

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 15 July 2008

Questions addressed to Dr the Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative
Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands

B/838 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Naidu)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to criminal offences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if deoxyribonucleic acid testing is used by the Police in Mauritius for the elucidation thereof and, if so (a) since when and (b) the number of cases thereof elucidated through such testing?

B/839 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the official car of the Director General of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if it was, on or about 24 May 2008, involved in a road accident and, if so (a) the circumstances thereof (b) the value of the

damages caused and (c) if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/840 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Police Complaints Bureau, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of cases reported thereat, since December 2005 to date, indicating the number thereof (a) in which inquiries have been carried out and the outcome thereof and (b) in which the complainants have been informed of the outcome of the inquiry?

B/841 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Soodhun**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if, for the last two years, there are reported cases of criminal offences committed, in Mauritius, by members of the crew of foreign vessels who are of foreign nationality, while at berth or which are holders of a permit to fish in the Mauritian waters and if so, the number thereof, indicating the nature of the offences?

B/842 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the fire that broke out at the Central Market in Port Louis, in the early morning of Friday 04 July 2008, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the

circumstances thereof and (b) if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/843 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to assaults, larceny and public disturbances in which foreign seamen are involved, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, for the last two years, information as to (a) the number of reported cases thereof and (b) if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/844 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if members of the Tanzanian boxing delegation, who attended the *Championnat d'Afrique des Nations*, in June 2008, have been arrested in connection with a drug case and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof, indicating if they have been granted bail?

B/845 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Soodhun**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he has taken cognizance of a recent report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, which stated that syndicates are expanding their network of transit areas which includes Mauritius and that the bulk of illicit drugs arrive in the region by sea, often concealed in container freight and, if so, state the measures he proposes to take to control the expansion thereof?

B/846 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of drug offences, larceny, larceny with violence, rape or rape with violence, committed by suspects who are already on bail in respect of two or more offences committed previously, since July 2005 to date, indicating in each case, the conditions of the bail?

B/847 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Dr Mungur**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the funds received from donor agencies for the carrying out of activities in relation to HIV and AIDS, since 2006 to date, he will state (a) the names of the donor agencies (b) the total amount received (c) details of the activities funded and (d) the priority areas identified?

B/848 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 & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the rally held on Saturday 05 and Sunday 06 July 2008, at the Anjalay Coopen Stadium, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to the reasons why an advertising campaign started in relation thereto on radio/television was discontinued two days before the rally?

B/849 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to firearms and other offensive weapons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of Mauritian and foreign nationals who have been arrested at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport and at the Port for being in possession thereof, since 2006 todate, indicating the additional measures that will be taken to reinforce the control thereof?

B/850 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to road accidents resulting in loss of life, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, since 2006 todate, indicating the additional preventive measures that will be taken to reduce road accidents?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands

B/851 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Naidu)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the introduction of summer time as from 01 November 2008, he will state if any (a) study has been carried out to evaluate the benefits thereof and (b) he has

received representations from the business community in Mauritius against the implementation thereof?

B/852 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-

Whether, in regard to the absence of witnesses in court in criminal cases, he will state if he will consider amending the Courts Act, with a view to introducing provisions similar to those obtained in section 118 of the Criminal Procedure Act of the United Kingdom, which caters for situations where it is impossible to secure the presence in court of key witnesses or because they have passed away?

B/853 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the 104 arpents of Pas Géométriques, earmarked for the implementation of hotel and Integrated Resort projects at Bel Air St Félix, he will state if (a) applications in relation thereto have been received and are being processed and, if not, the reasons therefor and (b) he has received any request from other project promoters to use the same land and, if so, indicate (i) the names thereof and (ii) the actions taken in relation thereto?

B/854 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to *La Ferme Marine de Mahebourg*, he will state (a) the extent of the lease and (b) the annual rental payable?

B/855 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the *Plan Epargne Logement* of the Mauritius Housing Company Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to if the company has deducted money from the accounts of the holders thereof for the setting up of *syndics* and, if so (a) since when (b) the amount of money collected and (c) the number of NHDC estates in which *syndics* have been set up?

B/856 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the flight MK 846, which left from Durban, South Africa, on 09 June 2008, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to if one Mrs P. H. was not allowed to board same and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/857 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether he is aware that the inhabitants of Jumbo Road, Chemin Grenier, have suffered prejudice, following the flooding of their houses after the recent heavy rainfalls and if so, will he state if drain works will be carried out thereat, indicating when?

B/858 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the projects earmarked for implementation by his Ministry for the financial year 2008-2009, he will state the number thereof, constituency-wise, indicating the amount of money earmarked for each project?

B/859 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Varma)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to the Convention On The Protection Of Children and Co-operation In Respect Of Inter-country Adoption, she will state if Mauritius is a signatory thereto and, if so, indicate (a) since when and (b) if the provisions of the convention have been implemented?

B/860 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Varma)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the compulsory acquisition of a plot of land for the extension of the muslim cemetery in Plaine Magnien, he will state where matters stand?

B/861 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Varma)

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

Whether, in regard to the Small and Medium Enterprises Partnership Fund Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to if the inhabitants of the Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, have

benefitted therefrom and, if so, indicate (a) the number thereof and (b) in which sectors?

