

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 01 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/734 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 Mr D. R., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to (a) his present grade (b) his qualifications and terms and conditions of employment and (c) the different posts he occupied in the Corporation, since his appointment todate?

B/735 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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if an outdoor broadcasting vehicle of the Corporation met with an accident, on or about Saturday 24 May 2008 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/736 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 will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an officer of the Ministry of Housing and Lands has recently given a statement to the Line Barracks Police Station, concerning the issue of a letter of intent to the promoters of the Les Anges du Sud hotel construction project?

B/737 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 the importation of drug or drug trafficking, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of foreign nationals who have been convicted in Mauritius, over the last ten years, indicating the cases in which the accused has (i) served the prison sentence in Mauritius (ii) been repatriated to his country of origin and (b) state if he will consider re-introducing the death penalty in relation thereto?

B/738 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 stolen cars, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof which are reported to have been used in the commission of serious criminal offences, since January 2008 to date?

B/739 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, in reported cases of larceny with violence, the inquiries have revealed that *casque intégral* have been used in the commission thereof, and, if so, will he state if Government will consider the advisability of prohibiting the use and sale thereof?

B/740 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 if an alleged case of larceny has recently been reported to have taken place at the Anand Square Hanuman Mandir, Triolet, and if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating the value of the property /amount of money reported to have been stolen?

B/741 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 alleged cases of larceny committed in places of worship, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, since May 2007 to May 2008, indicating (a) if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof and (b) the measures he proposes to take to prevent such recurrence?

B/742 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 alleged cases of larceny committed at post offices, since 2006 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, indicating (a) if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof and (b) the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/743 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Gunness)**

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 project for the installation of CCTV cameras and radio systems across the island, he will state if any contract has been awarded and, if so (a) the places where same will be installed and (b) the cost thereof?

B/744 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Gunness)**

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 Departmental Orderly Room has been closed and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/745 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 three cases of hold up, which took place on or about 09 June 2008, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/746 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 alleged cases of serious offences committed by gangs, since January 2008 todate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, indicating if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/747 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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 alleged cases of larceny of car, in which minors are involved for alleged joyriding purposes, since July 2005 todate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof?

B/748 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 if, on 08 June 2008, an incident was reported to have allegedly taken place at the Queen Victoria Hospital, involving patients attending thereat to obtain methadone and armed individuals, and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating (a) the outcome thereof and (b) the measures that will be taken to prevent the recurrence of any such incident?

B/749 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 Mauritian nationals studying in Ireland are facing difficulties, and if so, will he state if measures have or will be taken to come to their assistance?

B/750 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 same was involved in a road accident, on or about 24 May 2008 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?

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/751 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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 Airport of Mauritius Ltd., information as to if one Mr M. M. S. A. K. is employed thereat since 2006 and, if so (a) in what capacity (b) his qualifications and (c) the salaries drawn by him?

B/752 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the new Bus Park at Camp Thorel, he will state if he will consider (a) the resurfacing of the access leading thereto and (b) the construction of drains in the vicinity thereof?

B/753 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the village of Bonne Veine, Quartier Militaire, he will state if he will consider (a) reinstating the damaged handrails along the Community Road and (b) covering the existing drains with concrete slabs?

B/754 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/755 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Land Administration Valuation and Management Information Systems Project (LAVIMS) of properties in the island, he will state if the tenders have been launched and if so, when the contracts are expected to be awarded?

B/756 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Steering Committee of the Land Administration Valuation and Management Information Systems (LAVIMS), he will state the names and status of (a) each of its members and (b) the members of the Programme Implementation Unit that supports the Committee?

B/757 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the 4,589 beneficiaries of the grant of Rs 5,000, following the recent floods, she will state (a) if they include residents of apartments, indicating, in each case, if they occupy the ground, first or second floor and (b) the names of the Social Security Officers involved in the exercise?

B/758 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether she will state if the old age pensioners have received a grant *in lieu* of blankets for the financial years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 and, if so, indicate the date on which payments were effected and, if not, why not?

