

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 11 December 2007

**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/1308 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Hawoldar)

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 renewal of driving licences requiring a medical fitness certification, he will consider the possibility of (a) increasing the age limit from 60 to 65 years and (b) requiring such renewal to be effected every two years instead of every year?

B/1309 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 introduction of private television, he will state where matters stand?

B/1310 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to whether it is the new policy of the MBC/TV to run programmes designed to promote private companies?

B/1311 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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 alleged cases of hold up since January 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, indicating in each case (a) the amount of money (i) stolen and (ii) recovered and (b) the number of cases disposed of?

B/1312 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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 assault in public buses, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/1313 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 Central Investigation Division of the Curepipe Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether there is a locker thereat where exhibits are kept and, if so, who is the custodian of these exhibits?

B/1314 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Commission Against Corruption, information as to the number of cases reported thereto since July 2007 to date?

B/1315 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 Police Officers who were posted at the Major Crime Investigation Team during the period September 2005 to October 2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number thereof and (b) if they have been transferred and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/1316 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 prisons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to (a) the number of prisoners in each prison as at todate, indicating the number thereof who are on remand (b) the number of Prison Officers attached to each prison and (c) where matters stand in relation to the new prison project at Melrose?

B/1317 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 Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of Police Officers in employment, indicating the number thereof attached to (a) the Very Important Person Security Unit (b) the Anti Drug

Smuggling Unit (c) the Central Investigation Division (d) the Special Supporting Unit (e) the *Groupement d'Intervention de la Police Mauricienne* (e) the Passport and Immigration Office and (f) the Traffic Branch Unit?

B/1318 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Police Complaints Bureau, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of officers posted thereat, indicating their respective grades (b) the budget allocated for its day to day running and (c) the number of complaints reported thereat since January 2006 to September 2007, indicating the number thereof which have been (i) referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions and (ii) prosecuted?

B/1319 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Children and Women Protection Units (CWPU) of the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if they are operational and, if so, indicate (a) the number thereof (b) their locations and (c) the number of officers posted to each unit?

B/1320 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 will state if Government will consider compensating one Mr C. E. of Pointe aux Sables who was shot by the Police in 1982 in a bungalow in Black River, as a result of mistaken identity and which led him to being physically handicapped?

B/1321 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Von Mally**)

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 Anse Raffin Dam in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if the inquiry conducted thereinto, to shed light on the alleged acts of malpractice that were reported to have taken place during the construction thereof, has now been completed and, if so, the outcome thereof, indicating the measures that he proposes to take to seek redress from those found responsible therefor?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands

B/1322 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 Supervisors, Assistant Supervisors, Organisers and Assistant Organisers appointed to conduct the Cambridge School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate Examinations, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to the criteria used for their selection?

B/1323 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 Question Papers for the Certificate of Primary Education Examinations 2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to whether errors have been noted therein and, if so (a) the number thereof and (b) the remedial measures that have been taken to ensure that the students be not penalized as a result thereof?

B/1324 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 widows of the ex-servicemen, she will state if they have been paid a pension, as

announced in the 2007-2008 budget speech and, if so, the number thereof?

B/1325 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 Tertiary Education Commission, information as to if the Commission has received an application for a permit to operate a Medical College in the region of St Pierre and, if so, if the permit has been granted and, if not, why not?

B/1326 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Guimbeau**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed establishment of an Employment Equity Commission to assure equity and transparency in recruitment, he will state where matters stand?

B/1327 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the post of Secretary of the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to if the post has been filled and, if so (a) when (b) if the post was advertised (c) the procedure followed for the recruitment

exercise and (d) the name of the incumbent, indicating his terms and conditions of employment?

B/1328 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mohamed)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the installation of flood lights on the football grounds in the Constituency of Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac, as announced in the last budget, he will state where matters stand?

B/1329 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mohamed)**

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

Whether, in regard to the projects for the construction of two hotels and the implementation of an Integrated Resort Scheme at Bel Air, St Félix, he will state where matters stand?

