

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 28 November 2017

Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development

B/848 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, he will state if consideration will be given for the introduction of legislation to provide that family members of Members of Parliament shall *de facto* be disqualified to (a) hold any position in Government and/or parastatal bodies and (b) obtain employment, contracts and consultancy positions with Government and/or parastatal bodies?

B/849 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to citizens reaching 18 years of age, he will state if consideration will be given for the automatic compulsory registration thereof as voters at the time of application for the issue of the National Identity Card and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/850 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the credit facilities granted by the Bank of Mauritius to the National Property Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to if (a) the Rs 3.5 billion granted in June 2015 has been repaid and, if not, why not and (b) any other facilities have been advanced to the Fund and, if so, on what terms and conditions?

B/851 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the *Pari Mutuel Urbain*, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the date of issue thereto of the license to operate in Mauritius, indicating the (a) date of application therefor (b) date of Board Meeting when same was discussed, indicating the names of the members present thereat (c) terms and conditions of the license and (d) places of operation thereof?

B/852 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to foreign medical practitioners/specialists, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to the present number thereof issued with residence/work permits, indicating the (a) nationality thereof (b) field of practice thereof (c) rates of fees each can charge (d) places where they are allowed to work and (e) if it is in presence of representations from Mauritian medical practitioners/specialists of unfair competition therefrom?

B/853 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(**Mr Ramano**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs,
External Communications and National Development Unit,
Minister of Finance and Economic Development –*

Whether, in regard to the terrorist organization named Daesch or Islamic State, he will state the number of Mauritian nationals suspected of having joined same in Syria and Irak and the number thereof having returned to Mauritius?

B/854 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs,
External Communications and National Development Unit,
Minister of Finance and Economic Development –*

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will give the list of drainage works completed thereat, over the past 12 months, to avoid or mitigate disastrous flooding prior to the current rainy and cyclonic season?

B/855 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs,
External Communications and National Development Unit,
Minister of Finance and Economic Development –*

Whether, in regard to the proposed measures to be taken to mitigate flooding at Fond du Sac, he will state (a) the outcome of the International Bidding Reference: NOU/Q/40/2015-2016/OAB of 01 April 2016 published in the media (b) if he is aware that with the onset of the 2017-2018 rainy season, the risk of life threatening floods as in 2013 is of great concern to the inhabitants of Fond du Sac and (c) if any final date of completion of works in relation thereto has been fixed?

B/856 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs,
External Communications and National Development Unit,
Minister of Finance and Economic Development –*

**Whether, in regard to the Eau Coulée bridge along Rampersad
Ramdin Road in Eau Coulée, he will state where matters stand as
to the request made for the widening thereof?**

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the
Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External
Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and
Economic Development**

B/857 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and
Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

*To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy
and Public Utilities –*

**Whether, in regard to the diesel power plants built over the past
15 years, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the
Central Electricity Board, information as to the respective (a) life
span thereof and (b) names of the contractors and subcontractors
thereof, if any, indicating the contract value thereof?**

B/858 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and
Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Community Centres at Batimaraïs and
Rivière du Poste, she will state the reasons why no motivators are
presently in post thereat?**

B/859 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the Chagos Archipelago, he will state where matters stand as to the advisory opinion sought from the International Court of Justice?

B/860 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 National Football Teams, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Football Association, information as to the names of the national coaches and assistant coaches for Club M and Lady Club M, respectively, indicating in each case the (a) terms and conditions of appointment thereof, including salaries drawn and duration of contract and (b) date of employment thereof?

B/861 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 reorganization of the national sports federations, he will state if his Ministry has withdrawn the recognition of some thereof and, if so, indicate the ones concerned therewith, indicating the reasons therefor, in each case?

B/862 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the ratification by Mauritius of the Malabo Protocol of the African Union purporting, *inter alia*, to grant legislative powers to the Pan African Parliament, he will state where matters stand?

