MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given Requiring an Oral Answer Sitting of Tuesday 01 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/75 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 recruitment of officers on a contractual basis at the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, since July 2005 todate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) their names and addresses (b) their qualifications (c) the post occupied and (d) their terms and conditions of employment?

B/76 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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 Créole language, he will state if he will consider amending the Constitution to declare it as official language?

B/77 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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 excision/detachment of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius by the British, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) how it happened (b) the reasons therefor and (c) if any Chagossian was involved in the discussions in relation thereto and (d) if any compensation was paid to the Chagossians and, if so (i) when (ii) the quantum thereof and (iii) the reasons therefor?

B/78 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 cases of alleged anonymous calls with threat reported by members of the public, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the procedure adopted to trace such calls?

B/79 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 live broadcasting of the proceedings of the House, he will state if he has now had discussions with Mr Speaker and, if so, where matters stand?

B/80 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 recruitments carried out in all grades at the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, since July 2007 todate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board (a) a list thereof, indicating in each case (i) the post held and (ii) the terms and conditions of employment and (b) information as to the procedure followed?

B/81 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 state if it is proposed to amend the Constitution to provide for the inclusion of Créole as a community, following his meeting with Father J. Gregoire and if so, when?

B/82 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, in regard to the proposed construction of a Police Station in the region of Lower Vallée des Prêtres, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a plot of land has been identified and, if so (a) its location and (b) where matters stand?

B/83 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, in regard to reported cases of alleged aggressions, assaults and murders committed on elderly persons for the last twelve months, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof?

B/84 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 prisons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the number of detainees who have evaded therefrom since August 2007 todate, if any, indicating the circumstances thereof, in each case?

B/85 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 Prisons, information as to whether, in February 2008, any violent incident, involving detainees, occurred at the Central Prisons of Beau Bassin and, if so, the remedial measures that are being envisaged, in addition to those already taken?

B/86 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 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/87 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 persons serving a prison sentence, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof who have benefited from the new legislation regarding remission of sentences, indicating the offences for which they had been convicted?

B/88 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 late J. S. and J. C. P. who were posted at the National Coast Guard and who died in a search and rescue operation in Rodrigues, on or about 13 May 2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) where matters stand in regard to the inquiry and (b) if any compensation had been paid to their respective families and, if so, the quantum thereof?

B/89 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 change of name of the Plaine Corail Airport into that of the Sir Gaëtan Duval Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the reasons why the name has been changed and (b) if prior consultations have been held with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly before the change of name was effected?

B/90 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 Chagos Archipelago, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if any dialogue at the highest level is scheduled in the near future with the United Kingdom?

B/91 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

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 or about 24 March 2008, a number of Police Stations in the western region was deprived of electricity supply, indicating if these stations are equipped with stand-by generators?

B/92 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Nancy**)

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 prisons in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to if his office has commissioned a report on the situation thereon and, if so, if the recommendations thereof are being implemented in relation to (a) gradation of detainees (b) the promotion of Prisons Officers and, if not, why not?

B/93 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (Mr Nancy)

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 prisons in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to if he will consider giving training to the Prisons Officers on human rights issues?

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/94 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the last Hajj pilgrimage, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to (a) the names of the members of the Hajj mission and (b) if consideration will be given for the tabling of the reports submitted by (i) the Hajj mission and (b) the Muassassah Office of Saudi Arabia?

B/95 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the Competition Act, he will state when will it be proclaimed?

B/96 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the sugar industry, he will state the amount of money the European Union (a) has disbursed for the financial year 2007-2008 as (i) grants and (ii) accompanying measures and (b) is expected to disburse for the financial years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 as (i) grants and (ii) accompanying measures respectively?

B/97 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to flour, he will state the amount of subsidies allocated on flour bought by the State Trading Corporation for each type of flour sold on the local market in the case of (a) Les Moulins de la Concorde and (b) flour imported from Turkey?

B/98 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the Community Health Centre at Bassin, Quatre Bornes, he will state if he is aware that the new location thereof is causing much inconvenience to the inhabitants of the locality who call there for treatment?

B/99 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Independence of Mauritius and the 16th anniversary of the accession of Mauritius to the status of Republic, he will state if funds have been allocated to the different Municipal Councils and, if so, indicate the sum allocated to each of them?

B/100 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 he is aware of the traffic congestion problem at the bus station at Ian Palach North in Curepipe, especially during market fairs held on Saturday mornings, and if so, will he state if he will consider liaising with the National Transport Authority to find a solution thereto?

