

# **MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

## **Questions of which notice has been given**

### **Requiring an Oral Answer**

**Sitting of Tuesday 16 June 2009**

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

B/525 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 employees of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, who have worked during the recent by-election in the Constituency No. 8, Moka and Quartier Militaire, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, a list thereof, indicating if they have been remunerated and, if not, why not?**

B/526 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 official car put at the disposal of the Director General of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the mileage as at to date and (b) the total cost of repairs (i) following breakdowns (ii) for regular servicing and (iii) following accidents, indicating the number thereof since August 2008 to date?**

B/527 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 kidnapping, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of cases thereof, since July 2005 to date, indicating in each case, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?**

B/528 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 detention centres, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to their location, indicating in each case, the number of (a) cells available and (b) persons having been kept in detention thereat, over the last five years?**

B/529 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 Police Officers who are presently assuming responsibilities in higher grades, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, a list thereof, indicating in each case (a) the respective substantive post and post presently occupied (b) where they are posted and (c) the date on which they have been assigned to the higher grades?**

B/530 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 Divisional Supporting Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) their functions and duties (b) the regions where its offices are located, indicating the number of vehicles attached to each of them and (c) if consideration will be given for an increase in the number of staff and vehicles attached thereto?**

B/531 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River  
**(Mrs Hanoomanjee)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the investors with a business of an annual turnover exceeding Rs 15 million over three consecutive years, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the number thereof, since July 2005 to date, who have applied for permanent residence and who have been granted same?**

B/532 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix  
**(Mr Soodhun)**

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

**Whether, in regard to cases of incitation to racial hatred, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, through the use of language and statements, since July 2008 to date?**

B/533 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, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of arrests effected in relation to cases thereof, since January 2009 to date in (a) Cité La Cure (b) Ste Croix (c) Cité Briquetterie (d) Batterie Cassée and (e) Vallée des Prêtres?**

B/534 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 recommendation contained in the Report of the Presidential Commission chaired by Lord Mackay for the creation of a Court of Appeal Section at the Supreme Court, he will state the reasons as to why it has not yet been implemented?**

B/535 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the purchase/hire of films by the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the procedure laid down therefor (b) how the control on the quality and type of films purchased are exercised and (c) the amount of money spent thereon, since August 2005 to date?**

B/536 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

**Whether, in regard to R. S. Fashion Ltd. and R. S. Denim Ltd. which have benefitted from financial assistance under the Additional Stimulus Package, he will state if he will consider the advisability of appointing a Commission of Inquiry to look into the operation and management of these companies, since their incorporation to date?**

B/537 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a group of students, from a private college of Port Louis, made a statement at the Line Barracks Police Station, Les Casernes, Port Louis, on 22 May 2009, to the effect that a bus conductor and a bus driver allegedly refused to take them onboard and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?**

B/538 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he has received representations from the inhabitants of Cassis Road, Cassis, Port Louis, to the effect that the main road near the Islamic School is prone to accidents inasmuch as vehicles park on both sides and, if so, where matters stand?**

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

B/539 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 ex-employees of the Bel Ombre Sugar Estate who have benefitted from the Voluntary Retirement Scheme I, he will state if they have received their title deeds and, if not, the reasons therefor?**

B/540 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River  
**(Mrs Hanoomanjee)**

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

**Whether he is aware that the inhabitants of Morcellement Laflèche, Case Noyale, are facing water shortage problems and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?**

B/541 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the deficits accrued in the purchase of films during the present financial year by the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will consider requesting the Management Audit Bureau to carry out an audit thereinto?**

B/542 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the expression of interest for the purchase of a double hull vessel, he will state if a letter of offer has been issued to any successful bidder and, if so, indicate the terms and conditions thereof?**

B/543 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 broad beans imported from Madagascar during the period October to December 2007 by the State Trading Corporation and found to be of bad quality, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the names of the officers who went to Madagascar to ascertain the quality of the broad beans, indicating if any action has been taken against them?**

B/544 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the vegetable growers who have been relocated in the wake of the Tianli project, he will state if they have been paid any compensation and, if not, why not?**

B/545 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the Morcellement Sans Souci village, Montagne Blanche, in Constituency No. 10, Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East, he will state if the National Development Unit has any project for the (a) installation of drains and (b) construction of a community centre or social hall?**

B/546 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the construction of the Parampath Bridge in Congomah, he will state where matters stand?**

B/547 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal **(Mr Bodha)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Senior Citizens Welfare & Reform Institutions:-*

**Whether, in regard to the payment of social benefits to persons suffering from sixty per cent incapacity, she will state if Government proposes to review the eligibility criteria thereof and, if so, when?**

B/548 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal  
**(Mr Bodha)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the internet, he will state the number of households and educational institutions connected thereto as at to date, indicating if Government proposes to increase the use of internet facilities at all levels?**

B/549 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands  
**(Mr Guimbeau)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the La Brasserie Transfer Station, he has received a petition from the inhabitants of Cité La Brasserie concerning the removal and transfer thereof to an uninhabited area, because of the presence of permanent bad smell, flies and the health hazards it represents to them and, if so, will he state the remedial actions that will be taken?**

B/550 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands  
**(Mr Guimbeau)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the industrial and commercial site leases on *Pas Géométriques* and State land on the coastal regions, he will state if option letters and option forms have been issued and, if so, indicate (a) when (b) the number of forms and letters issued, indicating the names and addresses of all the lessees (c) the new terms and conditions of the new lease agreements, indicating the rental value in each case and (d) if they are subject to the National Residential Property Tax premium?**



B/551 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, in regard to the bad debts written off, since July 2005 to date by the State Bank of Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to the names of the companies, organisations and individuals having benefitted therefrom, indicating the amount in each case, on a yearly basis?**

