MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given Requiring an Oral Answer Sitting of Tuesday 29 March 2016

Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister of Finance and
Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit

B/1 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to road accidents, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof in which the drivers/riders involved therein were driving/riding under the influence of alcohol, over the past two years, indicating the number thereof that have been fatal?

B/2 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the theft in a bungalow in Roches Noires, on or about 03 July 2011, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry being carried out thereinto, indicating when formal charges will be lodged against the accused?

B/3 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the incident wherein use was made of tear gas at Nouvelle France, on or about Wednesday 12 November 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto, indicating if any arrest has been effected in connection therewith?

B/4 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Senior Advisers, Messrs P. M. and D. B.², he will, in each case, state the (a) net monthly pay and allowances drawn and (b) Boards on which they serve as representatives of his Office, indicating the respective (i) date of appointment (ii) allowance drawn and (iii) number of overseas missions undertaken in connection therewith, giving details as to the countries visited and expenditure incurred?

B/5 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the National Development Unit, he will give a list of the projects in respect of which bids have been launched over the current financial year, indicating in each case, the (a) project value thereof and (b) date of award thereof?

B/6 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether in regard to the projects for the construction of drains respectively at Camp Carol and at Pereybere by the National Development Unit, he will, in each case, state the (a) name of the contractor therefor, indicating if the site has been handed over thereto and (b) expected completion date thereof?

B/7 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the driving speed limits, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, for the year 2015, information as to the number of (a) contraventions booked respectively by (i) fixed speed cameras and (ii) mobile speed cameras, indicating the sites where the contraventions have been booked and (b) fines settled to date by drivers who have been booked therefor?

B/8 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

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

Whether, in regard to fatal road accidents, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof since January 2016 to date, indicating (a) in each case, if the inquiry carried out thereinto has revealed the cause/s thereof and (b) the additional preventive measures taken in the light thereof, if any?

The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix B/9 (Dr Sorefan)

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

> Whether, in regard to the Agreement signed between the Government of the Republic of Mauritius and that of the Republic of South Korea regarding the study and implementation of already identified major road projects, he will state (a) if construction companies from the Republic of South Korea only will be considered through bidding exercise and (b) the financial participation of the Government of the Republic of South Korea in the said projects?

B/10 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

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

> Whether, in regard to the proposed conversion of the Grand' Baie International Conference Centre into a casino, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?

B/11 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

> Whether, in regard to the Canal Anglais, located behind the Military Road, in Cité Martial, Port Louis, he will state if (a) consideration will be given for the urgent repairs of the cracks present therein which are causing water leakages into houses located in the vicinity thereof and, if so, when, and (b) the National Development Unit has carried out any survey thereof and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/12 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Re-development of Port Louis Project, he will state (a) if consultations will be carried out with the stakeholders concerned therewith (b) the long term projected development plans thereof (c) the financial cost thereof to the State, if any and, if not, the source of funding thereof, indicating the terms and conditions thereof and (d) the projected long term impact thereof on the capital and on the inhabitants thereof?

B/13 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Aliphon)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand as to the proposed setting up of a Police Syndicate, indicating the actions taken as at to date, if any, in relation thereto?

B/14 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Rutnah)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 7, Piton and Rivière du Rempart, he will state the number of projects earmarked for implementation by the National Development Unit thereat, indicating in each case (a) the project value thereof and (b) where matters stand?

B/15 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Rutnah)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of a Land Drainage Authority as announced in the 2015-2016 Budget Speech, he will state where matters stand?

B/16 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to national investments, he will state the (a) evolution thereof since 2009 to date, differentiating between public and private investments and (b) measures being taken to encourage investments, indicating if (i) appropriate incentives are being given to induce investments in priority sectors and, if so, indicate the sectors concerned therewith and (ii) recourse to Public Private Partnerships and Build Operate Transfer Schemes are being envisaged?

B/17 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Commission of Inquiry on Drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry, indicating the (a) number of (i) meetings held to date and (ii) witnesses who have deponed before the Commission and (b) expected completion date of the inquiry, indicating if a date has been earmarked for the issue of a draft report?

B/18 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, following the floods of February 2016, he will state the (a) number of flood prone areas identified island-wise and (b) budget earmarked for the Land Drainage System in respect of the year 2015-16, indicating the remedial actions initiated by the National Development Unit in connection therewith as at to date?

B/19 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the alleged Ponzi Scheme or Ponzi-like Scheme operated by the BAI Co. (Mtius) Ltd. Group, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry being carried out thereinto, indicating (a) the names of the persons arrested in connection therewith and (b) if any case has been lodged in connection therewith?

B/20 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 20, Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière, he will state the projects implemented by the National Development Unit since January 2015 to date, indicating in each case, the (a) project value thereof and (b) name of the contractor therefor?

