

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 18 December 2012

**Questions addressed to Dr the Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs
and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues**

B/711 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the Commission for Democratisation of the Economy, he will state, since 2005 to date, the (a) names of the Chairperson and of the members thereof, indicating the amount of fees and other allowances paid to each of them (b) total expenses incurred therefor and (c) number of meetings held, on a yearly basis?

B/712 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Obeegadoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the Independent Commission Against Corruption, he will state if Government will consider (a) commissioning an independent external audit of the powers and of the effectiveness thereof and (b) introducing an amendment to the Prevention of Corruption Act to provide for the Director General and the Board Members of the Commission to be appointed by a committee composed of the President of the Republic, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition?

B/713 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the police quarters situated at Willoughby Road, Vacoas, in the vicinity of the new Police Band Headquarters, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number thereof which are (i) occupied and (ii) unoccupied and (b) if any project has been earmarked for implementation thereat and, if so, give details thereof?

B/714 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to Mr S. D., he will state his terms and conditions of appointment as Senior Adviser in his Ministry?

B/715 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to Mr A. D., he will state (a) when Government recommended him to be appointed as Chairperson of the Board of the Mauritius Telecom and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Telecom, his terms and conditions of appointment?

B/716 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the Municipal Council Elections held on 9 December 2012, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Electoral Commissioner, information as to if any complaint has been lodged therewith for alleged electoral bribery and, if so, indicate the number thereof, giving details thereof in each case?

B/717 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (**Mr Seeruttun**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to elections, he will state if he will consider amending the relevant legislations with a view to making it mandatory for voters to produce their respective Identity Card to ascertain their identity before being allowed to vote?

B/718 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mr Bodha**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the decision of Air Mauritius Limited to enter into a strategic partnership, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the company, information as to where matters stand?

B/719 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the last Municipal Council Elections, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if, during the electoral campaign, any incident in relation thereto was reported and, if so, indicate (a) the number and nature thereof and (b) if inquiries have been carried out thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/720 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the last Municipal Council Elections, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Electoral Supervisory Commission, information as to if any complaint in connection therewith was reported thereto and, if so, indicate the number and nature thereof?

B/721 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the legal advisers of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, appointed since July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, a list thereof, indicating in each case (a) if it is on a full-time or part-time basis (b) the duties assigned thereto (c) the date of appointment (d) the total amount of money paid thereto as allowances/fees, giving a breakdown thereof and (e) the make and model of the official car put at their disposal, if any?

B/722 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the complaint for assault made by Mrs S. L., candidate of the MMM/MSM Alliance at the 2012 Municipal Council Elections, at the Eau Coulée Police Station on 9 December 2012, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof, indicating the number of arrests, if any, effected in connection therewith?

B/723 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues:-

Whether, in regard to the Police Quarters situated in Abercrombie, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if they are in a bad state and that unhygienic conditions prevail thereat and, if so, indicate where matters stand as to the (a) proposed vacation and pulling down thereof and (b) construction of a new modern District Headquarters, to house the Metropolitan (North) offices?

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers,
other than Dr the Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs
and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues**

B/724 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Federation Canine Centrale and the Mauritius Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, he will state if there is any issue of conflict of interest between the two and if so, if an inquiry has been carried out in relation thereto, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/725 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether, in regard to the Brazilian dancers who performed at the carnival in the context of the shopping fiesta, he will state the names thereof, indicating the procedures followed for the selection thereof?

B/726 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mrs Labelle**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, in regard to the foreigners employed by the Non-Governmental Organisations and by the Foundations engaged in Corporate Social Responsibility activities in Mauritius, he will state the number of work permits issued thereto, since 2010 to date?

