MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 9 November 2010

Questions addressed to Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications

1B/526

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

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the licences of retailer of liquor and alcoholic products for on and off premises, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the Police conducts regular checks in relation thereto with a view to ensuring that the conditions thereof are abided by?

1B/527

The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Ms Anquetil)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to road accidents, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, since the beginning of the year to date, indicating the (a) number of fatal cases thereof and (b) additional measures that will be taken, if any, to reduce the death toll resulting therefrom?

1B/528

The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Secruttun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to Cité Beau Vallon and Cité Tôle, in the region of Mahebourg, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an increase in the number of drug addicts thereat has been observed and if so, the measures that will be taken to (a) prevent the proliferation of drugs thereat and (b) ensure the security of the residents thereof?

1B/529 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the local region No.5, Port Mathurin, in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Electoral Supervisory Commission, information as to if consideration will be given for the setting up of a new polling station either at the Mont Lubin College or at the Mont Lubin (Auraucaria) Primary School and if so, the details thereof?

1B/530 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the surveillance of our Exclusive Economic Zone and territorial waters and of the search and rescue operations around Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the mechanisms put in place in Rodrigues therefor, if any, and if not, state the measures that will be taken in relation thereto?

1B/531 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether he is aware that some drug users who participate in the Needle Exchange Programme have been arrested by the ADSU officers and prosecuted for being in possession of needles and if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof and if inquiries have been carried out thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

1B/532 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the South African detainee, J. V., who passed away, on or about 12 August 2010, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to (a) when he started complaining of health problems and (b) the treatments which were administered to him?

1B/533 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the Commission for the Democratization of the Economy, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commission, , information as to the number of overseas missions undertaken by the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, since July 2005 to-date, indicating, in each case, the (a) countries visited and duration of stay (b) purpose of the visit, indicating the outcome (c) composition of the delegation, if any and (d) total amount of *per diem* allowances, including all other travelling benefits, allowances and fees?

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

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the investors, self-employed noncitizens and the retired non-citizens, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the number thereof, in each case, who have applied for a permanent residence valid for a period of ten years as from the expiry date of their occupation permit or residence permit, as the case may be, under the provisions of the Business Facilitation (Miscellaneous Provision) Act, since 1 October 2009?

1B/535 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Ms Ribot)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Human Rights Commission, information as to (a) when the 2009-2010 report will be tabled (b) the number of cases which have been heard over the period March 2009 to-date and (c) if complaint forms are still being delivered thereat?

The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the risk allowance, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if it is envisaged to extend the payment thereof to Police Officers working as Orderlies, in view of the fact that by nature of their duties, they are called to deal with and escort prisoners and if not, why not?

1B/537

The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the Commissioner for the Drug Assets Forfeiture, he will state the (a) name of the incumbent, indicating the (i) salary drawn and other terms and conditions of appointment and (ii) date of his appointment and (b) number of assets seized from drug dealers over the past five years, indicating the quantum thereof in each case?

1B/538

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 and External Communications:-

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if any complaint has been registered in relation to the speech made by the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the Vaish Welfare Association at D'Epinay and if so, if an inquiry has been carried thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

1B/539

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

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the promotion exercise of Police Officers in the grade of Sergeant to that of Inspector, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if it has now been completed and if not, why not?

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

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the Marine Protected Area in the Chagos Archipelago, he will state when the Mauritian Government last raised the issue with the Government of the United Kingdom, indicating the outcome thereof?

1B/541

The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Ms Ribot)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to sexual assault on minors, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of reported cases thereof, since July 2006 to-date and (b) actions taken to address same and the additional ones, if any, that are being envisaged?

1B/542

The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the prisons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the actions that have been taken to reinforce security thereat, since the last mutiny?

1B/543

The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Obeegadoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the proposal for constitutional reforms and/or for a "Second Republic", he will state if consideration will be given to (a) bringing changes in the electoral system (b) strengthening the provisions for the freedom of expression and association to include, *inter alia*, freedom of the press (c) the setting up of a Senate and (d) making provisions for (i) the safeguarding of democracy in local government (ii) the abolition of the mandatory declaration of communal belonging by candidates and (iii) a charter of social, economic and ecological rights, and if so, when, indicating the procedure therefor?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications

The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Seetaram)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether he will state if Government proposes to extend the decision to raise the retirement age to 65 to the private sector?

The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Seetaram)

To ask the Honourable Attorney General:-

Whether, in regard to the provisional charges in criminal cases of assault, he will state if Government will consider introducing mediation as a compulsory procedure between the opposing parties, with a view to reaching a consensus or agreement not to proceed further with the matter before the formal stage is reached, for a more efficient use of the time of the courts?

