

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 11 November 2008

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

B/1188 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 conversion of the Blue Bay Police Post into a Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

B/1189 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 cases of assaults and/or aggressions committed on Police Officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof reported on a monthly basis, since November 2007 to date, indicating the number thereof in which offensive weapons were used?

B/1190 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Guimbeau**)

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

Whether he will state if Government proposes to bring amendments to the existing laws to replace the appellation of Hindus, Muslims, Sino-Mauritians and General Population by that of Mauritian Citizen wherever they appear and, if so, when?

B/1191 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the funding of political parties, he will state where matters stand?

B/1192 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the electoral reform, he will state where matters stand, indicating when consultations with the different stakeholders will start?

B/1193 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 cases of paedophilia, he will state if consideration will be given for the amendment of the law to provide for tougher penalties and, if so, when?

B/1194 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 theft of cars, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number thereof reported for the past two years and (b) the additional preventive measures that will be taken?

B/1195 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 alleged cases of rape and sexual intercourse with minors, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of offenders who have been sentenced to community work since 2003 to October 2008, indicating the respective number of hours thereof, in each case?

B/1196 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 Floréal Police Station, he will consider the transfer of same to the Government flats of Floréal which are presently being underutilized?

B/1197 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 alleged cases of anonymous calls reported to the Commissioner of Police, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if any action has been initiated to review (a) the procedures laid down to trace such calls and (b) the existing legislation? (R)

B/1198 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether, in regard to convicted sex offenders, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if measures are currently being undertaken to ensure that they are not issued with licences to operate as driving instructors and to run pre-primary schools?

The letter (R) indicates that the Honourable Member has declared her interest

B/1199 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the detainees in Police custody, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of cases of death and suicide recorded since January 2005 to date and (b) measures he proposes to take to reinforce their safety?

B/1200 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to sexual child abuse, he will state the actions that are envisaged for the victims thereof to be provided with special attention by the Police and the courts?

B/1201 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, he will state if he proposes to introduce specific legislation to cater for the offence of paedophilia?

B/1202 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Naidu)

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

Whether, in regard to cases of sexual offences against minors, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, in each case, since April 2007 to date, indicating the outcome of the inquiries?

B/1203 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 cases reported at the Independent Commission Against Corruption, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, since July 2005 todate, which have been prosecuted before the court, indicating the outcome thereof, in each case?

B/1204 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Gunness)**

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

Whether, in regard to the incident which occurred at Arsenal, on 25 December 2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the entries made in the Occurrence Book of the Terre Rouge Police Station concerning the intervention of the Honourable the Attorney-General have been impounded and, if so, when?

B/1205 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Gunness)**

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

Whether, in regard to the overseas missions he has undertaken since May 2007 todate, he will state the number thereof, indicating in each case (a) the composition of the delegation (b) the countries visited (c) the purpose and outcome and (d) the amount of money spent in terms of airfares, *per diem* and any other allowances?

B/1206 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 Chagos Archipelago, he will, following the judgment of the House of Lords with regard to the Chagos Community, state the action taken or to be

taken by Government (a) in relation thereto and (b) on the sovereignty issue over the Chagos Archipelago?

B/1207 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

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

Whether, in regard to the minors who have been victims of rape and gang rape during the past one year, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number thereof in each case and (b) the measures that have been taken to ensure their psychological follow-up?

B/1208 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

Whether, in regard to discussions on electoral reform, he will state if a definite calendar has now been set and, if so, give details thereof?

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

B/1209 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to one Mrs B. A. H. who passed away at the Dr Jeetoo Hospital, on or about Sunday 31 August 2008, he will state if an inquiry has been initiated to look into the circumstances thereof and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/1210 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 one Mr T. K. S., he will state the capacity in which he is appointed at his Ministry, indicating (a) his duties (b) his salaries and other allowances drawn (c) his terms and conditions of appointment and (d) the

Boards on which he sits, indicating the fees drawn in each case?

B/1211 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to one Mr B. N., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Port Authority, information as to the capacity in which he is appointed thereat, indicating (a) since when (b) his duties (c) his salaries and (d) the other fringe benefits drawn?

B/1212 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent alleged case of sexual aggression on minors by a school inspector, he will state if his Ministry has initiated an inquiry in relation to the reported previous alleged cases on minors by the school inspector, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/1213 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 Floréal Health Centre, he will state if his Ministry is proposing to have same renovated and upgraded?

B/1214 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Information Communications Technology Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the (a) number of registered agents for the sale of SIM cards and (b)

measures taken to ascertain that such agents comply with the regulations set down by the Authority?

B/1215 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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to if any revision of the respective salaries of its staff has been carried out since the last Pay Research Bureau Report and, if not, why not?

B/1216 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 employees of the Board of Investment, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the number thereof who have, since July 2005 to date (a) been recruited (b) left and (c) been laid off?

