministry in relation thereto, if any, since the weightlifter P. P. was tested positive thereto?

B/598 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 sports infrastructure, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sports Council, information as to if the Board thereof has decided to increase all the rental fees thereof which fall under the management thereof and, if so, give the reasons therefor?

B/599 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to Saudi Arabia, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed (a) setting up of an Embassy thereat and (b) operation of direct flights between Mauritius and Saudi Arabia?

B/600 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 information as to the total amount of money received over the past two financial years thereunder, indicating the (a) projects earmarked for implementation and (b) guidelines presently applicable therefor?

B/601 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the bank charges, he will state if Government proposes to recommend the rationalization and standardization thereof?

B/602 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Leopold)

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

Whether, in regard to the use of plastic bags in mainland Mauritius, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed introduction of regulations for the ban thereof?

B/603 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the Family Fun Day held on the football ground of the Sunnee Surtee Government School, on 13 September 2015, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if it was involved in the organisation thereof and, if so, obtain therefrom (a) a breakdown of the expenses incurred in relation thereto and (b) the names of the other parties who jointly organized the said event?

B/604 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the five hundred additional visas allocated to Mauritian nationals for the Hajj 2015, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to (a) the official designated point of collection thereof and (b) who was mandated for the collection thereof, indicating why his return to Mauritius after collecting same was delayed, further indicating if this incident (i) resulted in many persons being unable to leave for Hajj and, if so, indicate, the number thereof who finally obtained a visa and left for Hajj and (ii) is likely to affect the future attribution of hajj visas to Mauritian nationals?

B/605 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/606 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/607 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 University of Mauritius, she will state the measures that Government proposes to take to ease out the financial situation thereof with a view to ensuring the smooth running of the courses being run thereat and the quality of education being provided thereat?

B/608 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General –

Whether, in regard to the juveniles, he will state (a) where matters stand as to the proposed setting up of a Juvenile Court and (b) the actions that are being taken for the protection thereof, either as accused or as witnesses?

B/609 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

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

Whether he will state if Government proposes to construct a Correctional Youth Centre in Rodrigues, in view of the considerable hardships caused to minors who are placed on remand?

B/610 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 Build Mauritius Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the projects which have already been executed and financed thereunder, indicating in each case, the (a) cost thereof and (b) amount of funds disbursed therefrom, as at to date?

B/611 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to drug addiction, he will state the number (a) of drug addicts island wide, indicating the number thereof treated under the Methadone Substitution Therapy Programme, since its inception to date, on a yearly basis and (b) and percentage of inmates at the Brown Sequard Hospital being treated therefor?

B/612 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the celebration of the 115th anniversary of Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam at Kewal Nagar, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to the stand thereof as to the alleged manipulation of news by the Corporation in relation thereto?

B/613 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cardiac Centre at the Dr Jeetoo Hospital, he will state if the Director thereof and the cardiac surgeons attached thereto are entitled to draw overtime payment for work performed outside normal working hours, indicating the (a) number of cardiac surgeons attached thereto (b) total amount of overtime payment effected thereto over the past five years and (c) if the Director thereof is entitled to practise medicine privately and further indicating if consideration will be given for a review of this policy?

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Port Louis

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