B/101 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 public transport sector, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Remuneration Board, information as to (a) when the recommendations of the Board in connection therewith will be published and (b) if the recommendations will be given retrospective effect?

B/102 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Certificate of Primary Education examinations for the year 2007, he will table (a) the results thereof and (b) the pass rate recorded by each school?

B/103 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 Freight Rebate Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if (a) there has been over-refund of some Rs 1.9 million and (b) if refunds to exporters have been made on the basis of uncertified documents/airway bills and if so, if a Departmental Inquiry Committee has been set up thereon, indicating where matters stand?

B/104 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Medical Board and Domiciliary Visits, she will state (a) the amount spent in terms of fees and allowances in each case for the year 2006-2007 and (b) if an independent committee has been set up to look into the matters?

B/105 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to rice and flour, he will state the measures that have been or will be taken to ensure that there will be no shortage thereof on the local market in the near future, in view of the volatile situation of these commodities on the international market?

B/106 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to the Procurement Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the names of its members?

B/107 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 Pointe aux Piments public beach, he will state (a) if he has received a request from a promoter for the development of a waterfront thereat and, if so, indicate (i) the name of the promoter (ii) the date the request was submitted and (b) if the Beach Authority has submitted an application for the deproclamation of part thereof, indicating the date of the application?

B/108 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the rehabilitation works along the Ruisseau Terre Rouge, he will state (a) the reasons as to why the works have stopped (b) if he has received complaints from the inhabitants of Ste Croix in connection therewith (c) the amount of money paid to the contractor as at todate and (d) when works are likely to be completed?

B/109 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 Mr M. E., Adviser to his Ministry, he will state if his contract has been renewed and if not, the reasons therefor?

B/110 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 extradition of Mr T. A. from the United Kingdom in connection with the MCB/NPF misappropriation of fund case, he will state where matters stand?

B/111 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether, in regard to the needy students of secondary schools, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if they have been provided with all their textbooks and, if not, why not?

B/112 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he will state if Government is proposing to introduce an Anti Defection Bill in the National Assembly and if so (a) when and (b) the reasons therefor?

B/113 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether he will state the number of existing vacancies, per grade, in each hospital?

B/114 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Inter-College Games, he will state if they will be reinstated and if so, when?

B/115 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 *Permis A Points*, he will state when it will be implemented?

B/116 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Independence of Mauritius, he will give a detailed breakdown of expenses incurred by Government thereon?

B/117 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rucktooa)

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

Whether, in regard to the elderly persons, she will state (a) the number of complaints for abuse against the elderly persons received for the past year, and the actions taken, if any and (b) the composition of the Monitoring Committee set up for their protection?

B/118 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 Chantenay Road, also known as *La rue Serviette*, in Moka, he will state if it is proposed to have it upgraded and tarred and if so, when?

B/119 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the lease of State land and *Pas Géométriques* in the region of Balaclava, since 2005 todate, he will table a list of the beneficiaries thereof?

B/120 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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 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/121 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 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/122 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the rainfall registered since January 2008 todate, he will state (a) the total amount thereof (b) the present water levels in the reservoirs and (c) the measures taken to prevent the loss of water from the reservoirs?

B/123 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for drain works at Valetta, along Kallee lane leading to the *Pépé* restaurant, he will state where matters stand?

B/124 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of the Dr A. G. Jeetoo Hospital, he will state where matters stand?

B/125 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the plot of land situated at Epidorist Triène Street, Port Louis, which was earmarked for the construction of a medi-clinic, he will state if Government has already finalized the acquisition of the land and, if not, why not?

B/126 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the negotiations held in view of the Power Purchase Agreement between the Central Electricity Board and CT Power Ltd, he will state (a) the composition of the delegation of the Central Electricity Board (b) the names of any representative of his Ministry or of any other Government officials, if any (c) the composition of the delegation of the CT Power and (d) if any committee of high ranking Government officials will review the draft Power Purchase Agreement?

B/127 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Residential Property Tax, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to (a) the number of tax payers thereof (b) the number of tax payers who pay the National Residential Property Tax and the municipal tax (c) the number of tax payers who pay the National Residential Property Tax but who do not pay the municipal tax and (d) the total amount paid for the income year 2006-2007 by these two categories as National Residential Property Tax only?

B/128 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the companies which have been awarded contracts to provide security services to Government departments and parastatal bodies, he will give a list thereof, indicating the value of each of the contracts?

B/129 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the new South Eastern Highway Project, he will state where matters stand?

