

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 16 December 2008

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

B/1452 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 upcoming festive seasons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the measures that will be taken to ensure the security of the public in the public places and on the beaches?

B/1453 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 television licence, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to the amount of money collected monthly, indicating the number of customers therefor?

B/1454 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 Criminal Investigation Division, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the

Commissioner of Police, information as to the measures being taken to improve the efficiency thereof?

B/1455 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 theft of jewellery, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof over the past four years, indicating the preventive measures taken to combat same?

B/1456 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mr Dowarkasing)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Ombudsperson for Children, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from her office, information as to the number of overseas missions she has undertaken, since 2003 to date, on a yearly basis, indicating the amount of money spent in terms of air tickets, *per diem* and other allowances, in each case and (b) state if an appraisal of her performance since her assumption of office has now been carried out and if so, the outcome thereof?

B/1457 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 the Police and Government Quarters, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof allocated to the Police Officers up to November 2008, indicating (a) the criteria for the allocation thereof and (b) if it is proposed to increase the number thereof and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/1458 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Leopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rodriguan Officers of the Special Mobile Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof since 2000 to date, indicating how many are civilly married, indicating if their spouse and children (a) live with them under the same roof and (b) are accommodated separately, and if so, if any measures are being taken to allow them to live together under the same roof?

B/1459 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 cameramen employed by the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if a promotion exercise in the grade thereof has recently been carried out and, if so, indicate (a) if the new recruits satisfy the qualification requirements as per the scheme of service and (b) if any cameraman holding the required qualifications has not been promoted and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/1460 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if the Sports Section and the Current Affairs Section have been detached from the News Department and, if so, the reasons therefor?

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

B/1461 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fibre Imports Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if a levy of Rs 10,774,501 was imposed by the Comptroller of Customs thereon, since June 2007, indicating if the sum has been settled?

B/1462 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the setting up of a Small and Medium Enterprise Village at Highlands, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Small Enterprise and Handicraft Development Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/1463 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the textile industry, he will state, since July 2007 to date (a) the number of (i) factories having closed down (ii) workers laid off and (iii) new factories set up and jobs created and (b) the export earnings?

B/1464 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*, he will state where matters stand in relation to (a) the review of the terms and conditions thereof which will reflect the market value and which are aligned with those of the *campement* sites and (b) the meetings held with his Ministry, the Ministry of Finance and Empowerment and the Valuation Office so as to work out the conditions of the option forms in relation thereto?

B/1465 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 State land, *Pas Géométriques*, leased to the Beachcomber Group of Hotels, he will state (a) the number and the names of the hotels standing thereon (b) the extent of land leased per hotel site (c) the annual rental per arpent in each case, indicating if the rental value reflects the actual market value (d) if a premium is being paid by each hotel and (e) the terms and conditions of the lease in each case?

B/1466 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 essential drugs in the hospitals, he will state if there is a severe shortage thereof and, if so, indicate if the drugs are being procured on the local market through small contracts, giving (a) a list thereof (b) the names of the suppliers and (c) the amount of money being spent?

B/1467 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Hajj pilgrimage, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to a list of the Hajj operators (a) whose licence have been suspended, indicating in each case, the period of suspension and (b) who are duly authorized to accompany the pilgrims for the present Hajj?

B/1468 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the initiatives of the *Force Vives* of Roche Bois to operate a market fair near the flyover at Roche Bois, he will state if Government will consider compulsorily acquiring the said plot of land in relation thereto for further developments?

B/1469 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the wastewater, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to if the Authority has recently revised the tariffs thereof and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1470 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, in regard to the valuation of property, he will state if it is current practice for Government Valuers to arrive at assessment values by allowing a plus or minus 10% variation?

B/1471 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the school bus operators, he will state if he has received representations therefrom in relation to the time at which they will have to pick up students from schools as from January 2009?

B/1472 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 loan facilities for tertiary studies provided in the 2008 budget, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tertiary Education Commission, information as to the number of (a) applications received from the students and (b) students who have availed themselves of this facility?

B/1473 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Cuttaree)

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

Whether, in regard to the Summer Time, he will state if Government will consider discontinuing the implementation thereof by the end of this year?

B/1474 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Sports Council, he is aware of the conflict existing between the Chairperson thereof and the administration staff and, if so, will he state

the measures he proposes to take to put an end to the conflict?