B/552 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, in regard to the bad debts written off, since July 2005 to date by the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to the names of the companies, organisations and individuals having benefitted therefrom, indicating the amount in each case, on a yearly basis?**

B/553 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix  
**(Mr Soodhun)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the derocking of the plots of land under sugar cane cultivation owned by the small planters, he will state the locations where such projects have been implemented, indicating (a) the number of planters involved and (b) the cost thereof?**

B/554 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix  
**(Mr Soodhun)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the consumers, he will state the additional measures Government proposes to take to promote the protection of their rights?**

- B/555            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 residential houses and commercial buildings in Rodrigues disposed of through the sale by levy, since July 2005 to December 2008, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof, indicating those who are eligible to benefit from the Sale by Levy Solidarity Fund?**
- B/556            The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-*
- Whether, in regard to the influenza A (H<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub>), he has taken cognizance of the report of the World Health Organisation concerning the risk of pandemics, and, if so, state if the measures taken at the ports and at the airports as at to date to avert its introduction within our shores are being closely monitored?**
- B/557            The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Senior Citizens Welfare & Reform Institutions:-*
- Whether, in regard to the invalidity pension and the carer allowance, she will state, for the period January 2007 to March 2009, the number of applications therefor received by her Ministry, in each case, indicating the number (a) thereof which had been (i) examined (ii) rejected and (iii) evaluated by a Medical Board, indicating those rejected and (b) of times the Medical Tribunal sat in Rodrigues, indicating the number of cases that have been successful?**
- B/558            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 domestic and commercial customers of the Central Electricity Board, in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the number thereof having had their electricity supply disconnected, since January 2007 to March 2009, indicating if these consumers fall in the category of those living in absolute poverty and, if so, the number thereof?**

B/559 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the building materials given by the Trust Fund for Vulnerable Groups, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to the number of beneficiaries thereof, since January 2009 to date in the region of (a) Cité La Cure (b) Batterie Cassée and (c) Crève Coeur?**

B/560 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-*

**Whether, in regard to the football stadiums, he will state if Government has decided on a ban on the organization of cultural concerts thereat?**

B/561 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

**Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if the Corporation has entered into an agreement with a local company for the transportation of petroleum products?**

B/562 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Government guaranteed bank loans for tertiary education, he will state the number of students who have benefitted therefrom, following the 2008-2009 budget?**

B/563 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix  
**(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)**

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

**Whether, in regard to Madagascar, he will state if the Government of Mauritius has contributed to the initiative of carrying out talks between the new régime and the former President?**

B/564 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 he will state if Government proposes to set up a vaccination programme against cervical cancer for young girls?**

B/565 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East  
**(Mr Lauthan)**

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

**Whether he is aware of the problems faced by the inhabitants of Roussette Road, Nouvelle Découverte, during heavy rainfalls and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Moka/Flacq District Council, information as to if consideration will be given for the urgent construction of drains thereat?**

B/566 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 mechanism for transitional support to the manufacturing sector, he will state the number of firms which have applied and qualified for asset purchase, swap or lease back and, if so, indicate in each case (a) the name of the firm and (b) the amount granted?**

B/567 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River  
**(Mr Ganoo)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the new speed breakers fixed along Palma Road, he will state if his Ministry has received a petition from the inhabitants thereof for same to be removed and replaced by humps or traffic lights at critical junctions, in view of the inconveniences and hardships caused to the sick people and the pregnant women?**

B/568 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 Saint Esprit College, Rivière Noire, he will state if his Ministry has received a letter dated 08 September 2008 from the rector of the college and another one dated 06 April 2009 from the Traffic Management Road Safety Unit, complaining about the security of the students of the college in relation to the absence of certain facilities and infrastructural amenities in the vicinity thereof and, if so, indicate the remedial measures that will be taken?**

B/569 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River  
**(Mr Ganoo)**

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

**Whether he will state the projects which have benefitted from the proceeds of the sale of carbon credit under the Kyoto Protocol, indicating where the funds have been credited?**

B/570 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 Waste Water Management Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the (a) total debts thereof as at the end of April 2009 (b) total bank overdrafts thereof since 2005 to date and (c) operational losses incurred since 2005 to date?**

B/571 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Allet**)

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

**Whether he will state if the National Development Unit has handed over to the Tourism Fund the design and scope of work for the construction of the change room and exterior toilet block of the Albion Football ground and installation of flood lights and, if so, when, indicating when works are likely to start?**

B/572 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Health Tracks constructed by his Ministry since 2000 to 2005, he will state (a) their locations (b) the cost thereof in each case and (c) if he has received complaints for the upgrading thereof, indicating the actions taken?**

B/573 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the setting up of road humps along the Dr Hassen Sakir Street, Port Louis, between its junction with the Diego Garcia and the Paul & Virginie Streets, he will state where matters stand?**

B/574 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka  
**(Mr Dayal)**

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

**Whether he will state if he will consider the advisability of constructing footpaths and putting up handrails, along the main road of St Julien d'Hotman, from upper Kalimaye to the Restaurant Sanju and on the right hand side, from the Rama Krishna Mission to the Inattendu factory?**

B/575 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka  
**(Mr Dayal)**

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

**Whether he will state if he will consider the advisability of constructing footpaths at Providence, Quartier Militaire, from the football playground up to Bombay Road?**

B/576 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka  
**(Mr Dayal)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the acquisition of land at Mount Ory for a cremation ground, he will state where matters stand?**

B/577 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 leveling of the road at Providence, Quartier Militaire, near Bombay Road, he will state where matters stand?**

**R. R. Dowlutta**

Clerk of the National Assembly

**Parliament House  
Port Louis**

**12 June 2009**