B/1217 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent case of aggression at the Brown Sequard Hospital, Beau Bassin, he will state the measures that have been taken, if any, to ensure the security of the patients, the medical staff and the public?

B/1218 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 his recent mission *cum* road show to Australia, he will state (a) the total expenditure incurred from public funds, giving a breakdown thereof in terms of (i) travel costs (ii) *per diem* allowances and (iii) other expenses and (b) the number of advisers and other persons

representing parastatal bodies who accompanied him, indicating their respective names and status?

B/1219 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 he is aware that there is an alleged case of bribery against one Mr M. B., Chairperson of the Tourism Authority and, if so will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to if any inquiry has been carried out thereinto?

B/1220 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tourism Authority, information as to the present composition of its Licensing Committee?

B/1221 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

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

Whether, in regard to loans granted by the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd, since January 2000 todate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to (a) the number thereof (b) the amount disbursed (c) the number of cases of unpaid loans and the amount involved and (c) the number of cases where debts have been written off, indicating the amount thereof?

B/1222 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

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

Whether, in regard to the sugar sector reform programme, he will state if he has started negotiations with the Mauritius Sugar Producers Association with a view to

obtaining 2000 acres of land to be distributed among the workers of the sugar industry?

B/1223 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether he will state the current teacher to students ratio in primary and secondary schools?

B/1224 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to projects for economic development in the Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to where matters stand?

B/1225 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 projects in the Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he will state (a) the amount of money earmarked by his Ministry for the financial year 2008-2009 and (b) the current status thereof?

B/1226 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 global financial crisis, he will state the measures taken by Government to mitigate the impact thereof on the domestic market?

B/1227 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 global financial crisis, he will state (a) if any assessment on the impact thereof on the tourism and textile industries has been carried out and, if so, indicate the findings thereof and (b) the other sectors that would be affected, indicating how?

B/1228 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 global financial crisis, he will state the impact thereof on the forecasted growth for the year 2008, indicating the revised forecasted growth for the year 2008?

B/1229 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(**Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the horses, he will state the actions he proposes to take to protect them against cruelty and torture?

B/1230 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

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

Whether, in regard to the purchase procedures of eighty buses of the make TATA in 2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Corporation, information as to if there has been any allegation of

malpractice and, if so, indicate if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if not, why not?

B/1231 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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

Whether, in regard to the HIV and AIDS, he will state if the number of reported cases thereof is on the increase?

B/1232 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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

Whether, in regard to milk and other food products imported from sources other than China, he will state if tests are being carried out thereon to determine if they contain forbidden ingredients?

B/1233 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 students of the State Secondary Schools, he will state if, as from January 2009, they will be required to remain in schools till 3.00 p.m.?

B/1234 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to if there has been a shortage of invigilators in the

examinations centres for the November/December 2008 Cambridge Higher School Certificate examinations?

B/1235 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether, following the decrease in the price of fuel oil, he will state if Government is envisaging to review the electricity tariffs to alleviate the burden on consumers?

B/1236 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 investment of the funds of the National Pensions Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to the total amount of investment made in the different institutions as at todate, indicating (a) the investment for the last month and (b) the status thereof?

B/1237 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 tourist arrivals, he will state the forecast for the months of November and December 2008 and January 2009?

B/1238 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 squatting, he will state if (a) his Ministry has recently carried out a survey thereinto and (b) eviction orders have been issued over the past six months, indicating the number thereof which have been executed?

B/1239 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the Queen Victoria Hospital, Candos, he will state if he is aware of the shortcomings of the (a) pharmacy of the new outpatients department in relation to the (i) aeration (ii) staffing (iii) lift and (iv) road access to the store and (b) overcrowding in the casualty department, particularly in the X-ray unit, indicating the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/1240 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to petroleum products, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the amount of money collected in terms of Value Added Tax and other taxes for the financial years 2005/2006 to 2007/2008 and period July 2008 to October 2008?

B/1241 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chagos Archipelago, he will state the stand taken by Government and the new initiatives to be taken to further the cause of Mauritius on (a) the sovereignty issue and (b) the Chagos Community, following the recent decision of the House of Lords and in the light of the recent diplomatic developments?

B/1242 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the loan facilities as announced in the Budget Speech 2008-2009 for to the purchase of solar water heater systems, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., information, as at todate, of (a) the number of applications received and (b) the amount of money disbursed?

B/1243 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 National Pensions Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the total amount of money in the Fund as at todate and (b) if there has been any foreign placements of these funds and, if so, give details thereof, indicating the amount of money accrued as interest as at todate?

B/1244 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will list the projects carried out in the Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, since July 2005 todate?

B/1245 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 Reco-Map Project, he will state the number of monitoring meetings to which the Director of Environment has attended, giving details thereof?

