

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 10 July 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/699 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/700 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 Fast Track Committee chaired by him, he will give a list of the projects submitted thereto as at todate, indicating (a) the details thereof and (b) where matters stand in each case?

B/701 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 scholarships awarded to civil servants by foreign Governments, he will state if he is required to give his approval thereto, and if so, indicate if in the case of the scholarships recently awarded to medical practitioners by the Government of India at the Banaras Hindu University, his approval was sought and obtained?

B/ 702 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 DNA tests, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a new equipment has recently been purchased and, if so (a) the cost thereof and (b) if the tests effected by this equipment have been produced in court?

B/703 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 Commissioner of Police, information as to if, on or about 11 June 2007, one Mr S. B.¹, residing at Trou d'Eau Douce, evaded from the Bel Air Police Station and, if so, the circumstances of the evasion, indicating where matters stand?

¹ stands for Sebastien Beehary

B/704 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 all the grades of civil servants who perform overtime duties at night, he will state if they are provided with transport facilities to return home?

B/705 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 reported cases of alleged police brutality against officers of the Central Investigation Division of Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof for each of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 to date, indicating where matters stand in each case?

B/706 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

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

Whether he is aware that one Mr N. C.² has been a victim of police brutality and, if so, will he, 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 not, why not?

² stands for Nitin Chinien

B/707 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 state Government policy in regard to the provision of police sentry to the Very Important Persons (VIPs), indicating the monthly expenditure incurred in relation thereto in each case?

B/708 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Von Mally**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if Rodriguan Police Officers are posted at the Police Band in mainland Mauritius and, if so (a) the number thereof, indicating the date of their posting thereat and (b) if consideration will be given to the setting up a Police Band in Rodrigues with a view to reuniting these Officers with their families?

B/709 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

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

Whether, in regard to Police Officers he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, since July 2005 to date, who have (a) retired (b) applied for an early retirement and (c) been recruited, indicating the number of female Police Officers?

B/710 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

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

Whether, in regard to reported cases of assault involving students at primary and secondary levels since July 2005 todate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof?

**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/711 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 thereto 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/712 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 public debt as at 31 May 2007, he will state the total level thereof for Government, indicating the level of foreign debt and the terms and conditions attached thereto?

B/713 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 programmes for unemployed women funded under the Empowerment Programme, he will state (a) the amount of funds disbursed to date and (b) the number of beneficiaries, indicating the field of activities concerned?

B/714 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden Trust, information as to if it is proposed to introduce an entrance fee for visitors, including Mauritian nationals?

B/715 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the last pre-Hajj pilgrimage in relation to the forthcoming Hajj pilgrimage, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to (a) if the ex-Chairman of the Centre, Mr H. S. H.³ participated in the discussions and (b) the outcome thereof, indicating (i) the number of visas obtained and (ii) the arrangements that are being made for the transportation of the pilgrims?

³ stands for Habeebullah Sayad Hossen

B/716 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanical Garden Trust, information as to if a new policy will be implemented, including access to the Garden?

B/717 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 Small and Medium Enterprises Partnership Fund, he will state the amount of money disbursed to the small and medium enterprises since the setting up of the Fund?

B/718 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Basic Invalidity Pension, she will state if there are cases in which the pension has been disallowed, following an application made by the carer of the beneficiary thereof for a carer's allowance and, if so, the number thereof?

B/719 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, in regard to medical practitioners, he will state the number thereof who have received training in the field of HIV/AIDS, indicating if any of them have been appointed as HIV/AIDS specialists and, if so, since when and, if not, why not?

B/720 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 project for the setting up of a community centre at Wooton, he will state if the works have been completed, indicating (a) its cost (b) if provision has been made for playgrounds and (c) when the building will be handed over to the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund?

B/721 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if upgrading works have recently been carried out along the new Quartier Militaire Road, Curepipe, commonly known as “La Rue Couvent”, and, if so (a) the nature of the works carried out and (b) the expenditure incurred?

B/722 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 project for the construction of a football pitch at Wooton, he will state (a) when the contract was awarded (b) the expected date of completion (c) the value of the contract and (d) the present status of the pitch?

B/723 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he is aware of the traffic congestion along the new Quartier Militaire Road, Curepipe, and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/724 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to leases of State land on *Pas Géométriques*, he will state the types thereof which will be subject to the National Residential Property Tax?

B/725 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to campement sites, he will give the acreage under each of the zones A, B, C, D and E?

B/726 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 Government proposes to introduce driving licences with a penalty point system with a view to curtailing road traffic offences and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/727 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to members of the staff of the Air Mauritius Ltd, both locally and overseas, earning a monthly salary of Rs 100,000 and above, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the company, a list thereof, indicating in each case (a) the post occupied (b) the monthly salary and other benefits drawn and (c) if the posts were advertised and the recruitment exercises were carried out according to the established procedures?

