

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 17 June 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/682 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 police vehicles aged ten years or more, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, a list thereof indicating (a) where they are attached to and (b) if they are sent to undergo the fitness test?

B/683 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the Police vehicle registered under the number, 5630 DC 05 has recently been

involved in an accident and if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/684 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 sniffer dogs at the Dog Section of the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the present number thereof (b) if the trainers thereof are being provided with adequate training and (c) the measures taken for the replacement of the old dogs?

B/685 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mrs Hanoomanjee)**

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 media law, he will state (a) if the conference on the Development of Media Law held by Mr Geoffrey Robertson, Q.C., at the Sir Harilal Vaghjee Memorial Hall, was organised under the aegis of the Prime Minister's Office and (b) if Mr Robertson has made recommendations in relation thereto, indicating if Government is proposing to implement same and, if so, the time frame set out, if any?

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

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 state if Government will consider devising ways and means of ensuring that a minimum of 30% of the posts in the minor grades in the public sector be allocated to

women, in view of the high percentage of unemployment amongst women at the lower rung of the ladder, and if so, will he also consider impressing upon the private sector to follow suit?

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

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 one I. G., of Telfair, Moka, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the circumstances of his death, which occurred on the day following his arrest on Thursday 05 June 2008, indicating if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/688 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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 Band, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the trainee Bandsmen, recruited in April 2003 and appointed as Bandsmen in November 2005, have been confirmed in their respective post and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/689 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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 Floréal Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he will consider the advisability of having it

transferred to another location, with a view to rendering it more accessible to the inhabitants of the region of Floréal?

B/690 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 Le Morne Mountain, he will state if it has been included in the Heritage list by the World Heritage Committee of the UNESCO?

B/691 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 five Bangladeshi nationals who were working for Best Metal Co. Ltd, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the immigration authorities have traced them out and, if so, if they have left the country, indicating who paid for their return air tickets?

B/692 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, in regard to the foreigners, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof who have overstayed after their entry into Mauritius over the past year, indicating (a) their respective nationality and (b) the actions he proposes to take?

B/693 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mr Bodha**)

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 criminal cases which have been dismissed by the court by reason of weaknesses in the Police inquiry, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, since January 2007 to date, indicating the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/694 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mr Bodha**)

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 his recent meeting with Mr Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, he will state if the issue of the Chagos Archipelago has been discussed and if so, the outcome thereof?

B/695 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mr Bodha**)

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 his recent meeting with Mr Nicholas Sarkozy, President of the Republic of France, he will state if the issue of Tromelin has been discussed and if so, the outcome thereof?

B/696 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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 Prison Officers posted in the prisons in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to if any promotion exercise has recently been

carried out and, if not, why not and if so (a) the number of officers promoted and (b) their respective new posting?

B/697 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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 is aware that some 28 officers of the Police Band, recruited since more than three years, have not yet been confirmed in their post and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons therefor?

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/698 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 land and building belonging to the British American Tobacco at Nicolay Road, Port Louis, he will state if Government has finalized the purchase thereof and, if so (a) if the Government Valuation Office was involved (b) the estimated value thereof and (b) the actual price paid by Government?

B/699 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the extension of a drain near the Highlands Government School, he will state where matters stand?

B/700 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a children's playground at Morcellement Boniface, Quinze Cantons, Vacoas, he will state where matters stand?

B/701 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the drains along the classified roads in the Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix, he will state when they have last been cleaned?

B/702 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of road humps, he will state if Government has changed its policy in relation thereto?

B/703 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Grenade)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the priorities and items budgeted by the Municipal Council of Port Louis for the financial year 2008-

2009, he will state if he has received representations from the Councillors?

B/704 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fishermen Welfare Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to the number of times the Board has met for the past year, indicating if the Chairperson was present, in each case?

B/705 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

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

Whether, in regard to the scholarships granted to the children of the fishermen, he will state if (a) any of these scholarships has been cancelled and (b) there has been any delay in the disbursement of funds in relation thereto?

B/706 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether he is aware that a member of the staff of his Ministry is alleged to have been involved in getting a project, in respect of a socio-cultural organization, approved by the Trust Fund for Vulnerable Groups, when she had a personal interest in the project, and if so, will he state if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/707 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if the Authority has carried out inquiries in respect of some of its employees, and if so (a) the number thereof, indicating their respective

grade (b) the outcome thereof and (c) the disciplinary measures taken against them, if any?

B/708 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the appeal he has recently made to the private sector for the payment to its middle class management of compensation, over and above the amount proposed by Government, following the publication of the Pay Research Bureau Report, he will state if he has officially approached the Mauritius Employers Federation, indicating if he will further impress upon the Federation to agree to salary commissioners being appointed to review the salary structure of the employees of the lower and middle class levels and, if not, why not?

B/709 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the payment of salary compensation in the private sector last year, he will state if his Ministry has carried out a survey with a view to establishing a list of the companies/enterprises which had paid salary compensation, over and above the amount provided for by law, and if so, will he table copy thereof and if not, will he cause a survey to be carried out now?