B/1330 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mohamed)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed allocation of several plots of land of 5 perches to people belonging to the low-income group in Souillac, as announced in the last budget, he will state where matters stand?

B/1331 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mohamed)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a Women's Centre and a garden in Rivière des Anguilles, he will state if he has effected a joint site visit with the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development, Family Welfare & Consumer Protection thereat and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1332 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Hawoldar**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the lease of a plot of land, situated next to the Ananda Resorts Ltd, to the St Félix Land Holding, he will state (a) the date on which the lease agreement was signed (b) the duration of the lease (c) the extent of land involved and (d) the amount of rent payable?

B/1333 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Hawoldar**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Committee set up by his Ministry to look into the compensation for molasses to be paid to planters, he will state if the Committee has submitted a report thereon?

B/1334 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Guttee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the upgrading of the football ground of Petit Raffray, he will state where matters stand?

B/1335 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Guttee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the setting up of a medi-clinic in the village of Goodlands, he will state where matters stand?

B/1336 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 in Solitude earmarked for the construction of an Omni sport complex, he will state if his Ministry has issued a letter of intent to Padkam and, if so (a) when and (b) table copy thereof?

B/1337 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Guimbeau**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the allocation of housing units in Mon Choisy and Trou aux Biches respectively, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd, information as to (a) the names and addresses of the beneficiaries (b) their respective ages and (c) their place of work, indicating the names of the respective employers, in each case?

B/1338 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 the project for the construction of a women centre at Notre Dame, she will state when construction works are likely to start?

B/1339 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will state if he has received representations from the inhabitants of Le Hochet and Terre Rouge complaining of sewerage problems being encountered in the region and, if so, the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/1340 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will state if there is any project for drain works to be carried out in the region of Le Hochet and Terre Rouge and, if so, when works are likely to start?

B/1341 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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 Discover Mauritius Ltd, information as to whether live concerts are scheduled to take place at *La Citadelle* during the coming months?

B/1342 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether, in regard to ration rice, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to whether there is presently a shortage thereof on the local market and, if so, the measures he proposes to take to ensure a regular supply thereof?

B/1343 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation:-

Whether, in regard to the vacant posts of Minister Counsellors and First Secretaries, he will state the number thereof, indicating (a) in each case, the date on which the vacancy arose and (b) if these posts will be filled and, if so, when?

B/1344 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 the fishing vessels registered with his Ministry, he will state if the operators thereof are required to inform the Customs Department and the Mauritius Ports Authority accordingly when leaving for fishing on the banks?

B/1345 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 Customs House Brokers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to (a) the number

thereof who have been issued with a licence to operate by the Authority and (b) if there has been any adverse reports against any of these brokers, indicating if inquiries have been carried out thereinto?

B/1346 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 Trust Fund for the Vulnerable Groups, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to the procedures adopted for the disbursement of funds for the projects submitted by the socio-cultural organizations?

B/1347 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Special Education Needs Unit, he will state the number of persons posted thereat since 2002 to June 2005 todate and since July 2005 todate, indicating their names and grades?

B/1348 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation:-

Whether, in regard to the interim agreement between the European Union and the African Caribbean Pacific countries in relation to the Cotonou Agreement, he will state (a) the conditions, if any, provided for in the

agreement regarding the sugar protocol, indicating the impact thereof on the exportation of our sugar to the European Union and (b) the countries which have (i) signed and (ii) not signed, the agreement?

B/1349 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the purchase price of electricity by the Central Electricity Board from existing Independent Power Producers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to if renegotiations of the contracts are ongoing?

B/1350 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a new market at Beau Bassin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin and Rose Hill, information as to where matters stand?

B/1351 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the occupiers of the Government quarters at Railway Camp, Le Quartier, Mahebourg, he will state if his Ministry had required them to vacate the

premises and, if so, if this decision has been reviewed since?