B/727 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Radegonde**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to Baie du Cap, Choisy, Le Morne, La Galette, Case Noyale, Chamarel, Rivière Noire and Tamarin, he will state if he has been informed of the difficulties faced by the inhabitants residing thereat and in the vicinity thereof to have access to public transport to carry out their daily activities, including going to work and school, for shopping, attend to personal business, health facilities, further education and leisure, and if so, indicate the remedial measures, if any, that have been or will be taken in relation thereto?

B/728 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Radegonde)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, in regard to the Pre-Job Training Scheme, he will state the (a) number of persons residing in Constituency No. 14, Savanne and Black River, who have been trained thereunder (b) names of the companies and of the hotels which have adopted same (c) number of persons trained thereunder who have secured employment thereafter and (d) overall cost thereof?

B/729 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Quirin)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to Centre Technique National François Blaquart, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (i) the name of the director thereof, indicating his scheme of duties and (ii) a breakdown of the income and expenditure thereof for period January 2012 to date and (b) state the budget allocated by his Ministry for financial year 2012?

B/730 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Quirin)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Constituency No. 20, Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière, he will state if any project for the construction of houses for low and middle income groups has been earmarked for implementation in the near future, and, if so, give details thereof?

B/731 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the development of Mauritius into a petroleum hub, he will state (a) if a prior study was carried out in relation thereto and, if so, indicate (i) when and (ii) the names of the consultants therefor and (b) how and why the site of Pointe aux Caves was chosen to house the facility in connection therewith?

B/732 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to the Jin Fei Project at Riche Terre, he will state the (a) amount of Foreign Direct Investments injected therein (b) number of jobs created for the Mauritian nationals and (c) amount of money invested by Government in terms of (i) road infrastructure (ii) drains (iii) sewerage and (iv) water infrastructure and network, giving details thereof in each case?

B/733 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Ms Anquetil**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development:-

Whether in regard to the beaches, he will state if a study has been carried out recently to assess the state thereof and if so, indicate (a) when (b) the outcome thereof and (c) the measures taken to combat beach erosion?

B/734 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Ms Anquetil**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the celebration of the 45th anniversary of the Independence of Mauritius, he will state where matters stand as to the organization thereof?

B/735 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Obeegadoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources:-

Whether, following the publication of the Pay Research Bureau (2013) Report, he will state the stand of his Ministry in regard to (a) the principle of equal pay for equal qualifications within the teaching profession (b) uniformity of the conditions of employment among the staff of the pre-primary level and (c) alignment of the conditions of employment between the staff of the pre-vocational stream in the public and the private sectors?

B/736 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, following a press *communiqué* dated 30 September 2010 released by his Ministry and entitled *Use of State Lands for agricultural purposes*, he will state the number of planters to whom agricultural plots of land have been allocated and table a list thereof?

B/737 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the beneficiaries of pension of the Sugar Industry Pension Fund, he will for the benefit of the House (a) obtain from the Board, information as to if they no longer benefit from (i) end of year bonus and (ii) yearly compensation and, if so (b) state the remedial measures his Ministry is proposing to take?

B/738 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the number of employees who have (i) retired under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (ii) been redeployed to other public bodies, indicating if all the employees were treated equally with respect to the VRS and redeployment and (b) if the Authority is now fully operational?

B/739 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of the Terre Rouge-Verdun road, he will state the contractual date of completion thereof, indicating if there is variation works, and if so, the amount claimed and paid as at to date?

B/740 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Li Kwong Wing)**

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to Mr S. D. and Mr A. K., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to if any due diligence exercise was undertaken before the issue thereto of (a) occupational permits (b) trade or aviation licences and (c) investment permits, to buy property, indicating (i) why such permits were granted thereto and the date of issue thereof in each case and (ii) if any report was received in relation thereto regarding arms trafficking, money laundering and corruption of officials?

B/741 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Li Kwong Wing)**

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to the National Resilience Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to (a) the opening balance thereof as at 01 January 2012 (b) since 01 January 2012 to date, the total amount of funds injected therein (c) the amount of funds disbursed, indicating in each case the (i) names of the beneficiaries thereof and (ii) purpose therefor (d) the names of the officers who dealt therewith and (e) the proposed deployment of the balance of funds available as at date, indicating the reasons for low drawdown?