B/728 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to State land leased since July 2005 todate on *Pas Géométriques*, he will now give a list of the beneficiaries in regard to industrial leases, campement site leases and commercial leases?

B/729 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chairperson of the Board of the Mauritius Telecom, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to (a) the name of the incumbent (b) his terms and conditions of employment (c) his qualifications and (d) the number of overseas missions undertaken since his appointment todate, indicating (i) the countries visited (ii) the purposes and outcomes thereof and (iii) the expenditure incurred in terms of airfares and *per diem* allowances?

B/730 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 Land Settlement Scheme, he will state the remedial measures that have been taken in relation to (a) the absence of criteria for the number of plots to be leased to a tenant (b) the consistency for extent of agricultural land given on lease and (c) the occupation of agricultural land by tenants after the expiry of the lease?

B/731 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 land leased by the Land Use Division of his Ministry, he will state (a) the number of cases in which the lease has expired but is still being occupied (b) the amount of arrears due, if any, and (c) the number of cases in which the land is not being used for agricultural purposes?

B/732 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 lands leased for hydroponics by the Rose Belle Sugar Estate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Estate, a list of the beneficiaries thereof, indicating (a) in each case, the extent of land allocated and (b) the criteria used for the granting of the leases?

B/733 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to one Mr S. T.⁴ of Allée Brillant, Vacoas, who passed away after having undergone a minor surgery at the ENT Hospital, he will state if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/734 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether he is aware that some of the infrastructure of the Royal College, Port Louis, are in a bad condition and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken for the upgrading thereof?

B/735 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 Higher School Certificate, he will give a list of the State Secondary Schools which offer Chemistry, Physics and Biology as subjects combination at principal level?

⁴ stands for Sharif Taman

B/736 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to tertiary education, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tertiary Education Commission, information as to (a) the measures that will be (i) implemented in the future (ii) taken to align local distance education initiatives with international developments and (b) if it has commissioned any study with a view to revisiting the Commission's organizational chart and, if so, if a report has been submitted, indicating its main recommendations?

B/737 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to recruitment made by the Mauritius Ports Authority since July 2005 todate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to (a) the number of persons recruited (b) the procedure used for their recruitment and (c) the terms and conditions of service for skilled and manual workers?

B/738 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to recruitment made by the Cargo Handling Corporation since July 2005 todate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the number of persons recruited (b) the procedure used for their recruitment and (c) the terms and conditions of service for skilled and manual workers?

B/739 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rucktooa**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cambridge School Certificate Examinations as from the year 2008, he will state if students will be required to take a maximum of seven subjects and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/740 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Dr Babajee**)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of introducing climate change as a subject in the school curriculum?

B/741 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Dr Mungur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the 2010 Soccer World Cup Tournament to be held in South Africa, he will state if a national committee has been set up to look into the benefits that might accrue to Mauritius, being a member state of the SADC?

B/742 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, following the signature of the Strategic Partnership with France Telecom, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Telecom, information as to whether a meeting was held in 2001 between the management and the unions, in regard to the conditions of work of the employees?

B/743 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the legal adviser attached to the Mauritius Film Development Corporation, he will state (a) the name of the incumbent (b) the amount of fees paid to him and (c) the terms and conditions of his contract?

B/744 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the legal adviser attached to the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund, she will state (a) the name of the incumbent (b) the amount of fees paid to him and (c) the terms and conditions of his contract?

B/745 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

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

Whether, in regard to the recent rise in the price of mogas and fuel, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the reasons for the difference in the percentage price increase between the two products?

B/746 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to fertilizers, he will state if there has been a recent rise in the price thereof and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/747 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Aquatic Business Activities Bill, he will state if he held a meeting, on or about 02 July 2007, with the representatives of Kalipso and, if so, will he state the outcome thereof?

B/748 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 that there is a scrap metal yard operating at Solferino No. 5 Vacoas, near the Island Top Factory where scrap metals and used tyres are dumped, representing a health hazard to the population and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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A/16 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 advisers/press attachés, recruited by Government since April 2006 to date, either on a full time or part time basis, he will state their respective (a) names (b) qualifications (c) salaries, allowances and other benefits drawn and (d) conditions of service?

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/17 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 fixing of traffic lights at the junction of the Circonstance and Nouvelle Découverte roads, known as La Croisée Circonstance, he will state where matters stand?

A/18 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 installing of the pedestrian crossing near the Vishnu Mandiram at Circonstance, St Pierre, he will state where matters stand?

A/19 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 resurfacing of the road leading to the Circonstance Cemetery from La Laura village, he will state where matters stand?

A/20 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 construction of a crematorium in the region of La Laura-Malinga and Verdun, he will state if land has already been identified and, if so, will he state when works will start?

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