B/862 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Cuttaree)

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

Whether, in regard to the global food crisis, he will state if he has negotiated with the World Bank for Mauritius to be included in the list of countries for which it has or is in the process of doing a “rapid needs assessment”, with a view to better direct resources in response thereto?

B/863 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd., information as to if the France Maritime Agence Ltée is indebted to the Corporation and, if so, indicate (a) the amount thereof and (b) the measures taken to recover the debts?

B/864 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry has recently received complaints against one Mr P. B. a French expatriate and, if so (a) the nature thereof and (b) if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/865 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the local and overseas consultants, including the World Bank consultants, appointed by

Government against payment of fees, since 2005 todate, he will give details of their respective assignments?

B/866 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-

Whether he will state if Government is proposing to liberalise the posts of Court Ushers and, if so, where matters stand?

B/867 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to the sweets, in which strange objects have been found and after the consumption of which children have developed allergies, she will state the actions that have been taken by her Ministry?

B/868 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to the bus pass, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to the number of students who have requested for a replacement, following the loss thereof or a change of address, since January 2006 todate, indicating if any fee is charged therefor and, if so, the quantum thereof?

B/869 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to the tourism development project at Bel Air St Félix, he will state where matters stand?

B/870 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry has been lately involved in the defacing of posters, and if so, the reasons therefor?

B/871 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the thermal capacity of the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to if the Board is proposing to increase same and is in the process of purchasing an additional plant and, if so, indicate (a) the procedures followed for the purchase (b) the engine capacity (c) the cost and (d) the expected commissioning date?

B/872 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Dr Mungur)

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

Whether, in regard to the forecast for the Gross Domestic Product for the year 2008, he will state (a) if it has been revised downwards and, if so, the reasons therefor and (b) the measures taken to maintain the original forecast?

B/873 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether he will state if the area of *La Ferme* has been earmarked for the carrying out of fish farming activities and, if so, state the names of the beneficiaries of the fish farming

licences thereat, indicating the procedures that have been followed for the issuing of the licences?

B/874 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to the children who were living in the shelter at Albion, she will state the number thereof who have been reintegrated in their respective families, during the last three years?

B/875 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the registered fishers, he will give a list thereof region-wise, indicating in each case (a) their respective yearly catch and (b) the amount paid to them as bad weather allowances, over the last two financial years?

B/876 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the employees of the Financial Services Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commission, information as to the number thereof who have resigned, since July 2005 todate, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/877 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Employees Welfare Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to if any fraud has been detected thereat and, if so (a) the sum

involved and (b) if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/878 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether, in regard to flour and broad beans, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if the Corporation has recently sold same to the Funny Flour and Rice Company Ltd and, if so, indicate in each case (a) the quantity sold and (b) the selling price?

B/879 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, in regard to the pre-primary schools, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Pre-School Trust Fund, information as to (a) the present number of children who (i) attended thereto in 2007 (ii) are attending in 2008 and (b) the expected number thereof for the January 2009 intake?

B/880 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, in regard to the pre-primary schools, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Pre-School Trust Fund, information as to (a) the number thereof presently registered and (b) the minimum and maximum monthly fees payable in respect of each child?

B/881 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether he is aware that the Komité Vans Lékol staged a protest at the Champ de Mars, on Tuesday 08 July 2008 and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/882 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection:-

Whether, in regard to the sweets which have recently been found to represent health hazards to the children, she will state the measures she proposes to take to have same banned?

B/883 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a Jardin des porcs, in Richelieu, he will state if he has held prior consultations with the inhabitants of the region?

B/884 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Post, information as to if, one Mr R. M. A. B., has

recently been appointed as postman at the Chemin Grenier Post Office?

B/885 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 she has been made aware of the conditions of living of one Mrs V. and one Mrs M. A. in the region of Marie Reine de la Paix, Port Louis are since Saturday last and, if so, if her Ministry proposes to extend any assistance to them?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

Parliament House

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A/10 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether he is aware that an unoccupied plot of land situated next to the *Apostolat de la Mer* building, in Roche Bois, represents an eyesore and, if so, will he state the measures that will be taken to have it cleaned?

A/11 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the motorway in Roche Bois, he will state if consideration will be given for (a) improving the structure of the flyover situated thereat by replacing the steps with ramps for the benefit of the disabled persons and the senior citizens and (b) putting up handrails in the middle of the strip of land separating the motorway?

A/12 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware that there is no slab over the drain at Corner Ligne T & Ligne S, in Cité Roche Bois, thereby representing a real danger to motorcyclists and pedestrians and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if needful will be done for the drain to be covered?

A/13 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether he is aware that an unoccupied plot of land, situated behind the former Saint Martin Football Club, in Roche Bois, is being used as a dumping ground, thus preventing youngsters from playing petanque thereat and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken to have it cleaned?

A/14 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 project for drain works to be carried out along Moonsamy Road, l'Agrement, St Pierre, he will state when works are likely to start?

A/15 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 project for the upgrading and tarring of the road at Moka, commonly known as La Serpe Road, he will state when works are likely to start?

A/16 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if he will consider the advisability of acquiring land in the vicinity of Verdun, Alma or Quartier Militaire for the construction of low cost housing units?

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