B/742 The Honourable First Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or (**Mr Gungah**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to the Seven Waterfalls Mountain Cable Car Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to if the (a) permits and licences applied for have been approved, indicating the date of submission thereof and (b) State Investment Corporation or any other State Funding Institution is investing therein?

B/743 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-

Whether, in regard to renal transplant, he will state the number of patients who have, over the past two years (a) undergone surgery therefor in public hospitals and in private clinics, respectively, and (b) been sent overseas by the Ministry therefor?

B/744 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Jugnauth**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to the Amusement Machines with Prizes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the (a) Gaming Regulatory Authority, information as to the (i) names of the licensees thereof, giving a list of the outlets where same are operated and the name of the operator thereof (ii) number thereof in operation (iii) amount of money collected in terms of licence fees as at to date, on a yearly basis and (iv) if any decision has been taken regarding the issue of new licences therefor and (b) Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the amount of taxes collected as at to date?

B/745 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Jin Fei Project in Riche Terre, he will state if the Lease Agreement signed between the State of Mauritius and the Mauritius Jin Fei Economic Trade and Cooperation Zone Co. Ltd., on 14 September 2009, is still in force and, if so, indicate the measures that will be taken, if any, to ensure that the land is being developed in conformity with the purpose and conditions laid down in the lease document?

B/746 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Ms Ribot)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources:-

Whether, in regard to the primary and secondary school teachers, he will state the number of reported cases in which they have been victims of assault at their workplace, over the past five years, giving a breakdown thereof and indicating the measures his Ministry proposes to take to reinforce the security thereof?

B/747 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle **(Mr Seeruttun)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-

Whether, in regard to the recruitment of holders of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), he will state the number thereof who were, for 2012, registered at his Ministry, indicating the number thereof who were recruited as interns, indicating in each case, the date of (a) registration and (b) recruitment?

B/748 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of a football ground at Petit Camp, Phoenix, he will state where matters stand?

B/749 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to water, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the measures taken for an adequate supply thereof during the coming months when rainfall is reportedly low?

B/750 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Ameer Meea)**

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the roads within the Municipal Council areas which were tarred by the National Development Unit over the period September to 9 December 2012, he will give the list thereof, indicating in each case, the (a) cost thereof and (b) name of the contractor therefor?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

Parliament House
Port Louis

14 December 2012

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Not Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 18 December 2012****Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers,
other than Dr the Honourable Prime Minister,****Minister of Defence, Home Affairs****and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues**

A/302 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to the National Resilience Fund, he will state the outcome of the Expression of Interest in connection with the recruitment of a consultant for the setting up of a monitoring and evaluation framework therefor?

A/303 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Li Kwong Wing)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the Project for the fishers of Rodrigues to be implemented through MACOSCLE and the Rodrigues Cooperatives, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Empowerment Foundation, information as to where matters stand, indicating if claims of fees and refund of salaries have been settled in favour of MACOSCLE according to the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Foundation and, if not, why not, indicating when will same be settled?

A/304 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Li Kwong Wing)**

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to the Non-Double Taxation Treaties, he will state when were communications last exchanged in relation thereto with (a) India (b) South Africa and (c) Rwanda, indicating in each case, where matters stand?

A/305 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the sewerage network, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to if it has received representations from ten families residing in house numbers 20 to 26, at the Alfred Gelle Street, Cité Martial, Port Louis, to the effect that their houses are being overflowed with waste water and faecal matters and, if so, indicate if urgent remedial measures will be taken?

A/306 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the upgrading of the pedestrian flyover on the motorway at Roche Bois, he will state the (a) name of the contractor therefore (b) cost thereof and (c) expected start and completion dates thereof?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

Parliament House
Port Louis

14 December 2012