

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 30 March 2010

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

B/68 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to criminal cases committed since 2008 to date and being investigated into by the Major Crime Investigation Team, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof which have not yet been elucidated?

B/69 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to alleged cases of assault, disturbance, murder and larceny committed in the vicinity of discothèques and/or gaming/betting houses, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, district-wise, since 2008 to date?

B/70 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to cases of larceny with violence in public, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number thereof reported, since January 2009 to date, indicating the number thereof in which there have been arrests, if any and (b) the measures taken to avert the commission thereof?

B/71 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the examinations for promotion in the Police Force from the grade of Constable to Sergeant, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to when the results thereof will be proclaimed?

B/72 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the High Powered Committee set up to review matters concerning gaming houses, he will state if (a) the Committee has already completed its work and, if so, when and (b) Government has approved new guidelines and, if so, when same will be implemented?

B/73 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission on a Review of the Boundaries of the Constituencies 2009, he will now state when a motion in regard thereto will be introduced in the House?

B/74 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Tourism Authority, he will state if he has received representations concerning (a) recruitment thereat (b) its activities (c) expenditure and (d) allocation of contracts and, if so, if he has taken up the matter with the Minister, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/75 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the incidents which occurred at the Abercrombie Police Station at Ste Croix on 13 March 2010 whereby Police Officers were injured, 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 the outcome thereof?

B/76 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the incident which took place at the Shakers Club House in Vacoas, during the night of Saturday 20 to Sunday 21 March 2010, 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 the outcome thereof?

B/77 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to Mr D. R., an employee of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the amount of monthly overtime allowance paid to him since the appointment of the new Director General, indicating if he is entitled to a company car?

B/78 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the incident which occurred at the 3-days Gospel Festival of the Light Ministries International in Triolet on the occasion of the 42nd Independence Anniversary, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a Police inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, will he state if any suspect has been arrested, indicating (a) their names and (b) the charges lodged against them, if any?

B/79 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to detainee J. P. C. who died in Police cell in November 2009 at the Rivière des Anguilles Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the date of his arrest and length of detention (b) if at the time of death his body bore marks or injuries and (c) if any inquiry is being carried out to determine the cause of death?

B/80 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to cases of incidents reported to have occurred at the Ian Palach Bus Station, Curepipe, since January 2009 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, indicating the (a) nature of offences and (b) number of cases in which young people under the age of 18 were involved?

B/81 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to road blocks, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof which have been set up month-wise for the past twelve months, indicating the number of arrests of suspects involved in criminal offences as a result thereof?

B/82 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether he will state if Government proposes to introduce legislation for the setting up of an Independent Police Complaints Bureau?

B/83 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to sexual offences committed on minors, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, since January 2009 to date, indicating in each case (a) the nature thereof and (b) if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and, if so, the result thereof?

B/84 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

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 January 2009 to date and (b) if inquiries have been carried out thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

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

B/85 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he is aware of illegal fishing and spear fishing activities in Blue Bay Marine Park and, if so, will he state the action taken so far?

B/86 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will state if a special fund has been set up to cater for money received from the sale of blood to private clinics and, if so, indicate how the money collected will be used?

B/87 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to actingship and promotion to the post of Charge Nurse, he will state if there are different requirements for male and female nurses?

B/88 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the Global School-Based Student Health Survey, he will state the (a) outcome thereof and (b) recommendations, indicating the measures taken for their implementation?

B/89 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the Secondary School Health Programme, he will state the number of students who have been screened (a) in 2008 and (b) since January 2009 to date, indicating the number of tests effected?

B/90 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he is aware that the drain works at La Chapelle, l'Espérance, Quartier Militaire from the poultry farm to the residence of one Mr D., which dates back to 2002 overflows during rainfall and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/91 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the women employed on a sessional basis at the National Women's Council, since 1998 to dispense courses on (a) Basic Home Economics (b) Floral Arrangement (c) Weight Management (d) Healthy Eating (e) Motherhood and Child Care and (f) Agricultural Courses amongst others, she will state if it is proposed to employ them on a full time basis and, if so, when?

B/92 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to Kreol Morisien in schools, he will state the actions that have been initiated or are being contemplated by Government for the introduction thereof as an optional subject and medium of instruction, indicating the time frame for its implementation?

B/93 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the lease of State land, he will (a) state the number of persons who, since January 2006 to December 2009, have been granted a plot of land in the region of Mangalkhan, Floréal and (b) table a list of the beneficiaries thereof?

B/94 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to projects approved and financed under the Special Collaborative Programme for women and children in distress, she will table a list thereof, indicating if an evaluation and monitoring mechanism has been set up to assess the impact thereof on the direct beneficiaries and, if so, give details of such mechanism?

B/95 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rs 100m earmarked for the victims of Sale By Levy, he will state the amount thereof that has been disbursed as at to date?

B/96 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East
(Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Dr Hassen Sakir Street between its junction with the Diégo Garcia and the Paul et Virginie Streets, he will state if humps have been placed thereat and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/97 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to buses purchased by the National Transport Corporation, for the last five years, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the number thereof, indicating in each case, the costs thereof in terms of (a) repairs and (b) spare parts?