The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Seetaram)

To ask the Honourable Attorney General:-

Whether, in regard to provisional charges being struck out before the criminal courts, he will state if Government proposes to legislate to make provision for the reimbursement of all court fees disbursed by the accused party?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the licences of retailer of liquor and alcoholic products for on and off premises, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, in each case, information as to the (a) number thereof that have been issued on a yearly basis over the last five years and (b) average number of new applications received for the issue therefor per month?

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the main bus station at the Place Jules Koenig, Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to if (a) regular checks on site are carried out thereat by inspectors and (b) consideration will be given for a review of the layout thereof?

1B/549

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the Résidence St Jean, Quatre Bornes, he will state if consideration will be given for the carrying out of a complete study of the drain system found thereat?

1B/550

The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development:-

Whether, in regard to climate change, he will state the specific initiatives, in the short term and long term, that Government proposes to take to mitigate same?

1B/551

The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Secruttun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he is aware of the difficulties experienced by the residents of the Résidence Mon Rose at Balisson, Rose Belle, with regard to the supply of water and the poor state of the houses and if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to if remedial actions will be taken in relation thereto and if so, when?

1B/552 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to hydrotherapy treatment which is presently being offered in the Victoria Hospital, she will state if consideration will be given for the extension of same to other hospitals?

1B/553 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to public hospitals, she will consider the advisability of providing opportunities to the physiotherapy assistants, who are already practising thereat, to take up courses in the field of physiotherapy, with a view to upgrading and enhancing their status?

1B/554 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the bridge located at Errayah Road, near the Kalimaye, at Roselyne Cottage, St Pierre, also known as Pont B. D., he will consider the advisability for the widening thereof, with a view to alleviating the difficulties caused thereat by the increasing traffic in the region?

1B/555 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether he is aware of the traffic jam caused by the new road humps placed in the vicinity of the Panchoo Workshop and Nelson College, St Pierre, and if so, will he consider the advisability for the removal thereof and the installation of a pedestrian hump in front of the college?

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the religious pilgrimages held in Mauritius each year, he will state same, indicating, in each case, the (a) names of the religious group/s participating therein and (b) amount of grants and financial support in terms of infrastructure and other facilities given by Government, for each of the last five years?

1B/557

The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether, in regard to the last editions of the *Festival Kréol*, he will, in each case (a) give a breakdown of the cost incurred, indicating the amount paid to each service provider and (b) state the names of each contributory and sponsor, indicating the amount paid by them?

1B/558

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry and Commerce:-

Whether, in regard to the purchase of foreign currency by the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the (a) amount thereof purchased annually (b) procedure for the purchase thereof (c) names of the sellers and (d) measures taken to hedge against risks of currency fluctuations?

1B/559

The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

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

Whether, in regard to the present economic situation in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., information as to (a) the accrued debts and the number of debtors, sector-wise, under the Kalundé Rehabilitation Scheme as at to-date (b) the number of eligible beneficiaries of the DBM Support Programme and (c) if Government proposes to include the Kalundé Rehabilitation Scheme in the Support Programme and, if not, why not?

The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask the Honourable Attorney General:-

Whether, in regard to Rodrigues, he will state if Government proposes to set up the appropriate facilities for the timely delivery of legal advice and representations services thereat, with a view to providing access thereto to the Rodriguan Community and the promotion of good governance thereat, and if so, when and if not, why not?

1B/561

The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the preparation of the athletes for the Indian Ocean Games 2011, he will state the names of all the (a) *Directeurs Technique Nationaux* (b) national coaches, indicating the federation to which each one is attached and (c) facilities put at the disposal of the pre-selected athletes during their training sessions?

1B/562

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the Board of Trustees of the Islamic Cultural Centre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Centre, information as to (a) the names of the representatives from the (i) Rabita-Al Alam-Al-Islami (ii) Islamic Development Board and (iii) Islamic Sociocultural organization (b) if the approval of the Rabita Office in Mauritius has been sought and obtained for the appointment of the members of the Board and if so, table copy thereof and (c) if any member has been holding office for more than six years?

1B/563

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the New George V stadium, he will state if (a) the drain network thereat has recently been upgraded and if so, indicate (i) by whom and (ii) the cost thereof (b) the football ground has been recovered by new top soil and grass planted and if so indicate (i) by whom and (ii) the cost thereof and (c) he is aware of the severe persisting water accumulation thereat after rainfalls and if so, give the reasons therefor?