B/21 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of a Police Syndicate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other
than to the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence,
Home Affairs, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Minister
for Rodrigues and National Development Unit

B/22 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to the public beaches, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Beach Authority (a) a list of the licensees who have been issued with a Beach Trader Licence (i) prior to January 2015 and (ii) since January 2015 to date, indicating their respective base of operation and (b) information as to if the Authority has received complaints from local people and from tourists regarding the installation of beach chairs, deckchairs and umbrellas thereat and, if so, indicate the measures taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/23 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 –

Whether, in regard to the overseas missions he has undertaken since December 2014 to date, he will state the number thereof, indicating the (a) composition of the delegation thereof (b) countries visited and purposes thereof and (c) expenditure incurred in terms of air tickets, *per diem* and other allowances?

B/24 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the lease of a plot of State land for the construction of bungalows and apartments at Belle Mare to a company represented by Mr R. G., he will state the (a) extent thereof (b) terms and conditions thereof at the time of submission of the application therefor (c) date of (i) issue of the letter of intent and (ii) signature of the deed therefor and (d) expected completion date of the construction works, indicating if any extension has been granted therefor and, if so, give details thereof?

B/25 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the overseas missions he has undertaken since January 2015 to date, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case the (a) date and duration thereof (b) countries visited and purposes thereof (c) composition of the delegation thereof and (d) expenditure incurred in terms of air tickets, *per diem* and other allowances?

B/26 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 Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden Trust, information as to if the upgrading thereof is being envisaged, indicating the measures that have been taken for the upgrading thereof over the past five years?

B/27 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fitness Centres, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to the date of coming into operation thereof, indicating if the setting up of additional ones is being envisaged?

B/28 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Electrical Services Division, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the main objectives and functions thereof (i) at the time of the setting up thereof and (ii) as it is presently operating and (b) if a restructuring thereof is being envisaged?

B/29 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to where matters stand as to issue of securing a strategic partner therefor?

B/30 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Filtration Plant at Bois Chéri, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to if the replacement or the upgrading thereof is being envisaged?

Parliament House, Port Louis, Mauritius: Tel (230) 201-1414/Fax (230) 212-8364 Email: clerk@govmu.org Web site: http://mauritiusassembly.govmu.org B/31 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 –

Whether, in regard to the Super Cash Back Gold policies of the former BAI Co. (Mtius) Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Property Fund Ltd., information as to (a) the subsequent amount that will be refunded, indicating when same will be effected (b) the number of policy holders thereof who have not obtained the refund of Rs 500,000, indicating why (c) the status of the policies assigned to other financial institutions (d) when the debentures certificate will be issued and (e) if funds are available therefor and, if so, give details thereof?

B/32 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 recently detected cases of falsified horsepowers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to the (a) number of (i) vehicles concerned therewith and (ii) officers of the Authority arrested in connection therewith and (b) measures that will be taken to prevent the recurrence thereof?

B/33 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed lease of State lands to the inhabitants of (a) Camp Carol and (b) Solitude, respectively?

B/34 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 Victoria Station, in Port Louis, he will state if any infrastructural development thereat or in the vicinity thereof is being envisaged and, if so, indicate (a) the nature thereof (b) the government department or consultancy firm that will be responsible for the design and supervision of the associated works thereof and (c) if any bid exercise has been or will be carried out for the hiring of the services of the consultants therefor?

B/35 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 Harris, Champ de Mars and Vallée Pitot football grounds, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to when and why same have been vested therein, indicating if the (a) time slots for the football teams have since then been reallocated and, if so, indicate the (i) procedure followed therefor and (ii) number of teams which have applied therefor and number thereof which have not been allocated therewith and (b) fee payable for the use thereof has increased since November 2014 and, if so, indicate the percentage increase thereof?

B/36 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden Trust, information as to the (a) number of local people and of foreigners respectively who have visited same in 2015, indicating the total revenue collected in respect thereof and (b) current state thereof, indicating the development/improvement plans thereof in 2016?

B/37 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Aliphon)

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

Whether, in regard to the Vacoas Multi-Purpose Co-operative Society, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) if the members thereof have (i) agreed to inject Rs 220 million therein to offset the bad debt of Rs 215 million and (ii) access to their savings and if not, why not (b) if the accounts of the members thereof are being debited by a third party since March 2015 and, if so, why and (c) why the nine directors elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 11 July 2015 have not been allowed to start working?

B/38 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 approximately 350 tonnes of unused and expired drugs which have been destroyed, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Pharmacy Board, a list thereof indicating the (a) procurement date thereof (b) expiry date thereof and (c) value thereof?

B/39 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Rutnah)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General –

Whether, in regard to the practice of lodging provisional charges, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if it will be done away with and, if so, indicate when?

