

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 06 November 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/1020 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether a case has recently been reported of a Mauritian national who has been awarded a professional certificate by a foreign tertiary institution for a course which he never attended, as per the requirements and if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/1021 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Gunness)**

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

Whether, in regard to the TIANLI Project, he (a) will state if he has now had a meeting with the cane planters of the Riche Terre and Terre Rouge Land Settlement and (b) is aware that, on or about 14 October 2007, their cane plantations have been bulldozed?

B/1022 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 inquiry in the case of assault on the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit on 24 August 2007, in the lunch room of the National Assembly, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

B/1023 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 English premiership he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to the reasons why the football matches are not being broadcasted live?

B/1024 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 proceedings of the House, he will use his good offices to impress upon the Board of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, the need to ensure the independent and impartial television broadcasting thereof?

B/1025 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, in regard to the case of the bodily search carried out by three Police Officers on the employees of a private company at Ebène on Monday 08 October 2007, 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, indicating (a) the actions initiated to situate the responsibilities and (b) the disciplinary actions taken, if any, against these officers?

B/1026 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 security of tourists, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a list of the high risk areas has been drawn, indicating whether the tourists have been advised not to venture thereat?

B/1027 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 Commissioner of Police, information as to whether one Mr A. A. was arrested for being in possession of suspicious notes and, if so, the details thereof?

B/1028 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 Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if any (a) recruitment exercise has been carried out since July 2007 todate and (b) promotion exercise has been carried out since March 2007 todate?

B/1029 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 patrol ship which recently sank in the Port area, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether a police inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/1030 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 consultations held at different levels concerning the bill to provide for the establishment, incorporation and management of the Assemblée de Dieu (île Maurice), he will state where matters stand?

B/1031 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 Assistant Superintendent of Police, Mr Kamachi, ex Director to the MCIT, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the circumstances in which he retired from service?

B/1032 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 diplomats posted in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof who have been victims of criminal offences since January 2007 to date and, if so, indicate if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof in each case?

B/1033 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, he will state the urgent actions that are envisaged to reinforce security for the public and for the tourists, in view of the number of cases of assaults and thefts since August 2007 to date?

B/1034 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 each of the scholarships offered to the employees of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation since July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the names and the grades of the employees who benefited therefrom, indicating the criteria used for their selection (b) the scholarships offered and (c) the amount of money spent in terms of air tickets and other allowances?

B/1035 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the closing down of the *La Bastille* Prison, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to (a) the reasons for its closure and (b) if adequate measures have been taken for the incarceration of prisoners who need a high security environment?

B/1036 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to whether violent incidents occurred in the compound of the Beau Bassin Prison and of the Grande Rivière Prison during the past six months, involving detainees, indicating (a) the number of times the Prisons Special Squad has intervened and (b) the outcome thereof, in each case?

B/1037 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 aggressions and/or assaults committed on Prison Officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of reported cases thereof since May 2007 to date and (b) the number of police inquiries completed since October 2006 to date?

B/1038 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 cases of aggressions and/or assaults on Police Officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of cases reported since January 2007 to date, if any, indicating where matters stand in each case?

B/1039 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 whether a case was reported of an alleged attack on a tourist by three ferocious dogs on the beach at *Pointe aux Cannoniers* and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/1040 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 larceny, larceny with violence and rape, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof in each case since January 2007 todate?

B/1041 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 bodily search effected on the employees of the Generation Contact Call Centre Company at the Ebène Cybercity, on or about 08 October 2007, by three police officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) if the search was effected following a complaint (b) who gave instructions for the search (c) where these officers were posted, indicating if they have been suspended and, if not, why not and (d) if an inquiry has been initiated and the outcome thereof?

B/1042 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 problems being faced by the pig breeders, he will state if he has had a meeting with the Pig Breeders Association in connection therewith and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1043 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he will state if he has had a meeting with the Parents Teachers' Association of the Chitrakoot Government School and, if not, why not?

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/1044 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the CT Power Project, he will state where matters stand?

B/1045 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the Coventa Project, he will state where matters stand?

B/1046 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, in regard to the free public transport scheme for students and the elderly, he will state if measures will be taken to combat abuse and inefficiency and, if so, when they will be implemented?

B/1047 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)
To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-
Whether, in regard to the National Residential Property Tax and the taxation of interest, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the amount collected in each case for the current exercise?

B/1048 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 withdrawal of the french textbook of Mr and Mrs Couronne from the prescribed lists, he will state (a) when was the decision taken (b) by whom and in favour of which textbook and (c) the reasons therefor?