B/1352 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if he has received any request from the Société Jeunesse et Fraternité Musulmane de Mahebourg for the allocation of a plot of land in Beau Vallon, in the Constituency of Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, to be used for religious purposes?

B/1353 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mahebourg Hospital, he will state if he will consider changing the name thereof into that of the Sir Harold Walter Hospital?

B/1354 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the football ground in Beau Vallon, in the Constituency of Plaine Magnien and Mahebourg, he will state (a) if there is any project for the renovation thereof and (b) if he will consider changing the name thereof into that of the Lutchmeeparsad Badry Football Ground?

B/1355 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 admission of students in Form I for the 2008 intake, he will state the arrangements that have been made?

B/1356 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the overseas missions undertaken by the Director of the State Trading Corporation since January 2007 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the dates of each mission (b) the countries visited (c) the purpose and outcome of each visit and (d) the total amount of money paid in terms of airfares and *per diem* allowances?

B/1357 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the social welfare centres, she will state if the members of the public are provided with chairs and tarpaulin facilities on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays and, if not, why not?

B/1358 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mon Bois Fodder Station at 16ème Mille, he will state if Government is proposing to have it closed down and transformed into a prison or any other reform institution?

B/1359 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the onions, of the NUN 7272 variety, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Agricultural Marketing Board, information as to the price mechanism established by the Board for the purchase thereof?

B/1360 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to Bassin Blanc, he will state if his Ministry has compulsorily acquired land thereat for the setting up of a National Park and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1361 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 heavy fuel oil, he will state if any norms have been established for the importation thereof?

B/1362 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the preparation of the Multi Annual Adaptation Strategy for the sugar sector, he will state if the Mauritius Sugar Authority has provided the adequate information and, if not, indicate the actions he proposes to take to review the functioning of the Authority?

B/1363 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the seasonal and permanent workers employed by the sugar estates, he will state if (a) his Ministry has carried out a survey to assess the number thereof and (b) for the seasonal workers, if their conditions of work are being safeguarded, in each case?

B/1364 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Multi Annual Adaptation Strategy for the sugar sector, he will state if it is being reviewed and, if so, indicate if the review will include the improvement of the benefits accruing to the workers?

B/1365 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the project for infrastructural works to be carried out at the football grounds of Cité Loyseau and Cité Mangalkhan and the construction of a new football ground at Henrietta, he will state where matters stand?

B/1366 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the consumption of alcoholic drinks at the Municipal Councils, since October 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the

respective Councils, information as to (a) the activities in relation to which and the dates on which the alcoholic drinks were consumed, indicating the brand thereof and (b) the total amount of money spent thereon?

B/1367 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the STCM Ltd, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the terms and conditions of appointment of the Managing Director and of the Directors thereof?

B/1368 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, in regard to the sale of petroleum products by the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the amount of Value Added Tax levied thereon for each of the financial years 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007?

B/1369 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 application for the lease of a plot of land at Solitude to Padkam, he will state (a) when

was the application filed with his Ministry (b) the extent of land applied for (c) if the application has been approved and, if so, indicate (i) the extent of land leased (ii) the conditions of the lease (ii) if he will table copy of the lease and the letter of intent (iv) the project to be carried out thereat and (v) the implementation schedule?

B/1370 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 milk and milk products imported for the local market, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if any products derived from pigs are contained therein and, if so, indicate the brands thereof?

B/1371 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation:-

Whether, in regard to the exemption for visa requirements for Mauritian nationals, he will state if a bilateral agreement thereon has been concluded between the European Community and Mauritius and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1372 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to Enterprise Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to

(a) when was the last Board Meeting held, indicating by whom it was chaired (b) if the Chairperson presently in post is attending the Board meetings and if not, why not and (c) the number of overseas missions undertaken by the Chairperson thereof since his assumption of duties, indicating in each case (i) the countries visited and (ii) the expenditure incurred?

