

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 22 May 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/402 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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 police brutality since January 2007, he will state the number thereof island wise and constituency wise?

B/403 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 Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the list of its different specialized units, indicating their respective functions and responsibilities and (b) if there is any coordinating body to monitor the activities of these units and, if not, why not?

B/404 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 offices of the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit at Quay D and in the Port, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of police officers posted and vehicles attached, thereat?

B/405 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 the television broadcasting channels, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to (a) the number of digital channels the MBC is operating and (b) if it is proposed to allocate one channel, either terrestrial or digital, to a private operator?

B/406 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 the electoral reform, Government is proposing to (a) launch a national debate on the recommendations of the SACHS Commission on Constitutional and Electoral Reform 2001-2002 or (b) commission a new study?

B/407 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 the proceedings before the Master's Court, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the total number of properties sold todate, since the enactment of the Borrower Protection Act 2007 on 24 January 2007?

B/408 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 he is aware that there is a widespread misuse of Subutex and, if so (a) whether Government proposes to amend the Dangerous Drugs Act to provide for tougher penalties in connection therewith and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (i) the quantity seized during the last twelve months, indicating the value thereof and (ii) the measures that have been or will be taken to combat its illegal sale in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues?

B/409 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 rescue operation effected by the National Coast Guard in Rodrigues, on 12 and 13 May 2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the circumstances in which seven NCG officers, posted in Port Mathurin, were sent out in search of three fishermen who went missing, indicating (a) the name of the officer in command and (b) if two of the seven officers have disappeared in the course thereof?

B/410 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 sea swells which occurred on 11 and 12 May 2007, in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Meteorological Services, information as to if special bulletins were issued in connection therewith and, if so, the details thereof?

B/411 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 cases of sale of immovable property, pursuant to a levy, which are being heard before the Master's Court, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Court, information as to the number thereof, indicating the number of cases in which the property mortgaged is the principal residence of the debtor and (b) if any measures will be taken to alleviate the parties whose cases are still pending before the Court?

B/412 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Master's Court, information as to the number of properties sold before the Master's Court since the passing in the National Assembly of the Borrower Protection Act 2007?

B/413 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 recent sea swells and the ensuing bad weather conditions, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Meteorological Services, information as to the measures that will be taken to implement a warning system (b) if Government proposes to (i) compensate the families who have suffered losses as a result thereof (ii) urgently undertake infrastructural works to relieve the inhabitants of the region of Rivière des Galets and (iii) consider relocating the families living on the coast at Rivière des Galets?

B/414 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Barbier)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Director of Investigation of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commission, information as to if he has resigned and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/415 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Barbier)**

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

Whether, in regard to Mr F. C.¹ working at the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the capacity in which he is employed, indicating his qualifications and terms and conditions of employment?

¹ stands for Faizal Caunhye

B/416 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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 high waves which hit the coast of Mauritius during the weekend of 12 May 2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information (a) from the Meteorological Services, as to the regions which have been affected, giving details of the warning issued in connection therewith (b) from the Commissioner of Police, as to the number of victims in connection therewith?

B/417 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 is aware that a News Editor of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, who also acts as editor of the day, has been using the telephone of the News Room to make personal international calls, from January to April 2007 and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the number of calls made, indicating the cost thereof and (b) if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/418 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 free lancers responsible for the preparation of the items “Events” and “Press Review” which are broadcast daily in the morning on television at the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the number thereof (b) the rates paid to them and (c) the monthly amount paid to one Mr V. G.²?

B/419 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 appointment of a Drug Tsar, he will now state where matters stand?

B/420 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

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 publications made by the statutory bodies, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the measures that will be implemented in order to reduce the cost thereof and (b) if publications of soft copies and distributed by email can be considered as an alternative?

² stands for Vishwadev Gobin

B/421 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 funding of political parties, he will consider the advisability of introducing an Electoral Administration Bill based on the Act in relation thereto which is in force in the United Kingdom?