B/1049 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation:-
Whether, in regard to the ongoing negotiation for the conclusion of an Economic Partnership Agreement by 31 December 2007, he will state where matters stand?

B/1050 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)
To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-
Whether, in regard to the elimination of the payment of pensions from the usual pay sites, he will state if an estimate in terms of savings from the National Recurrent Budget has been made and, if so, will he state the quantum of the savings?

B/1051 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Cuttaree)

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

Whether, in regard to the prevailing African swine epidemic, he will state (a) the origin of the infection (b) the steps taken so far to prevent its spread (c) the number of animals culled as at todate (d) the number of breeders who have suffered losses and (e) the compensation which is being proposed to the affected breeders?

B/1052 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the lease of *I'llot Gabriel* and *I'lle Plate*, he will state if the islands were subject to an assessment by the Government Valuer's Office before the signing of the lease and, if so, will he state the assessed value in each case?

B/1053 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the compulsory acquisition of land for the extension works of the State Secondary School at Triolet, he will, for each portion of land, state (a) the name of the former owners (b) the extent and (c) the composition of the Board of Assessment in relation thereto?

B/1054 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the compensation payable on compulsory acquisition of landed property by Government since September 2005 to date, he will state the number of portions of land acquired by Government, indicating in each case (a) the purpose of the acquisition (b) the names of the former owners (c) the location and the extent (d) the amount of compensation payable, as assessed by the Government Valuer and (e) the actual amount of compensation paid?

B/1055 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, in regard to the bus stops, he will consider the advisability of making provision for lay byes, with a view to alleviating traffic congestion thereat (a) wherever there is none and (b) in cases where no space is available to provide for such lay byes, to relocate the bus stops to other places?

B/1056 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the setting up of a Branch Campus of the Eastern University Sikkim in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tertiary Education Commission, information as to the number of courses which have been accredited so far for the academic year 2007/2008 and the number of students enrolled thereat?

B/1057 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-
Whether, in regard to the payment of compensation and to the allocation of land to the workers of the St Félix sugar factory, following its closure, he will state where matters stand?

B/1058 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-
Whether, in regard to the problem of pollution in the region of Petit Camp, he will state (a) the causes thereof and (b) the remedial measures that are being envisaged?

B/1059 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-
Whether, in regard to pulses and broad beans, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to whether the Corporation proposes to import these commodities and, if so, what pricing policy is being envisaged?

B/1060 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)
To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-
Whether, in regard to the payment of the National Residential Property Tax, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to (a) the number of tax payers who have paid such tax (b) the total amount which has been collected and (c) if in some cases, this tax has not been declared in the returns of the Mauritius Revenue Authority?

B/1061 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Soodhun**)

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

Whether, in regard to the taxation of interests on savings, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the amount collected for the current exercise?

B/1062 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the supply of drinking water, he will state if he is aware of the difficulties faced by the inhabitants of Ecroignard and Bel Air and, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to if remedial measures have been taken and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1063 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, following the road accident which occurred at Montagne Blanche on 06 October 2007, in the vicinity of the supermarket La Corniche and the CMT factory and, subsequent to the representations made by the Village Councillors, he will state the measures he proposes to take to reinforce the safety of the road users thereat?

B/1064 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 rehabilitation of the *Chemin La Mort* at the Morcellement Hermitage, Coromandel, he will state where matters stand?

B/1065 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 Constituency No. 20, Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière, he will state the number of projects initiated and/or completed by the National Development Unit during the financial year 2006-2007?

B/1066 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

Whether, in regard to suspected cases of swine fever in different parts of the island, he will state the current situation and the measures, if any, taken to prevent the spread of the disease and to assist the pig breeders?

B/1067 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

Whether, in regard to HIV and AIDS, he will state the number of persons suffering therefrom as at todate, indicating those engaged in the syringe exchange programme?

B/1068 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to the irregularities noted in the French paper of the Cambridge School Certificate Examinations 2006, he will state if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate (a) the outcome thereof and (b) the recommendations made, if any?

B/1069 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 Procurement Act, he will state why it has not yet been proclaimed?

B/1070 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 reforms in the sugar sector, he will state whether funds have so far been disbursed by the European Union in connection therewith and, if so, indicate the amount and the use to which they have been put?

B/1071 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the scholarships awarded by the RAI Foundation, India, he will state (a) whether these were advertised and (b) who sat on the scholarship selection panel and (c) table a list of the selected candidates who have been awarded scholarships?

