

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 29 April 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/293 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 Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the present number of vacancies that exists in each grade, indicating when they will be filled?

B/294 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, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the present number thereof attached to each Police Station, indicating if consideration will be given for the provision of a minimum of two vehicles to be attached to each Police Station?

B/295 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, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the present number thereof (a) in use (b) in garage for repairs and (c) unserviceable?

B/296 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

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 relocation of the “rifle practice grounds” of the Special Mobile Force from the now developed and inhabited area in Sodnac, Quatre Bornes, at the foot of Colline Candos, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

B/297 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 private security services, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he has conducted training and courses for the licensees thereof and the security guards, since July 2005 to date, and if so, the number thereof in each case?

B/298 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 Chagos Archipelago, he is aware of the 'Let Them Return' reinsertion plan, designed to allow the Chagossian community to return on the Salomon and Peros Banhos islands, and the content thereof, and if so, will he state the actions Government proposes to take in relation thereto?

B/299 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 he is aware that funds have been or are being illegally collected in the name of the flood victims, islandwise, and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/300 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, in regard to the current Police practice of lodging a provisional information against a suspect, prior to the completion of an inquiry, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if consideration will now be given for the review thereof and, if not, why not?

B/301 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 cases of publication of false news, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases, since July 2005 to date, indicating in each case (a) the outcome of the police inquiry thereof and (b) if formal charges have been lodged?

B/302 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 sum of money which had disappeared, while being in the custody of the Anti Drug Smuggling Unit at the Line Barracks, in April 2008, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the amount and the origin thereof (b) if an inquiry has been carried out and (c) other cases, if any, of important sums of money kept as exhibits having disappeared, since July 2005 to date?

B/303 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 current situation in Zimbabwe, following the recent general election, he will state the stand of Mauritius?

B/304 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, in regard to the Euro 2008, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if all the football matches thereof will be broadcast live on the MBC/TV and if so, the steps taken by the Board in connection therewith, indicating where matters stand?

B/305 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 he is aware of the comments made in respect of the recent arrest of three journalists in the last country report of 11 March 2008 published by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour of the United States and, if so, will he state where matters stand in regard to the inquiry into the arrest of the three journalists?

B/306 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 use of the Diégo Garcia naval base in the American rendition programme, he will state the stand taken by Government?

B/307 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Issack**)

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 it is proposed to introduce a Code of Ethics for the Honourable Members of Parliament, the Municipal Councillors and the District Councillors?

B/308 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Issack**)

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 proposal for the opening of an embassy in Saudi Arabia, he will state where matters stand?

B/309 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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 sum of about Rs 360,000 which was secured as exhibits and which disappeared while being in Police custody, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/310 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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 road accident, which occurred at the Roches Bois roundabout on 03 April 2008, resulting in the death of one Mr W. M., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/311 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 he is aware that exhibits, in the form of bank notes amounting to about Rs 366,000, which were to be produced in a criminal case before the District Court of Port Louis, in April 2008, had disappeared while being in Police custody and replaced by boxes of firecrackers and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/312 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 the Central Prisons of Beau Bassin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if, on or about 20 April 2008, one K. N., evaded therefrom and, if so, the circumstances thereof, indicating where matters stand as to the inquiry?

B/313 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons who have been reported missing since January 2006 to date, indicating where matters stand in each case?

B/314 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 the detainees who are not in a position to furnish sureties for their release due to financial problems, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, since July 2005 to date?

**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/315 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and
Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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

Whether, in regard to Mr R. R., the Chief Executive of the State Bank of Mauritius Limited, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to (a) his terms and conditions of appointment, indicating (i) the salaries and allowances drawn (ii) the fringe benefits to which he is entitled and (b) the make and model of the car put at his disposal?

B/316 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a new bridge over the Ebène River, he will state (a) the proposed timeframe and (b) the estimated cost?

B/317 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent events that took place at the Régis Chaperon State Secondary School, Belle Rose, and with a view to tackling anti-social behaviour in schools, he will state if consideration will be given to implementing, on a pilot basis, the “Roots of Empathy” programme, as obtained in Canada?

B/318 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to cases of divorce, she will state if a study has been carried out to ascertain the number thereof, which are the direct consequences of the abusive intake of alcoholic drinks or related problems?

B/319 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the liquor licences, he will state if regular inspections are carried out to ascertain if the licensees are complying with the terms and conditions thereof?

B/320 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to alcohol addicts, she will state (a) if any study has been carried out to assess the extent thereof and (b) the measures that have been taken to reduce the negative social impact on women and children?

