

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 31 October 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/629 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

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 Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the total value of loans approved for the years 2015 and 2016, respectively, for projects not exceeding Rs 2 million, indicating the total amount of funds injected by Government therein?

B/630 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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 road and drain construction works undertaken by the National Development Unit in collaboration with the Municipal Council of Port Louis, if any, in Constituency No. 2, Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, he will state if his Ministry is in presence of complaints with regard to the works carried out?

B/631 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 Fact Finding Committee set up to look into alleged irregularities at the Information Communication Technologies Authority when Mrs Y. C. was the Executive Director thereof, he will state the date of the setting up and of the start of the works thereof, indicating (a) the number of sittings held and (b) if the assignment has been completed and, if so (i) when and (ii) if any report has been submitted to Government and, if so, indicate the main findings and recommendations thereof?

B/632 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 the Casino of Grand Bay, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to the quantum of money invested therein since the coming into operation thereof, indicating the (a) date thereof and (b) purpose therefor?

B/633 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 electoral reforms, including the financing of political parties, he will state where matters stand?

B/634 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Rutnah)

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 a near miss between an A380 Emirates flight and an A330 Air Seychelles flight on 14 July 2017 within the Mauritian air space, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Civil Aviation Authority, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, indicate the (a) outcome thereof and (b) if all the personnel who were on duty in connection with the said flights, including the respective pilots, were interviewed?

B/635 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 Assets Recovery Investigation Division of the Financial Intelligence Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, for the period November 2015 to date, information as to the (a) number of (i) restraining orders (ii) restriction orders (iii) confiscation orders and (iv) recovery orders applied for, indicating the outcome thereof in each case (b) value of the assets recovered and (c) quantum of funds used therefrom to compensate victims of unlawful activities?

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/636 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives –

Whether, in regard to projects approved by MyBiz for financing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the total (a) amount and corresponding values thereof since May 2016 to date and (b) number of applications rejected?

B/637 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives –

Whether, in regard to jobs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority, information as to the number thereof created by the Small and Medium Scale businesses for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively, indicating the overall percentage thereof represented in the private sector?

B/638 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives –

Whether, in regard to the Small Medium Enterprise Development Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) initiatives undertaken during the years 2015 and 2016, respectively, to boost up exports in the region and (b) number of exhibitions and fairs in which the local small and medium enterprises participated?

B/639 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the consultancy, contracting and supply of equipment by the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to if the services of any Israeli company has been sought and obtained and, if so, give details thereof?

B/640 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to Diego Garcia, he will state if any case of worker exploitation thereat has been reported, more specifically, with regard to cheap labour and, if so, indicate the measures taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/641 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance –

Whether, in regard to the former Bramer Banking Corporation Ltd., he will state if consideration will be given for the list of the individuals, pension funds, parastatal and Government organisations that withdrew their money therefrom within 7 days preceding the date of the revocation of the licence thereof in 2015, together with the respective amount thereof, will be provided and, if not, why not?

B/642 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the Disciplinary Committee initiated against Barristers K. T. and S. R. in 2013 in relation to the Michaela Harte case, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand, including, the disciplinary actions taken against them, if any?

B/643 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 fatal road accidents, he will state the number of reported cases thereof since January 2017 to date, giving a breakdown in terms of the number thereof (a) per types of vehicles (b) being hit and run cases and (c) which occurred at pedestrian crossings?

B/644 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 local fruits, mainly mangoes and litchis, he will state the actions taken since May 2016 to date to preserve same from the harm being caused by bats, indicating (a) the number of bats culled as at to date (b) if any further culling thereof is being contemplated and (c) if discussions have been held with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and the Mauritius Wild Live Foundation in relation thereto and, if so, give details thereof?

B/645 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 the engines of 15MW capacity in service at St Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the quantum of SOX & NOX toxic gas emission therefrom during the operation thereof?

B/646 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the public areas at Montagne Signaux and in the vicinity thereof, he will state if any project is being contemplated for the provision of lighting thereat?

B/647 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed pulling down of the houses containing asbestos at Batimaraais, he will state where matters stand?