B/422 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether, on or about 14 May 2007, one Mr C. C.³ was arrested at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport in connection with a drug case and, if so (a) the quantity of drugs seized, indicating its value (b) the capacity in which he was in Mauritius and (c) if his local contact/s, if any, has/have been traced by the Police?

B/423 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

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 a journalist of the Corporation has made phone calls amounting to more than Rs 100,000, over a period of one month and, if so, the reasons therefor?

³ stands for Christophe Caterino

B/424 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Barbier)**

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

Whether, in regard to cases of thefts reported by Mauritian teachers living in Rodrigues at La Ferme, Capri, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number thereof (b) the remedial actions taken, if any, and (c) if inquiries have been carried thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/425 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 the vessels of the National Coast Guard operating in our lagoons will be equipped with loud speakers to dissuade swimmers and windsurfers from venturing at sea, especially after the official announcement of sudden surging sea level?

B/426 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 officers posted at the National Coast Guard, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, indicating the number of officers who have undergone practical training at sea locally and abroad respectively?

**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/427 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Waste to Energy Project at La Chaumière, he will state if he has received any representations in connection therewith and, if so, will he give details thereof?

B/428 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Dr Ramloll)**

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

Whether he is aware that there is a high rate of absenteeism amongst students of School and Higher School Certificates, prior to the examinations and if so, will he state the measures that have been or will be taken to prevent same?

B/429 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Dr Ramloll)**

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

Whether he is aware of cases of truancy at secondary schools level and if so, will he state the measures that are being or will be taken to prevent same?

B/430 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to knee joints operations carried out on local athletes in Réunion Island from 2000 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the different sports federations, information as to (a) the number thereof (b) the expenditure incurred in each case, indicating by whom and (c) the follow-up of these patients on their return to Mauritius?

B/431 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to grants made to the Mauritius Football Association by the FIFA during the year 2006-2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Association, information as to how the amount received is utilized, indicating the proportion thereof used for the welfare of players?

B/432 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether, in regard to IRS projects, he will state the revenue generated to Government to date by the sale of the villas?

B/433 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sugar Authority, details of the operating expenses for each of the financial years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006?

B/434 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Hawoldar**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, he will state if he has received a letter dated 07 April 2006 from the Municipality of Vacoas Phoenix requesting that the football ground at the Hollyrood State Secondary School be vested into the Municipality for it to be maintained and put at the disposal of the inhabitants of the locality after school hours?

B/435 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Hawoldar**)

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

Whether, in regard to the projects carried out during the financial year 2005-2006, he will state the sum disbursed by his Ministry in the Constituencies No. 7, 9, 15 and 16 respectively?

B/436 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Directors of the Board of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to (a) their names and qualifications, indicating their respective date of appointment and (b) their remuneration and other benefits to which they are entitled, indicating if they are also entitled to any fee for attendance at Board Meetings?

B/437 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to whether it has refused to allocate the award of a contract to Lahmeyer International GmbH for consultancy services?

B/438 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, in regard to the *Service d'Aide Médicale d'Urgence (SAMU)*, he will (a) state its present staffing and logistics, indicating the number of ambulances attached to it and the regions covered and (b) consider the advisability of increasing the number of ambulances, in view of the number of requests for assistance?

B/439 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to electricity tariff, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to whether an increase thereof is being envisaged?

B/440 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 iron bars, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to whether the Corporation is proposing to import same for the local market?

B/441 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 scheme for the allocation of 300 arpents of land at Rose-Belle, he will state (a) the objectives of the scheme (b) the criteria laid down for the selection of the beneficiaries thereof, indicating in each case, if they are already (a) in employment or (b) owners of a plot of land?

B/442 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sugar Authority, information as to whether it has been entrusted with the monitoring and implementation of an irrigation project in 1995 under the Northern Plains Irrigation Project and if so (a) the area of the land covered by the project (b) the number of planters involved (c) the amount of money spent on the project from 1995 to date and (d) if the project has been completed and if not, the reasons therefor?