B/863 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 Mauritius Meat Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, (a) information as to the name of the General Manager thereof, indicating the qualifications held and terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (b) the list of persons recruited thereat since January 2015, indicating the respective (i) post occupied and (ii) qualifications held?

B/864 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Henry**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Royal Road, in Cité Lachaux, he will state the expected start and completion dates of Phase III of the renovation works thereof?

B/865 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Henry**)

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

Whether, in regard to the pig breeders of Carreau Accacia, Camp Carol and Le Bouchon, respectively, he will state when and where they will be relocated?

B/866 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Henry**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to synthetic drugs, such as “C’est pas bien”, “Rambo”, “batte dans la tête”, containing a mixture of different substances excluding synthetic cannabinoids or other substances listed under the Dangerous Drug Act, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as the (a) measures taken to prevent the proliferation thereof amongst youngsters and (b) number of prosecutions initiated in connection therewith, since 2015 to date, and the outcome thereof?

B/867 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

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

Whether, in regard to Methadone, he will state the reasons why the distribution centre thereof has been moved to the highly residential area, in Plaine Verte at Military Road, indicating (a) if the inhabitants thereat and in the vicinity thereof have been consulted prior thereto and (b) the number of users thereof attending the said distribution centre and where they come from?

B/868 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to social housing units, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the number of applicants who (a) are on the waiting list for the allocation thereof and (b) have been allocated therewith over the past three years, indicating where they come from?

B/869 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

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

Whether, in regard to processed food, he will state if consideration will be given for the toughening of the legislation to (a) eliminate trans fats content therein (b) reduce salt content therein (c) provide additional information on added sugars and artificial dyes content therein on the labels thereof and (d) introduce new restrictions on the commercial marketing of unhealthy foods and beverages targeting children?

B/870 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Leopold**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the State Recognition Award, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating the eligibility criteria therefor?

- B/871 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Leopold**)
- To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms –*
- Whether he will state if he is aware that sale by levy procedures in respect of immovable property in Rodrigues are held in Mauritius and that same cause considerable inconveniences to the people concerned therewith and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for such procedures to be held in Rodrigues?**
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- B/872 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)
- To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –*
- Whether, in regard to the complaints of Ms L. D. A. against Honourable K. T., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if any (a) investigation has been undertaken in relation thereto and (b) person has been arrested in connection therewith?**
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- B/873 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance –*
- Whether, in regard to complaints against management companies and trust companies, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, for each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, information as to the (a) number thereof received and (b) actions, if any, taken by the Commission in relation thereto?**

B/874 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the disabled persons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Training and Employment of Disabled Persons Board, information as to the (a) number thereof currently on the register of disabled persons (b) number of employers currently on the register of employers and (c) number of employers which do not employ the required number thereof, indicating the actions, if any, taken by the Board against them?

B/875 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Private Motor Vehicles Fitness Centres, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to the number of vehicles examined in each one, indicating, the examination failure rate, since the respective coming into operation thereof to date?

B/876 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the taxi owners who have been granted duty concessions, he will state if, at the request of the Mauritius Revenue Authority, the National Transport Authority is currently carrying out inquiries with a view to establishing if they are eligible thereto and, if so, indicate the number of cases investigated into and the outcome thereof?

B/877 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jhuboo)

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

Whether, in regard to aquaculture, he will state if (a) Growfish Ltd. has been issued with an Environment Impact Assessment license to carry out same and, if so, indicate the terms and conditions attached thereto and (b) the AHRIM and other Non-Governmental Organisations have expressed to his Ministry their serious concerns in relation to the implementation thereof and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given thereto?

B/878 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jhuboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed fishing port project of LHF Marine Development Ltd. at Bain des Dames, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating the (a) expected starting date of operation of the (i) fish processing factory and (ii) seafood market thereat and (b) terms and conditions of the land lease allocated thereto?

B/879 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jhuboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the proposed St Felix Clear Ocean Hotel Ltd. Project, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating if consideration will be given for the retrieval of part of the land allocated therefor with a view to restoring part of the Pomponette beach to the public?

