

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 10 November 2009

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

B/1092 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to serious road accidents which occur on the motorways and the main roads, at night, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the procedures laid down for the deployment of the Police to the sites thereof, indicating (a) the measures taken for the towing of the damaged vehicles (b) if the Police Officers are provided with fluorescent equipment and (c) if the Police vehicles deployed thereat are equipped with beacon lamps?

B/1093 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to post mortem examinations, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) if same are carried out at the Dr Jeetoo Hospital and, if not, indicate (i) since when and (ii) the reasons therefor and (b) the other hospitals where same are carried out?

B/1094 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the traffic centres, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of accidents having occurred thereat and in which pedestrians were involved, since 2006 to date, indicating the number of cases thereof which have been fatal?

B/1095 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to larceny, larceny on public roads, larceny in which tourists are involved and larceny with violence, committed in the northern region, since January 2009 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of reported cases thereof, on a monthly basis and (b) additional measures that will be taken to avert same?

B/1096 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the larceny of cars, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, since November 2008 to date?

B/1097 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recruitment of staff at the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, either on a contractual or permanent basis, since April 2008 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, a list thereof, indicating in each case their (a) names (b) qualifications (c) postings and (d) terms and conditions of employment?

B/1098 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to drug trafficking and drug consumption, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of arrests recently effected in relation thereto in the regions of Vallée des Prêtres, Cité La Cure, Ste Croix, Batterie Cassée and Briquetterie?

B/1099 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Highway Mobile Patrols, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) their functions and duties and (b) the number of vehicles attached thereto?

B/1100 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a new Police Station in Floréal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

B/1101 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mr Bodha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the alleged case of rape of a girl of 17 years old in 2007 at Grand' Baie whereby an accused was charged to have committed the alleged offence whilst the alleged serial rapist P. A. has now confessed to have committed the rape he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a new inquiry will be carried out?

B/1102 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a Police Officer of the La Louise, Quatre Bornes Police Station has refused to take a statement from an individual involved in an accident on 01 October 2009 on the ground that the parties had previously signed a *constat à l'amiable* for insurance purposes?

B/1103 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether, in regard to Rodrigues, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Meteorological Services, information as to if a seism hit the island on or about 12 October last, indicating if the population was informed thereof and (b) state if Government is considering the advisability of installing a seismograph in Rodrigues?

B/1104 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the residents of Kensington Place at Pointe aux Sables, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases for the past four years of (i) thefts with violence to their prejudice and (ii) physical aggressions on their person and (b) indicate in each case, if an inquiry has been carried out and the outcome thereof?

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

B/1105 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Knowledge Based Training Centre of Nicolay Road, Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Industrial and Vocational Training Board (a) a list of the courses to be run thereat as from January 2010 and (b) information as to if the Foundation Course for Pre-Vocational students will be run thereat as from January 2010 and, if not, why not?

B/1106 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the number of reported cases of accident at work having occurred thereat, during the period January 2005 to August 2009, indicating if these employees were covered by an insurance policy and, if so, the type thereof?

B/1107 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of the Mont Ida Football ground, he will state the (a) date the first contract was awarded, indicating the (i) cost (ii) scope of work and (iii) name of the contractor thereof (b) percentage of work completed by the first contractor, indicating the (i) reasons why the project was stopped and (ii) date on which all works were stopped and (c) the date the new contract was awarded, indicating the (i) name of the successful bidder (ii) bids value and (iii) scope of work?

B/1108 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the University of Mauritius/SSR Dental College, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Dental Council, information as to why the qualifications delivered thereby are still not being recognized by the Council, indicating if remedial measures will be taken?

B/1109 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the lease of State land at Palmar (ex Livestock), he will now state the (a) names of the applicants and their respective projects (b) mechanism put in place for the allocation thereof (c) names of the beneficiaries, if any and (d) terms and conditions attached thereto?

