

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Questions of which notice has been given
Requiring an Oral Answer
Sitting of Tuesday 12 July 2011

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

B/664 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Deepalsing)**

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

Whether, in regard to the region between Belle Rose and La Source, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if consideration will be given for the putting up of a Police Station thereat?

B/665 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Quirin)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Albion Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of (a) cases of larceny and/or larceny with violence reported thereat, over the past two years, indicating the additional measures that will be taken for the prevention thereof, if any (b) Police Officers presently posted thereat, indicating the number thereof working at any one shift and (c) vehicles attached thereto?

B/666 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:-*

Whether, in regard to the autocycles and/or motorcycles equipped with modified silencers and emitting loud noises when being run, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of (i) riders thereof booked, since October 2009 to-date, division-wise and (ii) detectors presently available to measure the amount of decibels generated and (b) state if consideration will be given for the introduction of a fixed penalty in relation thereto?

B/667 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and
Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Islamic Cultural Centre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if any allegation of illegal issue of operator licence for the Hadj 2010 by the Centre has been reported and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/668 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Leopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Commission for State Land, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if any incident has been reported to have occurred at Citronelle, in Rodrigues, on or about 29 June 2011, in relation thereto, and if so, indicate the (a) nature thereof (b) actions taken and (c) measures that are being taken to ensure the security of the Commissioners, during and after working hours?

B/669 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Leopold**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if any Member of the minority of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly has been reported to having been involved in any incident at the Police Head Quarters of Port Mathurin, on or about 29 June 2011, and if so, indicate the (a) nature thereof and (b) actions taken?

B/670 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, following the fatal road accident which occurred on the Royal Road, at Vallée des Prêtres, on 30 June 2011, he will state if he has received representations from the inhabitants of the locality for the taking of measures to prevent the recurrence of similar accidents and, if so, the actions taken, if any?

B/671 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Ramano**)

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

Whether, in regard to gold, gold jewels and ornaments, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of (a) theft thereof, since 2005 to-date, indicating (i) the number of convictions secured and (ii) in each case, the value thereof and the quantity involved in grams and (b) dealers thereof involved in illegal dealings thereof?

B/672 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:-

Whether, in regard to the village centre of Rose Belle, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of contraventions booked over the past six months in relation to vehicles parked on the double-yellow lines on the Royal Road thereat, indicating (a) if it is a cause of traffic congestions thereat and (b) the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/673 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:-

Whether, in regard to the commission of a subsequent offence following release from imprisonment, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the (a) Commissioner of Police, information as to the rate thereof and (b) Commissioner of Prisons, if any evaluation of the effectiveness of the rehabilitation function of imprisonment in Mauritius has been carried out and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/674 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mr Ganoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the recent loss of a lawn-mower on the premises of the Clarisse House, at Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out into the circumstances thereof and if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

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

B/675 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Deerpalsing)**

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

Whether, in regard to the road users, he will state if consideration will be given for the carrying out of a nation-wide campaign on *Courtesy on the Road* by his Office?

B/676 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 the proposed amendments to be brought to the Sports Act, he will give details of the recommendations made by the committee set up to look thereinto, indicating when same will be introduced in the House?

B/677 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill **(Ms Ribot)**

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

Whether, in regard to the scaffoldings, he will state the number of accidents that have occurred in relation thereto, since 2005 to-date, indicating (a) the number of victims thereof and (b) where matters stand in relation to the proposed amendments to be brought to the Occupational Safety and Health Act 2009 in connection therewith?

B/678 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 children, he will state if a survey thereof under sixteen who are not attending school, since 2005 to-date, has been carried out, indicating if consideration will be given for the re-introduction of the *educateurs de rue* to take care of them?

B/679 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the retired high level athletes, he will state if Government proposes to introduce a new scheme for the economic integration thereof?

B/680 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Obeegadoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade:-

Whether, in regard to the struggle of the POLISARIO for the establishment of a free and independent Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) in that part of Western Sahara presently controlled by Morocco, he will state if Mauritius supports same and, if so, indicate (a) the diplomatic initiatives that have been taken or supported by Mauritius in the recent past and (b) if the SADR has recently requested accreditation for a new ambassador to Mauritius?

B/681 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to the traffic lights, road signage and road markings, he will state if regular inspections thereof is carried out for the maintenance thereof?

B/682 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the second hand medical equipment acquired from Med Point Ltd, she will give a list thereof, indicating if they are currently being used and, if so, where and, if not, why not?

B/683 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Lord Mayors, Mayors and Municipal Councillors who have at the same time served the National Assembly, since 1968 to-date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain and give a list thereof, indicating in each case, the (a) year of election (b) period therefor and (c) salaries and allowances drawn?

B/684 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Dr Boolell**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the collection of paintings of the Mauritius Institute which was stacked in what is now the Dodo Gallery, he will state (a) if it has recently been indexed and if so, indicate when (b) if it has been transferred to a safe place, and if so, indicate the arrangements made for their conservation and restoration and (c) where and when will same be exposed anew?

B/685 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Dr Boolell**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade:-

Whether, in regard to the honorary consuls representing Mauritius abroad, he will give a list thereof, indicating (a) the criteria used for the selection thereof (b) if any training is provided to them for the discharge of their duties and (c) the advantages and facilities conferred on them by way of their status?