B/321 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether he will state if Mr Z. R. has been posted at the Mauritius High Commission, London, and, if so, indicate (a) in which capacity and (b) the terms and conditions of his posting?

B/322 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Palmar Livestock Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if it has ceased its operations and if the land it occupied has been redistributed to other investors and if so, indicate (a) the name of the investors (b) the acreage of land allocated to each of them and (c) the project in each case?

B/323 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the teachers working at the Eden College (Boys) Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary School Authority, information as to if a written authorization from the administration is required for them to have access to the school library and, if so, if this is normal practice?

B/324 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the Trou d'Eau Douce public beach, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Beach Authority, information as to if (a) the Tuck shops constructed thereat have been pulled down and (b) the limekiln has been rented for any commercial purpose?

B/325 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether, in regard to Food Science and Food Technology, he will state the number of officers of his Ministry who have been sent abroad for training therein since 2003 to date, indicating the number thereof who have thereafter been posted at the Food Technology Laboratory?

B/326 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the proposed construction of the Terre Rouge-Verdun Road, he will state if he is in presence of a report on the impact thereof on the traffic for the years 2010 to 2020 and, if so, table a copy thereof?

B/327 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to the quarantine for the import and/or re-export of horses, he will state (a) the locations thereof, indicating if he is aware of the health hazards these locations represent for other animals in Mauritius and the consequences thereof and (b) if he will consider the advisability of having them relocated nearer the airport and, if so, the urgent and immediate remedial measures that will be taken?

B/328 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Magnetic Resonance Scan (MRI) at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam National Hospital, he will state if it is out of order and, if so (a) since when (b) the actions that have been taken to have it repaired, indicating when and (c) where are the patients being channelled for MRI scan and the amount of money spent in connection therewith, as at todate?

B/329 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to water, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to if the old metallic pipe, along the road from St Julien d'Hotman leading towards Camp Thorel and up to the road leading to Bassin Loulou, will be replaced by a new poly-pipe, with a view to providing an adequate supply thereof to the inhabitants?

B/330 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, he is aware that the traffic lights at corner Route des Pamplemousses and Sir Edgar Laurent Street, Plaine Verte, Port Louis, are being switched off every day at 20 hours and, if so, will he state the reasons therefor?

B/331 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 he is aware of the hazards that the pedestrian crossings situated in the immediate vicinity of the Caudan roundabout on the highway represent to the road users and if so, will state if consideration will be given for the transferring thereof further away from the roundabout?

B/332 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the grant of Rs 5,000 to the victims of the recent floods, she will state the number of families who have benefited therefrom, regionwise?

B/333 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the eviction orders issued to the flat owners of the National Housing Development Company Ltd., since July 2007 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to the number thereof and the reasons therefor?

B/334 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Cuttaree**)

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

Whether he will state the number of Mauritian households which spends over 50% of their income on food?

B/335 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to air traffic rights, he will state if he is in presence of a request from Air Mascareignes to be designated as a second national air carrier and, if so, where matters stand?

B/336 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the reviewing of the courses offered by the Council of Legal Education, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to where matters stand?

B/337 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the Trois Boutiques Village, he will state if it is proposed to redefine its area, with a view to putting up an additional village council at Camp Carol and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/338 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 occupiers of State land at Kenya, Camp Carol, in Constituency No. 12, he is aware of the difficulties they are encountering to obtain their title deeds in respect thereof and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/339 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 construction of drain works at L' Avenir, from the L' Avenir Arya Samaj to the New Morcellement in Circonstance, he will state where matters stand?

B/340 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 Mauritian National Football Team, he will state if any action has been initiated to ensure the participation thereof at the future regional and international tournaments?

B/341 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 National Inter College Games, he will state if they will be held this year and, if so (a) when (b) if the collaboration of the MSSSA and the Physical Education Sport teachers of the secondary schools have been enlisted, indicating if meetings have been held in connection therewith and the outcome thereof and (c) the different categories proposed for the various disciplines?

B/342 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 conferences and workshops on environmental issues attended to by the officials of his Ministry during the last five years, he will state (a) the number of officials, in each case, on a yearly basis, together with full details thereof, including the total cost incurred in terms of airfares, accommodation and *per diem* allowances and (b) the follow-up actions initiated?

B/343 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 construction of the community centres in Camp Caval, Joachim and Wooton, in the Constituency of Curepipe and Midlands, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the amount of money spent thereon as at todate and (b) the date on which works thereat have stopped, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/344 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 environment protection fee, he will state the amount of revenue collected for each of the last three financial years, giving details thereof?