B/1373 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to Enterprise Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if Mr P. B. is still in post as Chief Executive, indicating the number of overseas missions he has undertaken since his assumption of duties, indicating in each case (a) the countries visited and (b) the expenditure incurred?

B/1374 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the post of Chief Executive Officer of the Financial Reporting Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to (a) the date the post was advertised (b) the number of applications received, indicating the qualifications of each applicant and (c) the name of the selected candidate, indicating (i) his qualifications (ii) the date of his appointment and (iii) his terms and conditions of employment?

B/1375 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Von Mally**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the use of renewable energies, such as wind energy, to produce electricity in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if he will consider giving priority thereto, in view of the continuous increase in the price of fossil fuel, and, if so, indicate (a) the locations where the wind farms will be set up and (b) the time frame set for the completion thereof?

B/1376 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Acting Executive Director of the Tertiary Education Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commission, information as to (a) if the incumbent is also employed as part-time Senior Lecturer at the University of Mauritius, indicating if this conflicts with his duties as Acting Executive Director of the Commission and (b) if his contract will be renewed for another term?

B/1377 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Acting Head Quality Assurance of the Tertiary Education Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commission, information as to (a) if he is also employed as part-time Lecturer at the University of Mauritius and private institutions (b) his experience and track record in research carried out in quality assurance in higher education and publications in peer-reviewed journals (c) if he is assuming this post, on a roster basis and (d) if the substantive post is being advertised and, if not, why not?

B/1378 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent recruitment exercise carried out at the Tertiary Education Commission to fill in the post of Secretary, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commission, information as to (a) the names and qualifications of the short listed candidates and (b) if the post has been filled and, if so, the name of the selected candidate?

B/1379 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the restructuring exercise being carried out at the Tertiary Education Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commission, information as to (a) the names, qualifications and experience of the individuals involved therein (b) if an appropriate resource mapping has been carried out *a priori* (c) how many cadres thereat are qualified in higher education or policy development and (d) the research work carried out and published by its staff?

B/1380 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the STCM Ltd, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the business activities in which the company has entered so far, indicating the names of the business partners thereof?

B/1381 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the importation of flour from China, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the names of the officers involved in the drafting of the contract, if any, after the negotiations had been finalized in China?

B/1382 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he will state if he will consider liaising with the relevant authorities to acquire a plot of land with a view to constructing a cremation ground in the region of Mount Ory, Moka?

B/1383 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to Circonstance, St Pierre, he will state if he will consider (a) providing a children's playground thereat and (b) embellishing the premises housing the sub-hall found thereat?

B/1384 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Mauritian athletes who have represented Mauritius at regional and international levels,

he will state the criteria laid down for the payment to them of cash prizes?

B/1385 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the athletes who had represented Mauritius at national and international levels in the past, he will state the number thereof who are actually disabled or physically unfit to work, indicating if any financial support is being provided to them?

B/1386 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to late J. A. E., he will state if any financial support is being paid to his family and, if so, the quantum thereof?

B/1387 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware of the acute problem of parking space on market days at Quartier Militaire and, if so, will he state if he will consider liaising with the relevant authorities to remedy the situation?

B/1388 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Allet**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rose Belle Sugar Estate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Estate, information as to (a) the name of its Board members, indicating their terms and conditions of employment and (b) the area of land owned by the Estate?

B/1389 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Allet**)

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

Whether, in regard to the State Land Development Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the name of its Board members, indicating their terms and conditions of employment and (b) the area of land owned by the Corporation?

B/1390 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 he will state if he has received any complaint from a member of the Mauritius Scuba Diving Association in relation to the undersea walk activities undertaken by Aquasea Co. Ltd at Pointe de Flacq and, if so, the actions he proposes to take?

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A/39 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 Sorèze region, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if consideration will be given to having it placed under the jurisdiction of the Black River District Council, in view of the fact that half of it falls under the Moka/Flacq District Council and, if so, when?

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