

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 27 March 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/1 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

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 the number of employees who were granted car loan facilities for the last five years and who have subsequently either left the Corporation or proceeded on leave without pay, indicating if (a) these loans have been settled and (b) any outstanding balance has been written off and, if so, the details thereof?

B/2 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

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 (a) its policy regarding private productions and their broadcast on its channels (b) if some of its equipment have been used in those private productions and (c) if employee/s on its establishment or under contract are equally working for the private production houses?

B/3 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Deerpalsing)**

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether one Mr A. H. was arrested in 2006 at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport for alleged smuggling or for any other offence and, if so, will he give details thereof?

B/4 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Deerpalsing)**

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

Whether, in regard to the death, in December 2004, of one Mr R.² of Rotin No. 1, Palma, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether any inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/5 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mr Dowarkasing)**

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 are foreigners who are staying in Mauritius without a residence permit and if so, will he state (a) the number thereof and (b) the actions taken by the Authorities so far?

B/6 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 law and order situation prevailing in the country, more especially in view of the recent crimes, assaults, thefts, hold-ups and rapes, he will state the urgent actions which will be initiated?

B/7 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 Mr François Ecoignard, Adviser in Information Matters attached to the Honourable Attorney-General, Minister of Justice and Human Rights, he will state (a) the reasons why his contract was terminated (b) if an inquiry has been carried out following representations made by a *Comité de Soutien* and, if so, the outcome thereof and (c) if consideration is being given for his re-appointment and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/8 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 disappearance at sea of the fishing vessels King Fish II and V, he will state (a) the number of persons onboard who have disappeared (b) the search operations initiated by Government and (c) the measures taken (i) in favour of the families of those who have disappeared and (ii) to review the communication system between the meteorological services and the Port Authorities during cyclonic period?

B/9 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 the broadcasting of news at the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation is not in keeping with the provisions of the MBC Act, that is, in a fair and balanced manner and, if so, will he state the remedial actions which he proposes to take?

B/10 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 Mr François Ecoignard, Adviser in Communication Matters to the Honourable *the* Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights, he will state why his contract has been terminated?

B/11 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 end-of-year party organized by the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation for its employees he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the total expenditure incurred (b) the restaurant where the party was held, indicating the names of its owner and of the caterer and (b) if the amount claimed has been settled and, if not, why not?

B/12 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of reported cases of assaults since August 2005 todate, indicating the number thereof which resulted in death and (b) the additional measures taken or being taken to reinforce security?

B/13 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 disappearance at sea of the fishing vessels King Fish II and V, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) where matters stand as regards to the search operations and (b) if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/14 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 children who have been victims of accidents in private swimming pools, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases, since July 2005 todate?

B/15 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 Anti-Piracy Unit and the *Brigade des Jeux*, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons for the recent changes at the Head thereof?

B/16 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 offences, including larceny, burglary, sexual assaults and rapes, committed against tourists since October 2006 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of (i) reported cases (ii) cases in which prosecution has been initiated and (b) the value of property alleged to have been stolen?

B/17 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether, in regard to the disappearance at sea of 17 bank fishermen during the passage of cyclone Gamede, he will state if Government is considering the advisability of setting up a Commission of Inquiry?

B/18 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases, since 2000 to date, in which members of the National Assembly of the Constituency No. 4 have encountered problems with their constituents?

B/19 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, in regard to one Mr D. R. who was killed during the night of 11 March 2007 on the premises of the Montagne Blanche Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/20 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, in regard to the new scheme of subsidies for the SC and HSC examinations fees, he will state if he has received a letter from the *Plateforme Nationale* and, if so, will he state if he proposes to bring any changes thereto?

B/21 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 Prisons, information as to if one Ms Z. B. has been recently visiting the prisons and, if so (a) in what capacity (b) the reasons therefor and (c) the frequency of her visits?

B/22 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 last recruitment of trainee Police Officers he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the newspapers in which the advertisement was published, indicating the dates in each case?

B/23 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if any incident was reported to have occurred at Cipaye Brulé, Vallée des Prêtres, on Sunday 11 February 2007, following which six inhabitants were arrested and subsequently released on bail and, if so, if an inquiry was carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/24 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if one Mr R., residing at Royal Road, Montagne Longue was (a) transferred from the Montagne Longue Police Station and (b) recently arrested and suspended from duty and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/25 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether one Mr C. Q. died while in Police custody in January 2007 and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/26 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to whether an Occupational Health and Safety Officer is presently in post and, if not, the reasons therefor?