B/443 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the installation of a third Telecommunication Transmission Antenna in the same and small residential area in La Preneuse, he is aware of their high security and health risks to the inhabitants of the neighbourhood and of the Black River region?

B/444 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, he will state if Government is proposing to introduce the payment of a fee for the vehicles entering Port Louis, during peak hours?

B/445 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the squatters at Case Noyale and Cite La Ferme, Bambous, he will state if any project has been worked out for their relocation?

B/446 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 accompanying measures in regard to reforms in the sugar industry, he will state if any agreement has been signed between the Government and the European Union and, if so (a) provide the details thereof and (b) when disbursement will be effected?

B/447 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the problem of piracy, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Society of Authors, information as to if the Society has received complaints from importers, distributors and traders of Indian films in connection therewith and, if so, the details thereof?

B/448 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent crash of the Kenya Airways Boeing 737-800, he will state (a) when his Ministry was informed of the crash, indicating if he has been informed of the causes thereof and (b) if one Mrs M. S.⁴, a Mauritian national was on board, indicating (i) the steps taken to ascertain whether she has passed away and (ii) if there is any likelihood of identifying her body?

B/449 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 main road in Mahebourg, he is aware of the traffic congestion thereat and, if so, will he state the measures that will be taken to facilitate the movement of pedestrians and vehicles?

B/450 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Airports of Mauritius (Ltd), he will, for the period July 2005 to date, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the number of recruitment for (i) casual/manual workers (ii) workers in the grade of general assistant and (b) the number of Managers and Directors nominated?

⁴ stands for Meera Shah

B/451 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the upgrading of the National Housing Development Company complexes in Atlee, Forest Side, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, details of the scope of work as provided in the contract, indicating where matters stand?

B/452 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the taxi owners based in the village of Dubreuil, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Moka-Flacq District Council, information as to the reasons why the Council is charging “a trade fee for taxi/carrier A”?

B/453 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 embellishment project and drain works at Providence, Quartier Militaire, he will state when works are likely to be completed?

B/454 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 it is proposed to implement the drain project at Quartier Militaire to avoid over flooding at the Quartier Militaire College?

B/455 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 S. B.⁵ and E. M.⁶, he will state (a) the assistance provided to them, including financial and technical, for their participation at the World Championship at Osaka and (b) if any pressure has been exerted upon them by his Ministry for them to participate in the forthcoming Indian Ocean Games?

B/456 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Volleyball Federation, he will state the measures taken by his Ministry to ensure the smooth organization of the election of the new Volleyball Federation, as recommended by the International Volleyball Federation, indicating if he has met the caretaker committee and the Electoral Commissioner's Office in connection therewith?

⁵ stands for Stephane Buckland

⁶ stands for Eric Milazar

B/457 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to overseas missions undertaken by the Ministers, he will, for the period July 2005 to date, state (a) the number thereof (b) the composition in each case and (c) the total amount of money spent?

B/458 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 Industrial and Vocational Training Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if it is experiencing financial difficulties and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/459 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 University of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the number of academic staff employed thereat (b) the actual expenditure for their salaries (c) the annual expenditure for allowances for lectures delivered outside normal working hours?

B/460 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 Committee set up to review the National Residential Property Tax, he will state if (a) any recommendations have been made so far and (b) the tax will become effective in September 2007 as announced in the 2006-2007 budget?

B/461 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to cooking gas, he will state if an agreement has been reached between his Ministry and the retailers thereof for an increase in the profit margin?

B/462 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Grenade)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he is aware that the Mansfield United Club, winner of the Northern Regional Football Tournament, has not yet received its prizes and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Football Association, information as to the reasons therefor?

B/463 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Grenade)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the forthcoming Indian Ocean Games, he will state (a) the various disciplines in which

Mauritius is participating and (b) the amount of money allocated to each of those disciplines?