B/40 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sesungkur)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sugar Investment Trust, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the performance thereof since 2009 to date, indicating if a full assessment of the management and financial status thereof has been conducted and if so, indicate the conclusion thereof?

B/41 The Honourable First Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Gobin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Agreement signed in 2012 between the then Mauritius Sugar Planters Association, the trade unions and the then Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed (a) payment of (i) an allowance of 25 % of the daily basic wage for night shifts and (ii) gratuity on retirement at 60, retirement on medical grounds before 60 or death of a worker to be computed on the basis of 2.5 months' wages per year of service and (b) setting of the retirement age at 50 and 45 years respectively for male and female workers?

B/42 The Honourable First Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Gobin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the former workers of the factory areas of Beau Vallon, Riche en Eau, Bel Air St Félix and Union St. Aubin who opted for the Voluntary Retirement Scheme and whose title deeds had yet to be finalized, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?

B/43 The Honourable First Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Gobin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the numerous complaints leveled against the *Societé des Plantations de Bois Chéri* by the metayers of Bois Cheri/Grand Bois/La Flora before the National Agricultural Regulatory Office, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Office, information as to where matters stand?

B/44 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—

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of the Heritage City, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) project value thereof and (b) how it will be financed?

B/45 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the payment of the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examination fees, she will state if the policy in respect thereof has changed since last year and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/46 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Central Water Authority, he will state if the privatization thereof is being envisaged?

B/47 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed implementation of a hotel project on a portion of approximately 30 acres of land in the region of St. Félix, he will state where matters stand?

B/48 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

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

Whether, in regard to vegetable production, he will state if his Ministry proposes to introduce regulations in relation to the use of pesticides and insecticides therefor and, if so, when?

B/49 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Leopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Auction Fish Market located at Fort Williams, Les Salines, in Port Louis, he will state where matters stand as to the operation thereof, indicating if the premises housing same is being used for the original purpose for which it was built and, if not, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/50 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Leopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed laying of fibre optic cables for the connection of Rodrigues Island, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?

B/51 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Leopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to the road accidents which occur in mainland Mauritius, he will state the key risk factors which have been identified therefor, if any, indicating the actions taken by his Ministry to address same?

B/52 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Leopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to road accidents, he will state (a) if his Ministry is involved in the prevention thereof and, if so, indicate how (b) the common type of injuries associated therewith (c) the number of persons who have become disabled as a result thereof, since 2015 to date and (d) the measures being taken to improve the emergency response services of the public hospitals to cope with the increasing incidence thereof?

B/53 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 Goodlands Volleyball Club, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Ombudsperson for Sports, information as to the reasons why the participation thereof in the National Volleyball League 2015 has been validated?

B/54 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Lepoigneur)

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

Whether, in regard to the Basic Invalidity Pension granted to persons having more than 60 per cent physical incapacity, she will state if she will consider the advisability of reviewing the procedure set up for access thereto?

B/55 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

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

Whether, in regard to the national policy for substitution therapy for drugs abusers, he will state where matters stand as regards the (a) Methadone Substitution Therapy and (b) availability of Suboxone/Nalterxone as a new substitution therapy, indicating the (i) number of patients already benefitting therefrom and (ii) outcome thereof?

B/56 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

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

Whether, in regard to the national policy for the Hepatitis C infection, he will state if new guidelines for patient management and treatment are being applied since new potential drugs such as Sofosbuvir and Ledipasvir have been recommended therefor?

B/57 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Ebola infection, he will state, in the event of a suspicious case thereof, the Recommended Protocol established by his Ministry regarding confirmation of diagnosis, treatment, isolation, prevention of contamination of contact persons and communication of information to the population?

B/58 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 Utility Regulatory Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to why it is not operational?

B/59 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 Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to where matters stand as to (a) the review of the electricity tariff structure and (b) if, following the recent drastic decrease in the price of petroleum products, the benefits therefrom will be shared with the electricity consumers?

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 port, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to where matters stand regarding the issue of securing a strategic partner therefor, indicating if discussions are still ongoing with DP World Ltd. therefor and, if so, indicate the terms and conditions thereof?

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B/61 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 families who have been allegedly dispossessed of their land by the sugar barons, he will (a) state if he will now table the list of the names of the 42 families concerned therewith and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Research and Mediation Unit, information as to if the 42 families concerned therewith have been officially convened to appear before the said Unit and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/62 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 athelete N. A., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Physically Handicapped Persons Sports Federation, information as to the reasons for the suspension thereof?

B/63 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 judoka J. M., he will state if his Ministry has issued recommendations to the Mauritius Judo Federation for the suspension thereof and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/64 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 athlete P. P.⁶, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Hearing Committee set up following the positive control of the said athlete for doping, information as to if it has completed its works and, if so (a) indicate the number of hearings held (ii) names of the persons who have testified in the course thereof and (b) obtain and table copy of the final report thereof?