B/27 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Bundhoo)**

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 incident which occurred on 11 March 2007 on the premises of the Montagne Blanche Police Station which led to the death of one Mr D. R., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof and (b) the measures that are being taken to prevent such incidents?

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/28 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to mass computer proficiency courses, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Productivity and Competitiveness Council, information as to whether the Council is no longer running these courses and, if so, since when and (b) state if these courses are still being offered to the public and, if so, by which organization?

B/29 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 Hajj pilgrimage 2006, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to (a) the composition of the Hajj mission which accompanied the pilgrims and (b) if he is aware that a number of pilgrims were not given access within the precincts of Mina?

B/30 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Deerpalsing)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the security services contracted by the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes for the underground pedestrian passage at Pellegrin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to where matters stand?

B/31 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Deerpalsing)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to State lands currently being leased by Government to the corporate sector, he will give a detailed list thereof, indicating in each case (a) the starting and expiry dates and (b) the amount of rent payable?

B/32 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mrs Martin)**

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

Whether he is aware of the deplorable state of the road along 16ème Mille Village Hall leading to Cité Anoska, rendering access thereto difficult for the inhabitants and visitors and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/33 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry will consider the advisability of initiating a national debate on the issue of the legalization of abortion and, if so, when?

B/34 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Airport of Mauritius Ltd., information as to the name of its Chief Executive Officer, indicating (a) the salary and other benefits to which he is entitled and (b) if a company car is placed at his disposal and, if so, the details thereof?

B/35 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the Director/Chief Executive Officer of the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the name of the incumbent (b) the salary and other benefits to which he is entitled and (c) the number of trips he has undertaken abroad, indicating (i) the purpose of these trips and (ii) the cost involved in terms of airfares and *per diem*?

B/36 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he is aware of the heavy oil spill that took place in the harbour at the beginning of March 2007 and, if so, will he give details thereof, indicating (a) the actions which were initiated and (b) if any evaluation on the ecological damage caused has been effected?

B/37 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will state if the Ministerial Committee set up to look into the Cultural Centres has submitted its report and, if so, will he state its main recommendations and, if not, why not?

B/38 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 he will state if Mauritius is party to the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention of the International Maritime Organization and, if not, why not?

B/39 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mrs Hanoomanjee)**

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

Whether, in regard to the service providers of beach chairs and mats on the beaches, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Beach Authority, information as to (a) the criteria laid down for their selection (b) the terms and conditions imposed on them and (c) the mechanism put in place to ensure that the conditions are adhered to?

B/40 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether he has received representations from students, teachers or any other quarters against the Ministry's recent policy of centralizing the teaching of certain subjects, including Asian languages and Arabic in State Secondary Colleges and, if so, will he state the remedial actions that have been initiated?

B/41 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the subsidies on SC and HSC examinations fees, she will state the criteria laid down by her Ministry to determine the eligibility of an applicant (a) where he is a self employed without any documentary evidence of his income being less than Rs 7,500 per month and (b) where he earns a basic salary of Rs 7,500 per month plus overtime allowance?

B/42 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Land Management System Project undertaken by his Ministry, he will state the cost thereof?

B/43 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Airport of Mauritius Ltd., information as to if, on Tuesday 27 February 2007, two Air Mauritius flights from London failed to land at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport due to bad climatic conditions and were re-routed to Réunion Island and Madagascar respectively?

B/44 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 infrastructural projects completed in the regions of Vallée des Prêtres, Carreau Lalo, Paul Toureau and Cité La Cure since 2005, he will table a list thereof?

B/45 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 state if Government has already elaborated a National Energy Policy and, if not, why not?

B/46 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the refund or payment of SC and HSC examinations fees by her Ministry, she will state the number of applications received and the amount of money disbursed to date?

B/47 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 he will state the time at which pupils of the Cap Malheureux Government Primary School were allowed to go home on 09 March 2007 on the occasion of the Flag Raising Ceremony, indicating if a circular letter was issued to parents informing them of the time the pupils would be released?

B/48 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Apravasi Ghat Trust Fund, information as to whether a function was scheduled for 26 November 2006 at Union Vale in Constituency No. 12, indicating if the function was cancelled and, if so, the cost incurred as a consequence thereof?