B/1110 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Trou D'Eau Douce Sand Carrier Multipurpose Co-operative Society, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if it was ordered to pull down its office which is found on a plot of State land and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/1111 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

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

Whether he will state if Government will consider the advisability of acquiring land in the regions of Ripailles and/or Nouvelle Découverte, for the construction of a football ground?

B/1112 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of retaining walls at Mount Ory, he will state where matters stand?

B/1113 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mr Guimbeau)**

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

Whether he will state if he has recently received from the Director of the Mauritius Revenue Authority any complaint in regard to non declaration of revenue to the Authority by one Honourable Member of Parliament who is also a member of the Parliamentary Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption?

B/1114 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(**Mr Dayal**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether, in regard to the Bassin Loulou at St Julien d'Hotman, he will state if Government will consider the upgrading thereof by (a) constructing a retaining wall (b) effecting terracing works (c) fixing handrails and (d) constructing a platform?

B/1115 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the ex-CHA housing estates, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if those found on the (a) *Pas Géométriques* can be sold and (b) private and railway lands, respectively, have not yet been sold and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/1116 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to infrastructure facilities provided by Government to the Apollo Bramwell Hospital, he will state the amount of money disbursed in terms of (a) access roads (b) electricity and (c) water?

B/1117 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the local and foreign artists who will perform for the Festival Créole musical show this year, he will give a list thereof, indicating (a) how the selection exercise was carried out and (b) the respective *cachet* for the local and foreign artists?

B/1118 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the installation of lighting facilities on the premises of the football grounds in Rivière des Anguilles, he will state when same will be implemented?

B/1119 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister for Consumer Protection and Citizens Charter:-

Whether, in regard to Halal Certification, he will state if Government will consider bringing new legislation to (a) making it compulsory for all foods sold in Mauritius to be certified Halal or non-Halal and (b) statutorily empowering one central authority to become the Halal Certification Authority with policing powers?

B/1120 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the creation of the G20 and the absence of the voice of the Small Island and Developing States at the meetings of the G20, he will state the stand taken by Mauritius?

B/1121 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Board of the Mauritius Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, he will state its composition, indicating the date of appointment of its Chairperson and of each of its Board Members?

B/1122 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mechanism for Transitional Support to the Private Sector, in the context of the Additional Stimulus Package, as announced in December 2008, he will state the (a) number of enterprises which have, as at to date, benefitted therefrom and (b) amount of money disbursed by Government, indicating (i) the names thereof (ii) the number of employment saved by the implementation of such a measure and (c) if any of these enterprises has laid off workers during the period December 2008 to date?

B/1123 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will state if an Export Credit Insurance Scheme (ECIS) has been set up under the Mechanism for Transitional Support to the Private Sector and, if so, indicate (a) if tenders were launched requesting insurance companies to submit proposals (b) the names of the insurance companies which submitted quotations and (c) details on the proposals retained?

B/1124 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the La Retraite Road which is about 900m long and 6m wide and which links Circonstance Saint Pierre to Rivière Baptiste, La Laura, he will state if Government will consider the advisability of the upgrading thereof to facilitate access to the inhabitants thereat?

B/1125 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

The Honourable the Attorney-General:-

Whether, in regard to the legislation for the incorporation of the l'Assemblée de Dieu, he will state where matters stand?

B/1126 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Guimbeau**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-

Whether, he will state if any adviser has been appointed at his Ministry since August 2009 to date and, if so, indicate their respective (a) names and postings (b) qualifications and (c) terms and conditions of appointment?

B/1127 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Allet**)

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

Whether, in regard to the region of Mont Roches, Beau Bassin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to if there is any project for the implementation of sewerage facilities thereat and, if so (a) when works are expected to start and (b) the estimated cost thereof?

B/1128 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Allet**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to if the Authority proposes to provide bus transport facilities on the routes (a) new NHDC complex, at Chebel, and Port Louis and (b) Chebel and Rose Hill?

B/1129 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Guimbeau**)

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

Whether, in regard to the security contracts awarded by the municipal and district councils, since July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from municipal and district councils, information as to the (a) names of the selected companies (b) date the tenders were launched and the contracts awarded (c) contract value and (d) terms and conditions thereof?