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

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the Training and Placement Scheme under the National Empowerment Fund, he will state the amount spent by the Fund therefor, giving a list of the enterprises that have benefitted therefrom and indicate the amount disbursed to each enterprise, since the setting up of the Fund?

1B/565

The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Blood Bank, she will state the price charged thereby per pint of blood to the patients who follow treatment in private medical institutions indicating the (a) mode of calculation, giving a breakdown thereof (b) date of introduction of the scheme and (c) underlying policy?

1B/566

The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to the putting in place of the legal and logistic requirements in relation to human tissue culture, she will state where matters stand?

1B/567

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in line with Government decision not to tolerate squatting and to apply the provisions of the law for the eviction of squatters and the demolition of all unauthorized structures on the sites occupied by them, he will state where matters stand in regard to the unauthorized religious structures erected on the State lands?

The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Fisheries and Rodrigues

Whether, in regard to large net fishing, he will state if any case of illegal fishing using same has been reported and if so, will he state where matters stand in relation to the use thereof?

1B/569

The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Fisheries and Rodrigues

Whether, in regard to the fishermen, he will state when safety equipment at sea was last delivered to them?

1B/570

The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Obeegadoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security:-

Whether, in regard to the need to ensuring that consumption of fruits and vegetables does not constitute a health threat to the public, he will state if sample surveys of local and imported products have been carried out to determine the level of pesticide deposits and if so, indicate (a) the results thereof and (b) if Government will consider (i) reinforcing measures to limit the use of pesticides in the local production of fruits and vegetables and (ii) introducing new measures to encourage the production and marketing of organic products?

1B/571

The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sale by Levy Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to the number of families who have benefited therefrom since June 2010 to-date, indicating in each case, the quantum thereof?

1B/572 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Duty Free Paradise, following the arrest of two officers and the resignation of the Chairperson thereof, he will state (a) if an audit of the stock has been carried out, indicating the outcome thereof (b) if the Mauritius Revenue Authority, the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Police have inquired thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof (c) the value of the goods seized, indicating the penalty due to the MRA and (d) if the policy of end of year gifts and sponsorships is being reviewed?

1B/573 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the public allegations made in India of alleged cases of money laundering in the organization of the Indian Premier League Cricket Tournament and of the last Commonwealth Games involving Indian companies registered in the offshore sector of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, information as to if it has initiated any action in relation thereto and if so, the outcome thereof?

1B/574 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Li Kwong Wing)

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

Whether, in regard to each of the Special Funds set up following the global economic crisis, he will state the (a) nature and purpose thereof (b) source thereof (c) amount deposited therein and disbursed therefrom, as at to-date (d) balance as at 31 October 2010 (e) amount of interest earned on unutilized balance as at 31 October 2010 and (f) amount transferred to the Budget in (i) 2008-09 (ii) period July-December 2009 and (iii) the current fiscal year, indicating how they have been impacted on the budget deficit?

The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Li Kwong Wing)

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

Whether, in regard to the years 2005 and 2010, he will state (a) the share of wages to Gross Domestic Product (b) the share of private consumption to Gross Domestic Product (c) the cumulative inflation rate and statutory wage compensation rate over the intervening period (d) if there has been increasing income inequality as a result of loss of purchasing power and (e) if Government will consider any form of income support or minimum wage legislation to remedy the situation?

1B/576

The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Radegonde)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the introduction of a new Copyright Bill, he will state where matters stand?

1B/577

The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Radegonde)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in the context of the presentation of the next budget, he will state if he has had meetings with the local artists with a view to assessing their needs and if so, when, indicating the outcome thereof and if not, why not?

1B/578

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether, in regard to the death of child J. M., of Cité Richelieu in September 2010, after having been sexually assaulted, she will state if she has taken cognizance of the inquiry carried out by the Ombudsperson for Children and if so, will she state the measures that have been taken in the light of the report?

The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, in regard to Mrs R. A., trade unionist at the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, who has been interdicted, he will state if Professor Torul has submitted his report, and if so (a) when (b) the outcome thereof and (c) where matters stand?

1B/580

The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, in regard to the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers, he will state if consideration will be given for the ratification thereof for the promotion of humane and lawful working and living conditions for foreigners working in Mauritius and if not, why not?

1B/581

The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether he is aware that there is an irregular supply of water at the NHDC Housing Estate at Camp Levieux and if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the measures that will be taken to provide regular water supply thereat?

1B/582

The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the sewerage project in Constituency No. 19, Stanley/Rose Hill, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to the (a) names of the roads where works have been completed, indicating when the said roads will be resurfaced and (b) measures taken, if any, to alleviate the air pollution problem resulting therefrom?