B/759 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the intake of students at the University of Mauritius and the University of Technology for the academic year 2008-2009, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if the number thereof will be doubled, and if so, the measures that have been or are being taken to cater for the increased number of students?

B/760 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the computers in the primary schools, he will state the average number thereof as at 31 May 2008?

B/761 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Naidu)

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

Whether, in regard to the Ebène Business Park, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to if consideration will be given for the review of the bus services provided thereat, in view of the irregular working hours of the people working thereat?

B/762 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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

Whether, in regard to the electric bicycles, he will state if Government proposes to amend the law, with a view to bringing it at par with motor cycles, inasmuch as the legal age for driving and the wearing of helmets are concerned and, if not, why not?

B/763 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if he has received copy of a letter addressed to the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin Rose Hill by the Association Marchands de la Foire Da Patten Rose Hill in regard to the arrears for the rental of stalls in the foire Da Patten and if so, the measures he proposes to take, if any?

B/764 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 students of the State and Private Secondary Schools who were in Form V at the beginning of the year, he will state if any of them have been reverted to Form IV classes or have left school since and, if so, the number thereof, in each case?

B/765 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal **(Mr Bodha)**

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

Whether, in regard to the projects for the construction of new hotels and for the renovation of existing ones, he will state (a) the number thereof, indicating their location (b) the amount of investment to be involved (c) the number of rooms involved and (d) the social component thereof?

- B/766 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 Competition Commission, he will state when it will be set up?**
- B/767 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/768 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/769 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 sand, coral and beach rocks are being removed from the beach in relation to works being carried out by the Naiade Hotel at Bel Ombre and, if so, will he state if (a) an Environment Impact Assessment Licence had been applied for and obtained in relation thereto and (b) he has received any complaints from the Association Professionnelle des Pêcheurs du Sud Ouest in relation thereto?**

B/770 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 region of Abbé de la Caille, Curepipe, he will state if any drain works are being carried out thereat, following the floods of 26 March 2008 and, if so, indicate (a) when works started (b) the cost of the infrastructural works and (c) the expected date of completion?

B/771 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 stops in the Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to the number thereof without shelters?

B/772 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the customers of the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the number thereof who are not connected to the waste water system and who are being charged for waste water services?

B/773 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he is aware of an incident which occurred on Saturday 04 June 2008 at the University of Mauritius, whereby the members of the 'Your Rights to Know Committee' were not allowed to hold a meeting on the premises thereof and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the University of Mauritius, information as to the reasons why they have not been allowed to do so?

B/774 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to if a student, who had made a request for a recount of her Urdu Paper taken for the November/December 2007 Higher School Certificate Examinations, was informed that her script was untraceable and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/775 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Casting of Slabs Scheme, he will state if he will consider reviewing the income criteria for eligibility for the grant for the casting of slabs, in view of the high rate of inflation?

B/776 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the number of people who have benefitted from the writing off of the arrears on electricity bills, since June 2007 to date?

B/777 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, in regard to the problems encountered by members of the public due to the lack of parking facilities at the offices of the National Transport Authority, situated at Cassis, he will state where matters stand?

B/778 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 Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether he will state if the Commissioner for the Protection of the Borrowers has been appointed and if so, the name of the incumbent?

B/779 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the La Gaulette State Secondary School, he will state if he will consider reviewing the decision taken to have it converted into a polytechnic, as announced in the budget speech 2008-2009?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

Parliament House
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A/5 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 will state if he is aware that an unoccupied plot of land situated at Route des Pamplemousses (opposite the Coeur Sacré de Jésus RCA School) is being used as a dumping site and, if so, indicate the measures he proposes to take to have it cleaned?

A/6 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the air conditioning system of the Dr Idrice Goumany Centre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if it is now operational and, if so, since when and, if not, why not?

A/7 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 will state if he is aware of the deplorable state of the badminton centre of the Dr Idrice Goumany Centre and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to the measures he proposes to take to improve its infrastructural conditions?

A/8 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 road works recently carried out at the Paul et Virginie and Pagoda Street, Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if provision was made for the construction of pavements thereat and, if not, why not?

R. R. Dowlutta

Clerk of the National Assembly

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