B/98 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 rise in sea level due to climate change, he will state the measures that have been taken or mechanism put in place by Government for the monitoring thereof?

B/99 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Basic Invalidity Pension to disabled persons having reached the age of 60, she will state the rationale behind the abolition thereof?

B/100 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sugar Cane Planters Trust, he will state if it has been dissolved and, if so (a) state the reasons therefor, indicating if that decision was taken through a general assembly and (b) table copy of the audited accounts of the Trust as at to date?

B/101 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tourism Authority, information as to if for the period 2008-2009, it has awarded contracts for landscaping of the highways and, if so, indicate in each case the (a) names of the companies to which the contracts have been awarded (b) contract value thereof and (c) past experience of the companies in the field of landscaping?

B/102 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if Restaurant Le Gout Du Large holds a lease on the *Pas Géométriques* at Grand' Baie and, if not, indicate (a) the name of the lessee of the land on which the restaurant stands (b) the type of lease and (c) if a request was made for a change of purpose of the lease and, if so, by whom?

B/103 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he will state if the distribution of school materials to children of eligible families in Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue has been completed and, if not, why not?

B/104 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to the replacement of water pipe from Camp Fouqueraux to Alma, he will state where matters stand, indicating the cost thereof?

B/105 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Guimbeau**)

The Honourable the Attorney-General:-

Whether, in regard to the legislation for the incorporation of the Assemblée de Dieu de Maurice, he will state where matters stand?

B/106 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to sports competition, he will state if his Ministry ensures that prior to participating therein, participants are made to undergo a fitness test?

B/107 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chinese traditional medicine, he will state if same is practised in Government hospitals and, if not, if Government will consider its introduction thereat and in the dispensaries?

B/108 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mrs Martin**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands -

Whether, in regard to the proposed demolition of the Ian Palach Bus Station in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to where matters stand?

B/109 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(**Mr Bodha**)

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

Whether he is aware that the *Brigade des Jeux* was not given access to the Information Technology Unit of the National Lottery for the last draws and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the reasons thereof, indicating the remedial measures that are being envisaged to address the issue?

B/110 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to construction of a football ground at Henrietta and lighting facilities at the football grounds at Cité Loyseau and Cité Mangalkhan, he will state where matters stand?

B/111 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to eye diseases necessitating surgical interventions and operable in Mauritius, he will state the (a) number of patients operated since January 2009 to date and (b) average waiting period for a patient necessitating surgery, indicating the number of patients awaiting to undergo operation?

B/112 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to patients suffering from cataract, he will state the number thereof above the age of 50, who have undergone operations at the Bharati Eye Hospital, Moka, since January 2009 to date?

B/113 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the Double Taxation Treaty signed between Mauritius and India, he will state if there has been a request for a review thereof by the Indian side and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/114 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the gap that exists between the interest rates paid on savings and deposits and those charged on loans by financial institutions, he will state the actions, if any, being taken to correct same?

B/115 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to foreign borrowings by Government, he will state the amount thereof, since January 2009 to date, indicating in each case, the (a) names of the institutions involved (b) conditions attached thereto and (c) projects being funded therefrom?

B/116 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives:-

Whether, in regard to the hedging losses encountered on petroleum products, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if the Corporation is still charging consumers therefor, through the Automatic Pricing Mechanism, and if so, indicate the (a) amount being charged and (b) total amount cashed as at to date?

B/117 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the occupiers of State land at Kenya, Camp Carol, in Constituency No. 12, he is aware of the difficulties they are encountering to obtain their title deeds in respect thereof and, if so, will he state if his Ministry has undertaken steps to enable them to take possession of their title deeds and, if so, where matters stand?

B/118 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the strip of land, currently used as an untarred road, linking the villages of Des Places and Carreau Esnouf, he will state if his Ministry has now received a request for the compulsory acquisition thereof and, if so, where matters stand?

B/119 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether he is aware that the embellishment works started by the Tourism Authority around the Mahebourg Village Hall have been stopped and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the reasons therefor?

B/120 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to complaints received from the inhabitants of Plaine Magnien, Mahebourg and Grand Bel Air, in relation to problems faced due to frequent water supply cuts, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/121 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport & Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the Khadafi Square at Plaine Verte, he will state if he is aware of the manner in which vehicles are parked thereat, thereby causing traffic congestion and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the provision of additional parking facilities?

B/122 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Plaine Verte Garden, from the swimming pool to the Paul & Virginie Street, he will state if he is aware of the presence of vehicles therein and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if consideration will be given for the (a) fencing thereof and (b) installation of (i) lighting points and (ii) benches thereat?

B/123 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Plaine Verte Garden, from the Paul & Virginie Street to the Diego Garcia Street, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as where matters stand in relation to the (a) installation of forty additional bollards and (b) upgrading of the pond?

B/124 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Allet**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands -

Whether, in regard to the construction of the market fair at Cité Barkly, he will, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin/Rose Hill, information as to if the contract has been awarded and, if so, to whom?

B/125 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Allet)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands -

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if the *collier mairal* which had disappeared from the office of the Lord Mayor has been found and, if not, will he state if the Council has set up a committee to inquire thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

***Parliament House
Port Louis***

26 March 2010