The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the projects for the rehabilitation of the NHDC Housing Estates, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to (a) the names of the estates being rehabilitated (b) the names of the contractor(s) (c) if the projects have been successfully completed (d) if the objectives thereof have been met (e) who supervised and certified the completed works and (f) the total amount of money disbursed as at to-date, in respect of each project, giving details thereof?

1B/584

The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the Ministerial Committee set up to look into the problems faced by the residents/syndics of the NHDC Housing Estates, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the number of meetings held, indicating the date and place of each meeting (b) number of persons who deponed before the committee, indicating their names and status and (c) if it has produced any report as at to-date?

1B/585

The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to water, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the reasons for the irregular supply thereof in many parts of the island, since May 2010 and (b) state if Government proposes to privatize the Authority?

1B/586

The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to lands being compulsorily acquired for the construction of roads, he will give a list thereof (a) where the negociations with the owners are still ongoing and (b) where objections to the compulsory acquisition have been filed and are pending?

1B/587 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to religious bodies having as object the advancement of religion, and existing autonomously without being affiliated to a federation, he will state if they are exempted from the payment of duty upon the acquisition of immoveable property, under the Registration Duty Act and if not, why not?

R. R. Dowlutta

Clerk of the National Assembly

Parliament House Port Louis

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1A/101 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to the (a) balance as at to-date (b) amount of funds contributed by state owned companies, parastatal bodies and other corporate bodies, indicating the contribution of each of them and (c) names of the beneficiaries, indicating the quantum thereof, in each case?

1A/102 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications:-

Whether he is aware that some road users and tourists encounter difficulties to locate Police Stations around the island and if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if consideration will be given for the putting up of conspicuous directional sign posts in the regions where these stations are located?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications

1A/103 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he is aware of the deplorable state of the Batterie L'Harmonie site, at Black River, and of the urgent need for the restoration thereof and if so, will he state the actions that will be taken in relation thereto?

1A/104

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the Military Road, Port Louis, in the vicinity of the Champ de Mars, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit, information as to if a survey has been carried out to gauge the impact of traffic congestion, in the early morning during horse training sessions and if so, the remedial measures that have been or will be taken in relation thereto?

1A/105

The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the annual grants given by the Municipal Council of Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council (a) a list of the socio-cultural, religious and sporting clubs/associations which have benefitted therefrom, since October 2005 to-date, indicating, in each case, the (i) names thereof (ii) the quantum thereof (iii) purpose therefor and (b) information as to (i) the criteria laid down for eligibility therefor and to determine the quantum thereof and (ii) how the beneficiaries were targeted?

1A/106

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the putting up of a football ground at Cremation Road, Tranquebar, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if the contract for the construction thereof has been awarded and if so, indicate the date the works are expected to (a) start and (b) be completed?

1A/107

The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Li Kwong Wing)

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

Whether, in regard to the post of Director of Real Estates and Consultancy Services, he will state if it has been restyled from that of Chief Government Valuer and if so the (a) reasons therefor (b) implications, if any, on the salary scale (c) terms and conditions on which non-Government consultancy works are carried out (d) fees obtained on a yearly basis since its creation and (e) number of assignments carried out, indicating (i) the nature thereof (ii) if other valuation officers are engaged thereinto and if there is any risk of conflict of interest?

1A/108

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the grants and allocations, in cash or in kind, given by the Municipal Council of Vacoas/Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to a list of the socio-cultural, religious and sporting clubs/associations which have benefitted therefrom since October 2005 to-date, indicating, in each case, the (a) names thereof (b) quantum or nature thereof and (c) purpose therefor?

1A/109

The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Dr Boolell**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism and Leisure:-

Whether, in regard to the Branding of Mauritius project, he will give the list and contents of the preselected slogans, indicating (a) the names of the bidders and (b) compostion of the evaluation committee?

1A/110

The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to Trust Fund for Excellence In Sports, he will give the list of the (a) athletes who benefit therefrom, indicating their respective discipline and (b) coaches who work therewith?

1A/111 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the building which used to house the co-operative consumer shop at La Tour Koenig, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to if the sale thereof is being envisaged and if so, the reasons therefor?

1A/112 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether she is aware that the female Hospital Care Assistants of the Dr AG Jeetoo Hospital have not been paid their overtime allowances for the periods (a) 3 November 2008 to 28 January 2009 (b) 9 November 2009 to 27 December 2009 (c) 28 December 2009 to 24 January 2010 and (d) 25 January 2010 to 05 September 2010 and if so, will she state the reasons therefor, indicating if remedial actions will be taken?