B/1072 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Economic and Trade Advisers posted in the Mauritius Embassies and High Commissions since July 2005 to date, he will state their names, indicating (a) the Embassy or High Commission to which they are posted (b) the terms and conditions of appointment, including salaries, allowances and other fringe benefits drawn and if they are being paid in foreign currency?

B/1073 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the alleged cases of fraud in relation to the payment of pensions, she will state (a) when these have been discovered (b) if these cases have been referred to the police for inquiry (c) if the officers suspected thereof have been suspended and (d) the remedial measures she proposes to take to avoid any such recurrence?

B/1074 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether he will state if he has taken cognizance of the report on indiscipline in schools published by the Mauritius Research Council and, if so, the actions he proposes to take to address the issue?

B/1075 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 pre-vocational classes, he will state if (a) he has been informed whether any private or public secondary schools presently running prevocational classes will no longer be doing so as from January 2008 and (b) the number of secondary schools which had no intake in January 2007?

B/1076 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the maintenance team of the Ministry of Fisheries, he will state if the workers thereof have been paid the agreed allowances for the period January to June 2006 and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/1077 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Grenade)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to CT Power Ltd (Mauritius), he will state if the EIA licence from the Department of Environment has been obtained, as required in the letter of intent?

B/1078 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the CT Power Project, he will state if the relevant clearances, as required by the letter of intent, have been obtained for the setting up of a jetty facility at Montagne Jacquot?

B/1079 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the CT Power Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the outcome of the missions held by the consultant *Électricité de France* to assess the cost reasonableness and the technological issues?

B/1080 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

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

Whether he will state if there is a project for the extension of the Pointe aux Sables Health Care Centre and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/1081 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a new town in Highlands, he will state where matters stand?

B/1082 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 traffic congestion in Port Louis, he will state the remedial measures that are being envisaged to alleviate same?

B/1083 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether he will state if Government proposes to subsidise cooking gas and flour and, if so, indicate (a) the amount earmarked for each and (b) when and why the decisions have been taken?

B/1084 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent case of alleged sexual aggression by a warden on a young resident of the Albion shelter, she will state (a) if her Ministry has initiated an internal inquiry and, if so, when and the outcome thereof and, if not, why not and (b) if a certificate of morality was submitted by this warden before taking up employment at the shelter?

B/1085 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the payment of compensation and to the allocation of land to the workers of the St Félix sugar factory, following its closure, he will state where matters stand?

B/1086 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to applications for public service licences to operate from the Tamassa Hotel, Bel Ombre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to the number received, indicating (a) those applicants whose present base of operation is at Bel Ombre, Baie du Cap, St Martin and Choisy and (b) if he will consider the advisability of allowing taxi drivers of Bel Ombre to apply to operate at the Tamassa Hotel with a view to enabling the inhabitants of the nearby villages to benefit from the tourism development in that locality?

B/1087 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent amendment to the law pertaining to succession, he will state the estimated amount of money expected to be collected with the application of this new measure?

B/1088 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the methadone substituting therapy, he will state if he will consider increasing the number of the centres offering the therapy to cater for the large number of drug addicts?

B/1089 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the increasing cost of living, especially the increase in the price of milk, he will consider the advisability of reintroducing the scheme for the supply of cheese and dried fruits to school children to supplement their diet?

B/1090 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the African swine fever, he will state when was it first detected, indicating the remedial measures taken by the veterinary services in connection therewith?

B/1091 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the squatters of Belle Mare, he will state where matters stand?

B/1092 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 he will state the number of vacancies that exist at his Ministry, indicating the different grades and if any action has been taken to fill in these posts?

B/1093 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 SME Partnership Fund Ltd, he will state the number of persons who have benefitted therefrom, indicating (a) the sectors involved and (b) the amount disbursed?

B/1094 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether he is aware that there is a shortage of milk powder on the local market and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

**Parliament House
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MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Not Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 06 November 2007

A/36 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 will state if he has received representations from the l'Avenir Village Council for the installation of humps along the l'Avenir road at St Pierre and, if so, where matters stand?

A/37 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 Napoléon bridge in l'Avenir, St Pierre, where there is a Kalimaye, he will state if he has received representations from the l'Avenir Shivam Mandir for (a) landscaping works (b) dredging of the river (c) construction of a retaining wall on the river banks and (d) installation of (i) pavements and (ii) lighting?

A/38 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he is aware if the classes for the pre-primary school children of l'Avenir, St Pierre, are run in one of the classrooms of the primary school thereat and, if so, will he consider the advisability of having a pre-primary complex constructed at the Mohunlall Mohit Government School?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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