B/1130 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mohamed)**

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

Whether, in regard to the teachers of private secondary schools, who were made redundant in 1983, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary School Authority, information as to the actions taken for them to recover their lost increments?

B/1131 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

The Honourable the Attorney-General:-

Whether he will state if Government proposes to provide a legal structure for the *forces vives* to operate?

B/1132 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether, in regard to the practice of setting fire to the sugar cane fields, prior to the harvest in certain cases, he will state if a study has been carried out to assess the impact thereof on the environment and, if so, indicate the remedial measures that will be taken, if any?

B/1133 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a *parcours de santé*, in Trois Boutiques, he will state where matters stand?

B/1134 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a football ground at Plein Bois, he will state where matters stand?

B/1135 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to Mercury Street, Morcellement Hermitage, Coromandel, also known as *Chemin La Mort*, he will state when rehabilitation works thereat are expected to start?

B/1136 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the national football team, he will state the measures that will be taken to improve the performance thereof, especially in view of the forthcoming Indian Ocean Games?

B/1137 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mr Soodhun)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Land Based Oceanic Industry, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to the amount of expenditure incurred by the Board in relation thereto as regards (a) international travels (b) investors meetings and (c) the services of a transaction adviser?

B/1138 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mr Soodhun)**

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

Whether, in regard to the closure of factories, he will state the number thereof since 2005 to date, indicating the number of jobs which have been lost as consequences thereof?

B/1139 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the system of examination of motor vehicles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to the measures that are being taken to improve same?

B/1140 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the ex-artisans of the Bel Air St Félix Sugar Estate which was closed down two years ago, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) reasons why there has been delay in the issue to them of land compensation and (b) measures taken by the SUDS, the receiving miller, to enable them obtain their land?

B/1141 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Satyam Computer Services scam, he will state if officers of the Central Bureau of Investigation of India have, during their visit in Mauritius, solicited the help of his Ministry or any other state agency of Mauritius to probe into the Satyam Computer case?

B/1142 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to salary compensation, he will state (a) if Government proposes to make provision for the payment therefor to the employees of the public sector, in the forthcoming budget, and (b) the procedure which Government proposes to adopt for the determination thereof for the labour force in general?

B/1143 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the appointment of the Vice Chancellor of the University of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the University, information as to (a) the names of the applicants, indicating their respective qualifications, distinctions and merits and (d) if the nomination committee has taken any final decision?

B/1144 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, he will state if Government will consider reviewing the present limit of family income for eligibility to the allocation of (a) grants for the casting of slabs and (b) social houses?

B/1145 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Central Health Laboratory, at Candos, he will state if fees are being charged to benefit from the medical laboratory services being dispensed thereat and, if so, indicate (a) since when and (b) the amount of fees claimed?

B/1146 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(**Mr Cuttaree**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Lisbon Treaty which is expected to be ratified by the end of the year, he will state the expected impact thereof on the European Union - African Caribbean Pacific relationship?

B/1147 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(**Mr Cuttaree**)

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

Whether, in regard to the hospitals, he will state (a) the number of anaesthetists in post, indicating the number of vacancies existing on the establishment and (b) if surgical operations are being postponed due to a lack of anaesthetists and of equipment in the operating theatres and if so, indicate the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/1148 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Diffusion Technology Scheme, he will state the amount of money disbursed therefrom, as at to date, indicating the number of small and medium enterprises that have benefitted therefrom?

B/1149 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Dowarkasing**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether, in regard to the protection of the environment, he will state the measures his Ministry has taken to combat beach erosion, protect our lagoons and coral reefs and to re-forest the depleted regions, since his assumption of office?

B/1150 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to if a fraud was discovered thereat in relation to pipes and fittings and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating the (a) outcome thereof and (b) measures taken as at to date?

B/1151 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Malherbes Football ground, he will state when the turfing and upgrading works will start thereat?

B/1152 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Grenade)**

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

Whether, in regard to the children's playgrounds in Constituency No. 1 – Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if there are projects for the upgrading thereof and if so, indicate those which will be upgraded and when?