B/65 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 athlete N. A., he will state if his Ministry has issued recommendations to the Physically Handicapped Persons Sports Federation to initiate actions for the suspension thereof and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/66 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General –

Whether, in regard to the practice of lodging provisional charges against the accused, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if the said practice will be revisited and, if so, indicate when the corresponding legislation will be amended to cater therefor?

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 practice of lodging provisional charges against the accused, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if it is proposed to do away therewith and, if so, indicate when the necessary amendments will be brought to the legislation therefor?

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 undertaking of Government to introduce a single cycle of basic education of nine years' duration culminating into a national examination at the end of the third year of secondary schooling, she will state the justification for maintaining a selective examination at the end of the primary education cycle?

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B/69The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Rights Management Society, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) total amount of money collected in terms of licence fees over the last financial year, indicating the total amount thereof available to date (b) last time the artists were paid royalties and (c) criteria used to calculate the quantum of royalty to be paid to each artist?

B/70 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 work carried out at Sable Noire for the free flow of water during heavy rainfalls and the construction of a road from the new bridge to the Sable Noire Beach, he will state where matters stand?

B/71 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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

> Whether, in regard to the use of pesticides in Mauritius, he will state if the Codex Alimentarius is the standard used to monitor the use of pesticides by local partners and, if so, indicate if (a) this standard has force of law and if so, how and (b) the Food Act has been amended to include the indicators used in the **Codex Alimentarius?**

B/72The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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

> Whether, in regard to the Reformatory Youth Centre for girls, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of uprisings that have taken place thereat over the past two years, indicating in each case, the (a) reasons therefor and (b) remedial measures that will be taken, if

any, to address the issues identified therefor and, if so, indicate when?

B/73 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 the National Agency for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Substance Abusers, he will state if any decision has been taken for the winding up thereof and, if so, indicate (a) the reasons therefor and (b) if the setting up of a new institution in replacement thereof is being envisaged?

B/74 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

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

Whether, in regard to the regional hospitals, he will state the number of additional doctors that will be posted in the respective casualty departments thereof, following the introduction of the new shift system for the doctors posted thereat, indicating the new (a) scheme of duties (b) schedule of work and (c) grid of remuneration of the said doctors?

B/75 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Marshall Plan for Poverty Alleviation, he will state if the consultants of the UNDP have submitted a draft copy thereof to Government and, if so (a) indicate if the relevant stakeholders have been consulted in regard to the recommendations contained therein and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Poverty Observatory, information as to if it has monitored the said recommendations?

B/76 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the thousands of dead fish recently found on the shores at Bain des Dames and in the vicinity thereof, he

will state if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, and if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/77 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to fishing activities in the lagoon, he will state if the abolition thereof is being envisaged and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/78 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the Rights Management Society, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the new policies thereof, if any, giving details thereof?

B/79 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Turkey Breeding Project, he will state if the study carried out in relation thereto has been completed and if so, indicate the findings thereof and if it is considered viable, indicate if his Ministry proposes to give facilities to encourage same?

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Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister of Finance and
Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit

A/1 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to Port Louis, with the displacement of the National Assembly, the Prime Minister's Office and other Government offices to the Heritage City, he will state (a) if its status as the capital of the Republic of Mauritius will be altered (b) when same will be implemented and (c) if the City of Port Louis, the inhabitants thereof and the persons/entities who have been operating thereat will be compensated for economic loss?

A/2 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if some inhabitants of Pointe aux Sables have reported cases of incidents purporting to be continuous harassment against them by a family living at Camelia Street, in Terrasson, Pointe aux Sables, since 2008 to date, indicating (a) the number of (i) reported incidents and (ii) police officers of La Tour Koenig and of the Pointe-aux-Sables Police Stations who have been transferred in relation thereto and (b) if an independent inquiry will be carried out in relation thereto?

A/3 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to a World Bank 'Overview' dated 06 October 2015 sounding the alarm on the gravity of the current increase of poverty in Mauritius and of the middle classes falling increasingly into poverty, he will state the latest available figures and indices showing the level and extent of poverty in Mauritius?

Question addressed to Honourable Ministers, other
than the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence,
Home Affairs, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Minister
for Rodrigues and National Development Unit

A/4 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to the fuel oil spill from the St Louis Power Station into the populated neighbourhood thereof, on 09 March 2016, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if (a) it has since taken stock of the heavy human casualties that could have been sustained and (ii) it had denied that the Station represented a hazard to the environment and to the local residents in a counter-affidavit sworn on 7 August 2015 and (b) the relocation thereof will now be considered and if interim preventive measures will be taken to ensure against the recurrence of similar spills to avert the risks of heavy human casualties?

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