B/710 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the municipal centre situated at Charles Regnaud, Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to (a) the activities which are being carried out thereat and (b) if the Council is considering running a library thereat?

B/711 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the State Secondary Schools, he will state if Agriculture is being offered as a subject and, if so, indicate (a) the number of schools offering same and (b) up to which level?

B/712 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the football grounds in the Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue, he will state (a) the number thereof which are provided with floodlights and (b) when the Morcellement Raffray football ground was last marked and maintained?

B/713 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, he will state if officers of his Ministry have been granted leases of State land and if so, will he (a) state if the information in relation thereto is available at the Land Information System Unit and, if not, why not and (b) give a list of the officers, indicating their respective grade (c) state the type, purpose and terms and conditions of the lease granted to each officer and (d) state if the land, in each case, was leased on the basis of its respective market value and, if not, why not?

B/714 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the main road at Vallée des Prêtres, where a road accident occurred, on or about Friday 30 May 2008, he will state the remedial measures that will be taken, if any, with a view to ensuring the safety of the pedestrians and of the vehicles thereat?

B/715 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the items which have been subject to the reduction in customs and other duties, as announced in the Budget Speech 2008-2009, she will state the measures that are being taken by her Ministry to monitor that the reduction is reflected on the market prices thereof, to benefit the consumers?

B/716 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the market place in Vacoas, he will state if he is aware of the leakages and other problems prevailing thereat and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas Phoenix, information as to the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/717 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal **(Mr Bodha)**

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

Whether, in regard to connectivity, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Telecom, information as to (a) the official speed promoted by the Mauritius Telecom and (b) if he has been made aware of any complaint in regard to the actual speed being provided?

B/718 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

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

Whether he will state if any survey has been carried out to identify 229 pockets of poverty with 7157 families and, if so, indicate (a) the findings thereof and (b) if copy thereof will be tabled?

B/719 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 one Mrs R., former Confidential Secretary to the General Manager of the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if she has retired from service and, if so (a) since when and (b) if she has been re-appointed on a contractual basis, indicating the terms and conditions of the contract?

B/720 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Gunness)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Professor Basdeo Bissoondeeal College, Central Flacq, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary Schools Authority, information as to if a fact finding committee will be set up to look into the allegation of acts of mismanagement levelled against the management thereof?

B/721 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Gunness)**

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

Whether he will state if a survey has been carried out in the tertiary institutions, with a view to assess the number of students, hailing from a family whose household income does not exceed Rs 7,500 per month and who are facing severe

hardships, following the death or serious incapacity of a wage earner and, if so, indicate the number thereof?

B/722 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether he is aware that the citizens of Rodrigues are facing difficulties to obtain a Certificate of Morality, and if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/723 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Trust Fund for Vulnerable Groups, information as to if the Trust Fund had recently approved a project to support the needy students and, if so (a) the names of the students who have benefited therefrom and (b) the amount of money approved as grants, indicating if the sums have been disbursed and, if so, since when?

B/724 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Trust Fund for Vulnerable Groups, information as to if the Trust Fund had recently approved a project to support the non-governmental organisations and, if so (a) the name of the Chairperson and Accounting Officer of the organizations who have benefited therefrom and (b) the amount of money approved as grants, indicating if the sums have been disbursed and, if so, since when?

B/725 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether he will state if he has taken cognizance of a petition signed by the owners and co-owners of the commercial units at the Gallerie Ian Palach, Curepipe, regarding the nuisance caused by an open drain and, if so, indicate the remedial measures that have been taken, if any?

B/726 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the loss of revenue resulting from illegal electricity connections and/or tampering with the electric meters, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the estimated amount thereof for each of the last five years?

B/727 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to drinking water supplied by the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the quality thereof as compared to the standard prescribed by the World Health Organisation?

B/728 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the accidents caused by buses and heavy goods vehicles, over the last three years, he will state the number thereof indicating (a) the number thereof in which there has been loss of life and (b) the remedial measures that have been taken to control speeding by these vehicles?

B/729 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether, in regard to flour imported from Turkey, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if any quantity thereof has been dumped at the Mare Chicose Landfill Station, and if so, the value thereof?

B/730 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 Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to if it has recently highlighted cases of alleged mismanagement at the DBM Ltd., and if so, the corrective measures, if any, that have been taken, as at todate?

B/731 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware of the “New Deal for Global Food Policy”, formulated by the World Bank and, if so, will he state the stand taken by his Ministry in relation thereto?

B/732 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 Casting of Slabs Scheme, he will state (a) the amount of money disbursed, since November 2007 todate and (d) the proposed duration of the scheme?

B/733 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 community center at Le Bouchon, he will state where matters stand?

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R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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A/4 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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, in the early morning of Tuesday 27 May 2008, one Mr Y. D. was assaulted at Grand River North West, Port Louis, and had his car stolen and if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

R. R. Dowlutta

Clerk of the National Assembly

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