B/130 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Hawoldar**)

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

Whether, in regard to the unemployed women, he will (a) state the measures taken to encourage them to join the co-operative sector as entrepreneurs (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of Women Co-operative Societies set up since July 2005 todate, indicating (i) their respective fields of activities and (ii) the types of scheme that have been made available to them and (iii) the amount of money disbursed as at todate?

B/131 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Hawoldar**)

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

Whether, in regard to the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to where matters stand in respect of its financial situation since December 2007 todate?

B/132 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Guttee)

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

Whether, in regard to the industrial sector, he will state (a) the performance of the sector during the period 2005-2007 compared to the period 2000-2005 and (b) the measures that have been taken to sustain the sector?

B/133 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Guttee)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Standards Bureau, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bureau, information as to (a) the revenue generated since July 2007 todate and (b) the measures that are being taken to make the organization self-financing?

B/134 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 planters of Côte d'Or, he is aware of the loss they have incurred in respect of the poor quality of the potato seeds, and if so, will he state if any compensation will be paid to them, indicating when?

B/135 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 Land Information System Project, he will state (a) the date it was approved (b) the implementation schedule (c) if it has been reviewed and (d) the total cost for the implementation of the computerization of the land data base?

B/136 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Dr Mungur**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Tourism Development Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to (a) its policy objectives and (b) the total amount received from the promoters for the year 2006-2007?

B/137 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to imported goods, she will state the measures that are being taken by her Ministry to ensure that customers benefit from the fall in the prices thereof, following the appreciation of the Mauritian rupee *vis-à-vis* foreign currencies?

B/138 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 increase in business activity at Le Réduit and in order to improve public security thereat, he will consider having the bus stops in the region replaced by a single bus stand and, if not, why not?

B/139 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Speville)

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

Whether, in regard to the Air Mauritius flights, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of times, for the period 01 October 2007 to 31 January 2008 (a) the Air Mauritius flights from Mauritius to Rodrigues and from Rodrigues to Mauritius have been cancelled and (b) the ATR 72 planes serving Rodrigues and Mauritius have encountered difficulties in landing and taking off in Rodrigues?

B/140 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 project for the extension of the Trou aux Biches Hotel complex, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the number of rooms and other amenities and (b) where matters stand?

B/141 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Telecom, information as to if it is envisaging any joint venture with the French Mobile Phone Company, Orange?

B/142 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the use of ethanol as a component of mixed fuel, he will state where matters stand?

B/143 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a new market at Curepipe, he will state where matters stand?

B/144 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to identifying available State land in the Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will state if his Ministry is conducting a land survey exercise and, if so (a) table a list of the regions where such surveys are being carried out and (b) state if any land for agricultural purpose has been identified at Mon Bois, 16 Mile?

B/145 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 cases of alleged malpractices in the payment of social security benefits, she will state if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, where matters stand?

B/146 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the case of alleged corruption in the allocation of stalls by the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to where matters stand?

B/147 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the National Day Celebrations of 12 March 2008, he will state (a) the amount disbursed from public funds to (i) local authorities (ii) non-governmental organizations and (iii) parastatal bodies (b) the amount of contributions received from the private sector and (c) give a breakdown in each case?

B/148 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the registered bank fishers, he will state (a) the number thereof and (b) if they are eligible to any allowance from Government and, if not, why not?

B/149 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

To ask 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 the reduction in revenue to Government since July 2007 todate as a result of the reduction of the corporate tax from 22% to 15%?

B/150 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 that there has been illegal dumping of building materials on the public beach of Baie du Cap and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if the Police of Environment has received complaints from the inhabitants of the region, indicating where matters stand?

B/151 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr Leopold)

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

Whether, in regard to the organizers, invigilators, laboratory attendants and others whose services were retained for the conduct of the Cambridge School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate examinations 2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to whether all of them have been paid their fees, and if not (a) the reasons therefor and (b) the remedial measures that will be taken to prevent such recurrence?

B/152 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to one Mrs N. L. who was admitted at the Intensive Care Unit at the Dr A. G. Jeetoo Hospital, on 31 December 2001, and who subsequently passed away, he will state (a) the reasons for which she was admitted thereat (b) the treatment she received (c) the cause of her death and (d) if his Ministry has received any complaint from her relatives?

B/153 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 agreements signed between Government and the Union of Private Secondary Education Employees in 1983, he will state if his Ministry has decided to overide same?

B/154 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 National Schools, he will state if (a) the vacant seats at Form I level thereat have been filled and (b) he will give the names and the examination results of the students who have been admitted in the second admission exercise?

B/155 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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/156 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the purchase by the Bank of Mauritius of a car for use by the Governor, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to (a) the date of purchase (b) the type (c) the cost and (d) the amount for which it has been insured?

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