B/1475 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 Government lottery for the month of December 2008, he will state if he (a) was informed by the Lottery Committee of the changes in the number of prizes to be awarded and the value thereof and (b) is aware that two sets of tickets have been issued?

B/1476 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he is aware that some students of Le Mauricia Institute who sat for the November/December 2008 Cambridge School Certificate examinations for the English literature paper have been provided with two examination papers instead of three and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/1477 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 he is aware that one company YST Marketing (Mtius) Ltd. has recruited ladies and young persons and has not offered them training as per the agreement under the Empowerment Programme?

B/1478 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he will state if he has taken cognizance of the remarks of the Director of Audit in relation to a revised assessment of Rs 150m made by the Valuation Department for the purchase of a property by Government for the Industrial and Vocational Training Board on 19 May 2008 for

an amount of Rs 160m and, if so, indicate the measures he proposes to take to recover the excess amount paid?

B/1479 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the reallocation of land to the inhabitants of Mare Chicose, he will state where matters stand?

B/1480 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 community centres situated at Joachim, Camp Caval and Wooton, he will state where matters stand?

B/1481 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the extension of the cemetery for the Muslim community at Circonstance, St Pierre, he will state where matters stand?

B/1482 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Air Mauritius flights scheduled for the coming months, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to the number thereof, indicating if some routes will no longer be served?

B/1483 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether he will state if Government has approved the setting up of a cement factory and, if so, indicate (a) the names of the promoter/s thereof (b) the date the application was (i) received and (ii) approved (c) the location thereof (d) if any State land has been or will be leased therefor (e) the quantity of cement to be produced and (f) if environmental safeguards have been put up to avert risks of pollution?

B/1484 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a new building to house the National Library, he will state where matters stand?

B/1485 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the State Trading Company, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) its sources of revenue (b) if its office is located in the premises of the State Trading Corporation (c) if it is staffed by officers of the State Trading Corporation and (d) the transactions operated by the Company as at todate, indicating if same have yielded any results?

B/1486 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the non renewal of the net licence of Mr S. A. with the Guy Rozemont Co-operative society, he will state if he will consider reviewing the decision in relation to the payment of a compensation to him?

B/1487 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Grand Port/Savanne, information as to if it has received an application for a Building and Land Use Permit from a bookmaker to operate at Chemin Grenier, and if so, indicate (a) the name of the applicant (b) the date of the application (c) if the Chemin Grenier Mariamen Kovil Jamize Kazagam has objected, together with other socio-cultural organisations, on ground of the proximity thereof to a Tamil school, a kovil, a mosque and a primary government school and (d) if any decision has been taken?

B/1488 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to the community centres in Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will state the number thereof which are not operational as at todate and the reasons therefor?

B/1489 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he is aware of the problems being faced by the inhabitants of the EDC Ste Catherine, Petit Verger, due to a lack of public transport service thereat and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/1490 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 a plot of land for a Muslim cemetery at Circonstance, St Pierre, he will state where matters stand?

B/1491 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 taxi operators residing in the villages of Bel Ombre, St Martin, Baie du Cap and Choisy, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to if measures will be taken to allow them to operate at the four hotels situated in Bel Ombre, and if so, when?

B/1492 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to petroleum products, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if the Corporation has taken any hedging commitment and, if so (a) when (b) the terms thereof, indicating the volume of each product to be purchased and for which period (c) the financial impact on the Corporation as a result thereof and following the drop in the prices thereof and (d) if prior approval was sought and obtained from the Board of the Corporation and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Empowerment?

B/1493 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the contracts awarded by the Beach Authority for cleaning purposes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to (a) the number thereof for the years 2006 and 2007 and (b) if a particular company has been awarded most of the contracts and, if so, indicate the amount paid to the

company for financial years (i) 2005-2006 (ii) 2006-2007 and (iii) 2007-2008?

B/1494 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the individual buses serving the Baie du Cap-Quatres Bornes route, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to the number thereof, indicating if each of them has to respect a time schedule?

R. R. Dowlutta

Clerk of the National Assembly

***Parliament House
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A/26 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, in regard to the air conditioning system at the Dr Idrice Goumany Municipal Centre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if (a) new tenders have been launched and (b) when it will become operational?

A/27 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, in regard to the badminton court of the Dr Idrice Goumany Municipal Centre, he will state if he is aware that there is no air extractor, the lighting is defective and that the badminton net is damaged and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to the remedial measures that will be taken?

R. R. Dowlutta

Clerk of the National Assembly

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