B/345 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the Detoxification Centre, located at the Beau Bassin Rehabilitation and Correction Youth Centre, she will state if it is operational and, if so, give details of the activities carried out thereat?

B/346 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the supply of flour on the local market for the current year, he will state the contracts signed at the beginning of the year, indicating in each case (a) the terms and conditions thereof and if same have been complied with and, if not, why not and (b) the measures that have been taken to ensure a regular supply of quality flour on the local market as from June 2008?

B/347 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Cuttaree)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the cultural programme for the celebrations of the 40th anniversary of the independence of Mauritius, held at the Champ de Mars on 12 March 2008, he will state the reasons as to why no item on the Tamil culture was included therein?

B/348 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the application made to the UNESCO in relation to the inscription of Le Morne on the list of World Heritage sites, he will state where matters stand?

B/349 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Pay Council, he will state the outcome of the meeting he had with the representatives of the Trade Unions?

B/350 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the payment of a salary compensation for the loss of the purchasing power of the working class for the financial year 2007-2008, he will state (a) the inflation rate which will be used for its calculation and (b) the mode of assessment of the productivity rate and capacity to pay?

B/351 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Governor of the Bank of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to (a) his terms and conditions of appointment and (b) the remuneration and other fringe benefits to which he is entitled?

B/352 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the owners of the NHDC houses and NHDC firinga-type houses, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Development Housing Company Ltd., information as to (a) the amount of arrears, as at todate, due by each of them and (b) the total number of families concerned for both types of houses, indicating the cases (i) which have been referred for legal action and (ii) in which an eviction order has been issued?

B/353 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to (a) the amount of arrears due by the clients thereof, indicating the measures taken to recover same and (b) if Government is proposing to increase the waste water tariffs?

B/354 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Issack**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Constituency No. 2, Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, he will give a list of the sports and leisure projects which (a) have been initiated and (b) will be forthcoming?

B/355 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Guttee**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware of the difficulties being faced by the fishermen of Pointe aux Cannoniers to get access to the sea, caused by the presence of walls that have been erected along the coastal road, and if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/356 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the rate of exchange of the rupee *vis-à-vis* the pound sterling, the US dollar and the euro, he will state (a) the effect thereof on the different sectors of the economy and (b) the measures he proposes to take to protect the poorer sections of the community?

B/357 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Dr Mungur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Casting of Roof Slab Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the total amount of money disbursed for the financial year 2007-2008, as at todate, indicating (a) the number of households involved and (c) if the beneficiaries thereof are receiving Rs 55,000 instead of Rs 60,000, and if so, the reasons therefor?

B/358 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to ration rice, he will state the measures he has taken to secure an adequate supply thereof as from August 2008, in view of the crisis in the supply of rice on the world market?

B/359 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to luxury rice, she will state the measures she has taken to prevent hoarding, in view of the crisis in the supply thereof on the world market?

B/360 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Guttee**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the beach at Melville, Grand Gaube, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Beach Authority, information as to if it is proposed to have it declared as a public beach?

B/361 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to used oil, he will state (a) who are collecting same and (b) how is it being disposed of or being treated?

B/362 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether he is aware of the increase in the level of noise pollution at Flic-en-Flac, especially during weekends, and if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/363 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the setting up of a National Biotechnology Institute, he will state where matters stand?

B/364 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the buses plying between Curepipe and Quartier Militaire, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to if they are passing via the hermitage bus park and, if not, why not?

B/365 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 admission of students to Form I in the National Colleges, he will state the number thereof who have not obtained 4A+ at the Certificate of Primary Education examinations and who have obtained seats thereat?

B/366 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the implementation of the Land Based Oceanic Industry, he will state where matters stand?

B/367 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the new marina project at La Balise, Black River, he will state if he has met the fishermen of the region, with a view to reaching a settlement on the issue of their claim against the promoters?

B/368 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the renovation of the Berjaya Hotel at Le Morne, he will state (a) when will the project be completed (b) if works have stopped and, if so, the reasons therefor and (c) if he has recently received complaints from the employees in regard to their present conditions of work in connection therewith?

B/369 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Air Mauritius flights, he will
state if he has received complaints from foreign tour
operators regarding misleading advertisement abroad on
the air ticket fares against the actual price thereof
charged by the Air Mauritius Ltd., and, if so, the remedial
measures that have been or will be taken?**

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