1A/113 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Obeegadoo)

The Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, in regard to the Remuneration Orders, he will state the sectors of employment which are not presently covered, indicating the number of employees who are not being guaranteed a minimum salary, as a consequence thereof (a) in absolute terms and (b) as a percentage of the working population?

1A/114 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the Ruisseau Terre Rouge project, he will state (a) when the contract was allocated (b) the initial contract value (c) if there have been delays in the execution of the works (d) the total amount of money paid to the contractor, indicating the excess of money paid, if any, and if so, the reasons therefor?

1A/115

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Ste Croix market, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to (a) if tenders were launched therefor and if so (i) when (ii) the names of the bidders, indicating the amount quoted (iii) the name of the successful bidder and (iv) the duration of the works and (b) the number of stalls to be constructed, indicating the mode of allocation thereof?

1A/116

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

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

Whether, in regard to the Corporate Social Responsibility Fund, he will table a list of the Non-Governmental Organisations which have benefitted therefrom, indicating (a) their names (b) the projects to be funded and (c) the amount disbursed as at to-date?

1A/117

The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the *Comité Club Maurice*, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the *Comité*, information as to the (a) role and composition of the Board thereof (b) amount of fund raised in terms of sponsorship for the (i) *Jeux de la Francophonie* 2009 held in Lebanon and for (ii) CJSOI Games 2010 and (c) amount of fund raised for the IOIG Games 2011, as at to-date?

1A/118

The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Li Kwong Wing)

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

Whether, in regard to the Construction Price Index, he will state the (a) trend of construction costs during the year 2010, indicating the contribution of the costs of steel bars, cement and labour thereto and (b) measures that are being taken to cushion the impact of the increasing costs of construction, especially on the first time home buyers?

1A/119 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Radegonde)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to music, he will state how the rights of the artists are being protected, in view of the accessibility thereof online?

1A/120 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Radegonde)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the legal advisers of the Black River District Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to the names of the incumbents, indicating, in each case (a) the date on which their services have been retained (b) their terms and conditions of appointment and (c) the total amount of retainer or any other fees which have been paid out to them, as at to-date?

1A/121 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Jean Lebrun Hall, at Les Salines, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if it is proposed to have it pulled down and replaced by a new one and if so, when and, if not, why not?

1A/122 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the report submitted by Mr Bijaye Appanna, appointed Salaries Commissioner by the Central Electricity Board in July 2009, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to (a) the date on which it was submitted (b) if the same can be tabled and (c) if the recommendations thereof regarding the staff employees, manual workers and pensioners have been implemented and if not, why not?

1A/123 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Ms Ribot)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the legal advisers of the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin/Rose Hill, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to the names of the incumbents, indicating, in each case (a) the date on which their services have been retained (b) their terms and conditions of appointment and (c) the total amount of retainer or any other fees which have been paid to them?

1A/124 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Ms Ribot)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the overseas missions undertaken by the Mayor and the Councillors of the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin/Rose Hill, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to the number threreof attended by the Mayor and Councillors separately, indicating the (a) countries visited and (b) total cost thereof in each case?

1A/125 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether he has taken cognizance of a petition addressed by the Kolectif Drwa Pou Enn Bon Lekol of Cité Barkly, Beau Bassin, in respect of the Barkly Government School and if so, will he state the actions taken, if any?

1A/126 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether, in regard to the Centre at Résidence Flamboyant, Richelieu, she will state the activities that are run thereat, indicating if all the machines and equipment are in good working order?

1A/127 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the football and volleyball playgrounds at Richelieu, he will state if measures will be taken to ensure that the inhabitants of Richelieu, especially the youth, can access these facilities at night?

1A/128 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Obeegadoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the resumption of studies in academic year 2011, he will state (a) if there will be any changes in the number of (i) public and (ii) private non-fee paying, secondary schools in operation and if so, state the reasons therefor (b) the number of seats available at Form I Level in (i) State National colleges (ii) State Regional schools and (iii) non fee-paying secondary schools and (c) the list of institutions offering prevocational classes?

1A/129 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes, information as to the (a) existence of an abandoned house in a derelict state belonging to the N., Family representing health and security hazards to the inhabitants and (b) remedial measures that will be taken, if any?

1A/130

The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to a bare land situated at Wilson Avenue, Quatre Bornes, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes, information as to if an application for the use thereof as a storage yard has been submitted thereto and if so (i) the date it was received and (ii) if it has been granted and (b) state if he is aware of the hazards that it would represent to the inhabitants thereof, indicating the remedial measures that will be taken, if any?

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Parliament House Port Louis

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