B/464 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will state if the national Feminine Volleyball team will proceed on a pre-training camp before the Indian Ocean Games and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/465 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Suicide Prevention Unit, she will state (a) the number of officers attached thereto and (b) its hours of operation?

B/466 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of a new block of twelve classrooms at the Mahatma Gandhi Secondary School Solferino and scheduled to be operational as from January 2008, he will state (a) where matters stand concerning the finalization of the tender documents and the floating of tenders (b) the expected dates on which (i) the evaluation of tenders and (ii) the award of tenders will take place and (c) when works are likely to start and to be completed?

B/467 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the provision in the Sugar Industry Efficiency Act allowing the conversion of one hectare of agricultural land without having to apply for a land conversion permit, he will state the number of planters who have availed themselves thereof, since its coming into force?

B/468 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether, in regard to gambling in Mauritius, he will state if any survey has been or will be carried out to assess its social impact?

B/469 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the opening of a casino in Port Mathurin, he will state if any permit has been issued in connection therewith and, if so, will he state (a) the name of the promoters, indicating if all the relevant clearances have been delivered and (b) he has received representations from the inhabitants and business operators in the vicinity of Port Mathurin in connection therewith?

B/470 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the scheme for the grant of school text books to students, she will state the number of students who (a) are eligible thereto and (b) have not received the text books, indicating the secondary institutions concerned?

B/471 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the exercise for the floating of tenders for the management of the shelter at Albion, she will state where matters stand?

B/472 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the free transport scheme, he is aware of the cases of some bus owners who have received payments from the National Transport Authority, although their buses were not in operation and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to (a) the number of cases, indicating the amount paid (b) the action initiated for the recovery of these amounts and (c) if Government proposes to review

the mode of payment to avoid such malpractices in future?

B/473 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to traffic congestion, he will state if is proposed to construct a third lane between the Phoenix roundabout and St Jean to improve traffic flow and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/474 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of an access road from Sainte Cécile Road to the main road, in Riche Terre, he will state if a survey has been carried out and, if so, where matters stand?

B/475 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the replacement of the Boulingrin cremation ground at Montagne Longue, he will state if a site has been identified and, if so, when will it be constructed?

B/476 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether the site identified for a sport complex at Le Cornu has been allocated for another project and, if so, will he state if an alternative site has been identified?

B/477 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to transport difficulties faced by the inhabitants of Grand River South East and the neighbouring villages, he will state if he has chaired any meeting/s in connection therewith and, if so, where matters stand?

B/478 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 State lands to individuals and registered bodies, he will introduce the practice of a *need to know basis* to keep the public informed of all transactions on those lands?

B/479 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 the increase in the price of several basic commodities, he will consider the advisability of bringing these commodities under price control?

B/480 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Guimbeau**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the lease of State lands, other than *pas géométriques* since January 2000 to date, he will table

a list of the beneficiaries, indicating the terms and conditions attached to the lease in each case?

B/481 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to pupils admitted in Standard I for each of the years from 1997 to 2000, he will state (a) the yearly intake (b) the number of primary schools which were operational and (c) the number of these schools which were closed down, if any, indicating the reasons therefor in each case?

B/482 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the technical team of the Central Electricity Board which has been sent to China in relation to the Coal Fired Power Plant Project, at Pointe aux Sables, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to (a) the duration of the mission and (b) if they will submit an assessment or a report of the impact of the project on the marine eco system?

B/483 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will, for the period July 2005 to date, state if International Sports Federations have had to intervene to resolve disputes within local Sport Federations?

B/484 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations fees, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to if all the refunds in connection therewith have now been made and, if not, why not?

R. R. Dowlutta
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Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service &
Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands**

A/11 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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 stations in the Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will table a list thereof, indicating the names and ranks of the police officers, in each departments, working thereat?

**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**

A/12 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 Public Service Vehicle Licences granted in the Constituency No. 3 (Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East), for the period June 2000 to June 2005, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, a list of the beneficiaries thereof, indicating their respective addresses and bases of operation?

R. R. Dowlutta
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