B/880 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jhuboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to Bel Ombre and St. Felix, he will state if additional sites thereat have been allocated for the implementation of hotel projects since 2016, and, if so, indicate the (a) names of the promoters thereof and (b) terms and conditions of the land leases allocated therefor?

B/881 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the Land Acquisition Act, he will state if consideration will be given for the introduction of proposed amendments in the House thereto with a view to (a) enhancing the protection of citizens against the compulsory acquisition of private properties by Government and (b) ensuring fair compensations therefor and reviewing the procedures prior to the payment thereof?

B/882 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the prisoners convicted of drug offences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to if during the years 2015, 2016 and 2017, any of them has been released before the end of the respective term of sentence thereof either on parole or by way of prerogative of mercy and, if so, indicate the number thereof and details of the offences committed?

B/883 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the allocation of plots of State land to holders of building site leases for an amount of Rs 2,000, he will state the number of (a) holders who have not yet submitted applications to benefit thereunder and (b) applications submitted and processed and (c) the timeframe set, if any, to benefit thereunder?

B/884 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the Hajj Mission 2017, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to (a) the composition thereof, giving the breakdown of expenses incurred in relation thereto and (b) if the Hajj report is available and, if so, table copy thereof?

B/885 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the request made by the Village Council of 16^{ème} Mille for the vesting of a plot of land at Isory Lane for the construction of a village hall thereat, he will state where matters stand?

B/886 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Shipping Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the names of the present legal advisers thereof, indicating the dates on which the services thereof were retained?

B/887 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed Traffic Centre Project at Ebène, he will state (a) where matters stand as to the design thereof (b) the allocation of the site earmarked therefor and (c) the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/888 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Tarolah)

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

Whether, in regard to the Pont Lardier Water Treatment Plant Project (GRSE/DRBC), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating the (a) expected start and completion dates thereof and (b) actions taken in the short and medium term to deal with the acute water shortage in the eastern part of the country, pending the completion thereof?

B/889 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the Early Warning System (EWS) announced on 22 January 2015, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating the (a) different components thereof, including early detection by special detectors in the lagoon of devastating storm surges and tsunami events likely to impact the country and (b) reasons why the EWS is not yet operational despite the current onset of the 2017-2018 cyclone and rainy seasons?

B/890 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the Information and Communication Technologies Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the present composition of the Board thereof, including that of the subcommittees thereof, indicating the quantum of fees payable thereto in each case?

B/891 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the children playground and the football pitch in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the local authority concerned therewith, information as to if (a) any renovation thereof is envisaged and (b) if it is carrying out the maintenance and cleaning thereof at regular intervals?

B/892 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, he will state if he has taken cognizance of the recent report of the doctors of the World Health Organisation in relation to public health and, if so, indicate the measures that will be taken to address the shortcomings mentioned therein?

B/893 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 post of Registrar of the University of Technology Mauritius (UTM), she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the UTM, information as to if (a) the vacancy therefor has been advertised and, if so, indicate when, and (b) an Appointments Committee has been set up for the recruitment thereof and, if so, indicate the names of the Chairperson and of the members thereof?

B/894 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

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

Whether he will state if he has received a letter from a Senior Member of the Bar complaining of alleged acts of corruption and of nepotism at the Irrigation Authority and, if so, indicate the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/895 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 Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the public beach at Debarcadère, in Pointe-aux-Sables, he will state the actions taken for the cleaning and for the removal of the dangerous structures found thereat?

B/896 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the squatters relocated in Pointe aux Sables, he will state/for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if his Ministry and/or the National Empowerment Foundation is/are carrying empowerment programme and welfare projects therefor, indicating if squatters of Cité Blanche of Pointe-aux-Sables will equally benefit thereunder?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
Clerk of the National Assembly

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Question addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development

A/10 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the elected Members of the present National Assembly, he will, in each case, state the number of official overseas missions attended, indicating in each case the (a) countries visited and (b) amount of *per diem* allowances paid thereto?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
Clerk of the National Assembly

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