B/1246 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 meetings, conferences, workshops and seminars attended to by the officers of his Ministry, since July 2005 to date, he will give (a) details thereof and (b) the outcome thereof, indicating the follow up thereon?

B/1247 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Gunness)**

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

Whether, in regard to the two trade unionists of the Mauritius Telecom who have recently been dismissed, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Telecom, information as to the circumstances of the dismissals, indicating if any actions are being taken for their re-instatement?

B/1248 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Gunness)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Syndicate, information as to if the Data Processing System has been reorganized and, if so, indicate if the necessary precautions have been taken to avoid any mishap, particularly during the transfer of data for the 2008 Certificate of Primary Education, School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations?

B/1249 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Allet)**

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

Whether, in regard to the decrease in the price of petroleum products, he will state the measures he proposes to take to ensure that such decrease is reflected in the price of other commodities?

B/1250 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 hawkers licence, he will (a) state if he will consider the advisability of issuing same to the unemployed persons who have dependents and (b) obtain from the local authorities information as to if appropriate sites can be identified for them to operate?

B/1251 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed abolition of visa requirements for entry in the Schengen area for Mauritian nationals, he will state where matters stand?

B/1252 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to alleged cases of sexual abuse by teachers on their pupils, he will state the number thereof, indicating the actions taken or proposed to be taken at the level of his Ministry?

B/1253 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to allegations of bribe and corruption levelled against some municipal councillors of the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to where matters stand?

B/1254 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Nancy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the change in the retransmission of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation and television broadcasting in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., information as to if it will consider granting loan facilities to persons who cannot afford to purchase a decoder?

B/1255 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Nancy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the dredging works to be carried out at the Pte Monier Channel, Rodrigues, he will state (a) who launched the tender (b) the cost of the project (c) when works are likely to start and (d) if it is connected with the project of the marina project in Oyster Bay and, if so, how?

B/1256 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Nancy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the marina project in Oyster Bay, he will state (a) if an Environment Impact Assessment was required and, if not, why not (b) the cost of the project and the amount disbursed as at todate (c) when works started, indicating where matters stand (d) the surface area of the lagoon involved and the impact thereof on the lagoon fishermen and (e) if the payment of any compensation to the local area fishermen is being envisaged?

B/1257 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 foreign Medical and Health Officers who were employed by his Ministry on a contractual basis in November 2001, he will state (a) the number thereof and (b) those who are still in service, indicating if changes have been brought to their initial contracts?

B/1258 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms:-

Whether, in regard to the retirement age, he will state if there has been a change in policy with regard to the determination thereof, following the 2006 decision to gradually raise the retirement age as from August 2008?

B/1259 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 accident which occurred at the Fort George Power Station, on or about Monday 29 September 2008, whereby four workers of the Central Electricity Board were seriously injured, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/1260 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether he will state if he is aware of the difficulties encountered by the patients transferred from Rodrigues to Mauritius for further medical investigation and treatment and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/1261 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether he will state if, during his recent visit to Rodrigues and in the course of a meeting with the managing committees, he stated that the fifteen per cent corporate tax paid by all the Credit Unions in Rodrigues will be removed and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1262 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the aqua culture project at Bambous Virieux, he will state if he has met the representatives of the fishers, indicating if any decision has been taken by his Ministry in relation thereto?

B/1263 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the hawkers operating in the city centre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to where matters stand, following the meeting of the representatives of the hawkers organization with the Lord Mayor?

B/1264 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 construction of a coal fired power plant at Pointe aux Caves, he will state if the Environment Impact Assessment has already been granted to CT Power and, if not, why not?

B/1265 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

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

Whether he will state if he is aware of several complaints made by the inhabitants of Residence Riche Lieu and the surrounding localities regarding the quarantine and, if so, indicate the remedial measures that are being taken?

B/1266 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

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

Whether, in regard to the “Happy Cow” milk, he will state if the importation thereof from China has stopped and, if so, since when?

B/1267 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to one Mr V. B., Chairperson of the State Property Development Company Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to if it will consider requesting him to step down pending the completion of an inquiry initiated against him by the Independent Commission Against Corruption and, if not, why not?

B/1268 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the laying off of Messrs R. and C., two trade unionists of the Mauritius Telecom, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Telecom, information as to the reasons of their dismissal?

B/1269 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mardemootoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the negotiations for the reinstatement of Messrs R. and C., two trade unionists of the Mauritius Telecom, he will state where matters stand?

B/1270 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

Whether, in regard to edible products, he will state if he has taken cognizance of a list thereof available on the internet which may contain substances harmful to human health and, if so, indicate if such products are available on the local market?

B/1271 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to the minors attending special or normal schools and who are in need of hearing aids, she will state (a) the number thereof and (b) if they have been provided with same?

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A/21 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if consideration will be given for the installation of a street lighting point at the Sir Edgar Laurent Street, Port Louis, opposite the Plaine Verte Police Station?

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