B/1153 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Grenade)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether, in regard to the pollution problems in the region of La Tour Koenig and Residence Coquillage, he will state where matters stand?

B/1154 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Allet)**

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of a market fair at Cité Barkly, he will state where matters stand, indicating (a) when works will be completed and (b) the cost thereof?

B/1155 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Allet**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether, in regard to the region of Mont Roches, he will state if there is any project for the construction of drains thereat?

B/1156 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the automatic landing equipment at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Airports of Mauritius, information as to if it is being replaced and, if so, (a) give details of the project and (b) indicate if any aircraft was unable to land over the past weeks and, if so, give the (a) number thereof and (b) reasons therefor?

B/1157 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the renovation of the housing units of the NHDC estates of Atlee and Dubreuil, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to where matters stand?

B/1158 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed repair works to be carried to the only road leading to Cité Anoska, 16ème mille, he will state where matters stand?

B/1159 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to the NHDC housing units, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the (a) number thereof (i) made available to the public, since January 2006 to date (ii) which are still available to date, indicating their respective location and (b) eligibility criteria for the acquisition thereof?

B/1160 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he has been made aware of the plight of the taxi drivers operating at Dubreuil and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/1161 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to curriculum reforms, he will state if Government will consider introducing arts, sports and civic values as examinable subjects at primary and secondary levels?

B/1162 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the 2010 contract for flour, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the number of times tenders have been launched, indicating (a) the reasons therefor (b) the outcome of each tender exercise and (c) if the contract has been awarded?

B/1163 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the State Trading Company Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to the commodities and the respective quantities thereof imported, since its inception?

B/1164 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the announcement made in the 2008/2009 budget speech in relation to the Small and Medium Enterprises, he will state the (a) number of small and medium enterprises which have benefitted from the SME Partnership Fund (b) banks which have set up dedicated Small and Medium Enterprises Departments and (c) number of start-ups which have benefitted from 75% Government guarantee on loans?

B/1165 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the Action Plan on food security presented in 2008, he will state the measures implemented as at to date, indicating the results achieved?

B/1166 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the courses offered by the University of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the University, information as to the number thereof advertised and for which students were enrolled and which were subsequently cancelled, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/1167 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the study carried out by his Ministry to consider the technical and financial implications of introducing the vaccine against cervical cancer in our public health system, he will state the outcome thereof?

B/1168 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Navarre-Marie)**

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

Whether, in regard to the employees of the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the number of persons recruited thereat, since September 2005 to date, indicating their respective names, addresses and grades?

B/1169 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Navarre-Marie)**

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

Whether, in regard to the low cost NHDC housing units, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the prescribed eligibility criteria to benefit from the allocation thereof?

B/1170 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal **(Mr Bodha)**

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the branding exercise for Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the international consultants who were awarded the contract, the recommendations made in the context of the brand identity logo, other than “Mauritius, *C’est un Plaisir*”?

B/1171 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether, in regard to the airfare for the Mauritius-Rodrigues trip, he is aware there has been a recent reduction thereof for certain category of passengers and, if so, indicate if it is proposed to set up a high powered committee to consider the request for a reduction thereof generally?

B/1172 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether, in regard to the customers of the Central Electricity Board in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to (a) the number thereof who hold two or more accounts and (b) if the Board has been apprised of cases of payment of television licence fee by customers not owning a television set, indicating the measures taken or proposed to be taken?

B/1173 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project to render compulsory the taking of science as a subject up to Form V level, he will state where matters stand?

B/1174 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether he is aware of the difficulties faced by the residents of Kensington Place at Pointe aux Sables due to the lack of transport facilities and, if so, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to if public transport facilities will be made available to them to and from the bus terminal at La Pointe, Pointe aux Sables and Kensington Place?

B/1175 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to the sewerage network system in Beau Bassin, in the context of the Plaines Wilhems Sewerage Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to if same will be extended to Mont Roches and, if so, when works are likely to start?

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