B/49 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 when Government proposes to bring amendments to the Law Practitioners Act to allow the formation of law corporations, in line with the measures announced in the 2006-2007 Budget?

B/50 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, following the decision of Government for the reorientation of the subsidies on the SC and HSC examinations fees, he will state if he has met the representatives of students councils and parent teachers associations to explain the reasons thereof and, if so, the number of such meetings, indicating the names of the councils and associations?

B/51 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal **(Mrs Labelle)**

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

Whether, in regard to the strategy for curriculum reform approved by Government, he will state if it is proposed to abolish the Certificate of Primary Education both as a certification and a selection tool and, if so (a) the time frame that has been set down and (b) the steps that have been or will be taken to attain this objective?

B/52 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mr Soodhun)**

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

Whether he is aware of the problem of flooding at Royal Road, l'Amitié and which has been aggravated since 2003 and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that have been or will be taken?

B/53 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mr Soodhun)**

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Cargo Handling Corporation, information as to whether the cranes used in the Port Area have been recently damaged as a result of the bad weather conditions and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that have been taken?

B/54 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 state Government policy in regard to the importation of fresh vegetables following the shortage caused by the recent cyclone?

B/55 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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

Whether, in regard to iron bars, he will state if it is proposed to remove (a) customs duty on all iron bars imported from non-SADC countries and (b) that item from the list of controlled commodities and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/56 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will state if it is proposed to withdraw grants allocated to socio-cultural and religious organizations and, if so, when and the reasons therefor?

B/57 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the upgrading of the crematorium at Ripailles, St Pierre, he will state where matters stand?

B/58 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 each of the Mahatma Gandhi Schools at Solferino, Moka and Flacq, he will state (a) the number of available classrooms (b) which specialist rooms are available including playfields, Computer room, Design and Communications, Library, Gymnasium, Food and Nutrition, Fashion and Fabrics and (c) for January 2008 (i) the number of classrooms that will be required and (ii) if Lower VI classes would be accommodated thereat and, if not, the contingencies plans, if any, that will be resorted to?

B/59 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

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

Whether he is aware that most buses plying on their way to Moka, St Pierre, Nouvelle Découverte and Dagotièrè do not stop at the lay-bye at the Mahatma Gandhi Secondary School, Moka, to pick up students in the afternoon and, if so, will he state the remedial steps that have been or will be taken?

B/60 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he is aware of the deplorable state of the road leading from the main road to the Nouvelle Découverte Government School which is causing hardship to the students and, if so, will he urgently consider the advisability of requesting that upgrading works be carried out thereat, together with the provision for drains and pavements and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/61 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 Aleemiah College, Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary Schools Authority, information as to if a mediator was appointed to look into the problems prevailing thereat and, if so (a) the date he was appointed and (b) if he has submitted his report and, if so, will he consider the advisability of tabling a copy thereof, indicating which of the recommendations have been implemented so far?

B/62 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 she will state the number of inmates who passed away in the shelter of Albion from September 2006 to date, indicating whether an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/63 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the political situation prevailing in Zimbabwe, he will state Government's stand?

B/64 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the supply of iron bars on the local market, he will state (a) the actual stock available and (b) if there is any shortage in the supply of 6mm iron bars and if so, the mechanism which Government proposes to put in place to avoid any such shortage?

B/65 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to cement, he will state if Government proposes to grant any compensation to the importers thereof and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/66 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the refugees who are still in social and community centres, following the passage of the cyclone Gamede, she will state (a) the number thereof in each centre and (b) the mechanism that has been set up to allow these centres to resume their normal activities?

B/67 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and
Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

**Whether he is aware that the inhabitants in the region of
Camp de Masque Pavé are encountering severe
disruptions in the water supply and, if so, will he, for the
benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water
Authority, information as to the remedial measures that
will be taken?**

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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A/1 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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

Whether he is aware of the serious problems of flooding following heavy rainfall in the residential areas of Réduit and, if so, will he state what remedial measures will be taken?

A/2 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 each of the overseas missions undertaken by the Chairman of the Islamic Cultural Centre since July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Centre, information as to (a) the countries visited and the duration (b) the composition of the delegation (c) the expenditure incurred in terms of airfares, *per diem* allowances and other fees and (d) the purpose and outcome thereof?

A/3 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 last promotion exercise carried out in the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, the following information (a) the names, grades and length of service of the offices promoted and (b) their postings prior to and after the promotion exercise?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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