B/686 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to Petit Verger, St Pierre, he will state if consideration will be given for the construction of drains from the junction of the Desvaux Road and the Bois Chéri Road, in view of the inconveniences caused to the inhabitants thereof by the absence of drains thereat?

B/687 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information and Communication Technology:-

Whether, in regard to the persons employed on a yearly contractual basis, in the manual, technical and assistant salesman grades, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Telecom, information as to the number thereof, indicating (i) since when they have been employed on such terms (ii) the number of times their contracts have been renewed and (iii) the reasons why they have not been employed on a permanent basis and (b) state if he will consider using his good offices to request the Mauritius Telecom to integrate them on the permanent and pensionable establishment?

B/688 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the newly constructed multipurpose building at l'Agrément, St Pierre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Moka/Flacq District Council, information as to if consideration will be given for the transforming thereof into a Utility Centre, whereby the offices of the Central Water Authority, the Central Electricity Board, the Mauritius Telecom, the Social Security and the Civil Status will be accommodated under the same roof?

B/689 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed reconstruction of the Plaine Verte market, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to (a) when the laying of the foundation stone was held and (b) where matters stand, including when works will start?

B/690 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Central Electricity Board, he will (a) state where matters stand in relation to the appointment of a Chairperson and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to where matters stand in relation to the recruitment of a General Manager?

B/691 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Ramano**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether, in regard to the Strategic Plan 2009-2015 for the tourism sector commissioned by his Ministry, in collaboration with the European Union, he will state (a) the cost thereof and (b) if an implementation committee has been set up at the level of his Ministry to look into the recommendations thereof and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/692 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Obeegadoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether, in regard to late minor P.Y.A., she will state (a) if her Ministry has carried out an inquiry into the circumstances of her death and, if so, the outcome thereof (b) if the Child Development Unit carried out any inquiry in relation to her, prior to her death and, if so, the outcome thereof and (c) if consideration will be given for a review of the staffing structure and the operation of the Child Development Unit with a view to making it more proactive?

B/693 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 restructuring of the Cess-Funded institutions, he will state where matters stand?

B/694 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the new bus terminal, situated near the football pitch of the University of Mauritius, he will state if there are projects to erect shelters thereat, in view of the frequent bad weather conditions?

B/695 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the NHDC Housing Estates, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to if it has commissioned a national plan for the re-establishment of *syndics* thereat and, if so, indicate (a) the terms of reference thereof (b) the identity of the external consultant, if any (c) if consultations have been held with the inhabitants thereof and (d) the proposed time frame therefor?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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A/243 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:-*

Whether he has been informed that, contrary to the recommendation of the Pay Research Bureau Report 2008 for the payment of cash *in lieu* of leave to the Police Officers of all ranks, Police Officers from the rank of Chief Inspector of Police and above are not in receipt thereof and, if so, will he (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons therefor and (b) state if he will consider advising the Commissioner of Police to rectify same and settle the arrears therefor?

A/244 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:-*

Whether, in regard to the Police vehicles which have been involved in road accidents, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, the list thereof, over the past three years, indicating in each case (a) the Police Station/Branch to which it was attached, indicating if same has been replaced and, if not, why not and (b) if it has been declared as total loss?

A/245 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:-

Whether, in regard to Miss A. A. A., who has been reported missing, since 15 May 2011 to-date, at the Plaine Verte Police Station, 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, indicating where matters stand, including the number of persons interviewed as at to-date?

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A/246 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Ramano**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether, in regard to the Tourism Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to the contribution made thereto by private operators, since 2005 to date, indicating in each case, the project in relation to which the contribution has been made and the location thereof?

A/247 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, in regard to the football ground and the other sports facilities of the State Secondary School of Floréal, he will state the number of groups/associations who/which presently have access thereto, indicating the number of days allocated, in each case?

A/248 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Learn Tube project of the MT Orange for primary and secondary education in Mauritius, he will state where matters stand, indicating the names of all those who shall be heading the project on implementation, including their respective experiences and qualifications?

A/249 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Dr Boolell**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade:-

Whether, in regard to our diplomatic missions abroad, he will (a) state the policy for the recruitment of non-diplomatic support staff and (b) give the list of the staff recruited locally for the United Kingdom, France, Brussels and Geneva missions and of the staff transferred from Mauritius to work thereat, indicating in each case, the terms and conditions of employment?

A/250 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the applications for connection to the sewerage network, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to the number thereof which is pending, district-wise, indicating the reasons therefor?

A/251 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the Hajj Pilgrimage for 2011, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to the number of visas obtained for the Mauritian pilgrims, indicating the (a) measures taken to increase the number thereof and (b) criteria for the allocation thereof?

A/252 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether he has been informed that the bus service on route number 197, plying to Chamouny from the Pope Hennessy Street, Port Louis, every day at 1600 hrs, is very old and often breaks down, thereby causing inconveniences to the passengers thereof and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Corporation, information as to if consideration will be given for the provision of a new bus therefor in the morning and in the afternoon?

A/253 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether he has been informed of the bad state of the Bois Goyave Road, the Bois d'Ebène Road and the other roads, opposite the *La Bonne Chute Restaurant*, in the region of La Preneuse, in Constituency No.14, Savanne and Black River, following the installation of water pipes by the Central Water Authority, since last year and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Black River District Council, information as to the remedial measures that will be taken?

A/254 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the main roads in Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to if the yellow boxes thereat have faded, thus causing traffic congestions at the junction of roads and, if so, indicate if remedial measures will be taken?

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