B/648 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 complaint filed against Honourable S. S. for his speech delivered on or about 18 July 2017 in Flacq, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

B/649 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the public health institutions, he will state the established protocol for the temporary transfer of medical equipment therefrom to private health institutions, indicating the (a) costs implication thereof and (b) number of such transfers having taken place, since January 2015 to date, indicating in each case the (i) medical equipment transferred (ii) institutions concerned therewith and (iii) costs involved in relation thereto?

B/650 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 the investigation in relation to the acquisition of shares of the New Mauritius Hotels Limited, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, information as to where matters stand?

B/651 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the advisers appointed by his Ministry, he will state (a) the names thereof, indicating in each case, the qualifications, scope of duties and terms and conditions of appointment and (b) if they have submitted reports on ways and means to prevent or reduce the number of fatal road accidents and, if so, indicate the main findings and recommendations thereof?

B/652 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, in regard to the private health institutions and clinics, he will give a list thereof to which fees have been paid for the provision of services, since September 2015 to date, indicating in each case the (a) nature of the services provided and the date of provision thereof and (b) cost thereof?

B/653 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (**Mr Rutnah**)

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

Whether, in regard to drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the total amount thereof seized since January 2017 to date, indicating the (a) value thereof regarding (i) heroin (ii) cannabis and (iii) synthetic drugs, respectively, and (b) number of (i) arrests effected (ii) suspects charged and (iii) suspects charged and currently on bail, in connection therewith?

B/654 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 basketball, he will state the remedial actions taken, if any, following the poor performance of the national team in the U16 Afrobasket held in Mauritius last year?

B/655 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 setting-up of a National Sports Policy, as announced in the Budget Speech 2017-2018, he will state where matters stand?

B/656 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 swimming, he will state if the Australian Coach, B. H., is currently the National Technical Director of the Mauritius Swimming Federation and, if not, why not?

B/657 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Mr Ramano)**

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

Whether, in regard to the acquisition of the Medpoint Clinic by the State, he will state (a) if the renovation thereof is being envisaged and (b) the yearly total expenditure incurred in terms of security fees and maintenance cost since the acquisition thereof to date?

B/658 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Selvon)**

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry is in presence of a petition dated 29 September 2017 signed by inhabitants of James Russell Street, in Grand River North West, complaining of wastewater disposal into the street and of the health hazards posed thereby and, if so, indicate the actions, if any, taken by the relevant authorities to date?

B/659 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Selvon)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the Kashmir Road in the village of Vale, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the reasons why it has been left almost impracticable, especially, during rainy weather conditions even though it urgently needs tarring and other repair works?

- B/660 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)
- To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –*
- Whether, in regard to an alleged case of swindling of an important sum of money reported by one Mr R. D. to the Moka Central Investigation Division, on 03 August 2000, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?**
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- B/661 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –*
- Whether, in regard to the Mauritian diplomatic missions, he will give a list of the persons appointed thereto, if any, for the promotion of Mauritius on the economic front and, if so, indicate (a) in each case, the qualifications, date of appointment and terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (b) if the expected output to be generated have materialized and, if not, why not?**
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- B/662 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)
- To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –*
- Whether, in regard to the alleged remittance of a dangerous substance, commonly known as “Lanatte”, by Mr S. I., inmate of the Melrose Prison, to one of the Commissioners of the Commission of Inquiry on Drugs he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto, indicating the (a) number of people arrested in connection therewith, if any, and (b) circumstances in which the dangerous substance reached the said prisoner?**

B/663 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed re-opening of the old Grand River North West Bridge, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if the rehabilitation study thereof is now completed and, if so, indicate the (a) total estimated rehabilitation cost thereof and (b) expected start and completion dates of works in relation thereto and date of coming into operation thereof?

B/664 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Leopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to internet connectivity in Rodrigues, he will state if (a) consideration will be given for an increase in the satellite bandwidth thereat and, if so, when and (b) Government will consider providing financial support for the laying of the submarine fibre optic cable project thereto?

B/665 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/666 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 lands 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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