

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 20 June 2006

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/771 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if, on 19 May 2006, a meeting of the *Association Citoyens Résidences Kennedy* which was being held in the Municipal complex of Résidences Kennedy, Monseigneur Leen Street, Quatre Bornes was interrupted by Police Officers and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/772 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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 of the bad state of the building of the Police Station at Abercrombie and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/773 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Central Prisons of Beau Bassin, he will impress upon the Commissioner of Police, the need to post members of the Special Mobile Force on a permanent basis thereat, with a view to helping the Prisons Authorities to maintain discipline and order?

B/774 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill **(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to women prisoners, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the number thereof (a) on remand (b) serving sentences (c) on remand/serving sentences and having their children in their custody in the prisons and (d) with mental health problems?

B/775 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, in regard to the proposed closing down of the Police Garage, he will state where matters stand in regard to the redeployment of the employees working thereat?

B/776 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of minors who have been sexually assaulted during the last three years (b) the number and the percentage of cases where the perpetrator is (i) a member of the family of the victim (ii) a close relative of the victim (iii) a non-relative but a person known to the family of the victim and (iv) a person not known to the family of the victim?

B/777 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 he will state if Government has made or proposes to make a cash donation to the Indonesian Government following the natural catastrophe that hit that country recently?

B/778 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Issack**)

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 consider the advisability of introducing capital punishment for persons convicted of serious offences, in particular, rape and sexual assault on children?

**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/779 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he will state if Government is proposing to grant a winter allowance to bank fishers for the months of June, July and August of this year and, if so, will he give the quantum thereof, indicating if any discussions were held with the fishers in this respect?

B/780 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he will state if the Vessel Monitoring System is fully operational, indicating the number of vessels and fishing boats which are equipped to be tracked by the system?

B/781 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he will state if any exercise has been carried out to assess the impact of fogging, in relation to the anti-Chikungunya campaign, on the fauna and flora?

B/782 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of setting up a National Institute of Fashion Technology with a view to (a) train Fashion Technologists (b) provide the textile industry with up-to-date information and (c) provide courses in fashion design, apparel marketing and merchandising, garment manufacturing technology, knitwear design technology and textile design and development?

B/783 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to the establishment of the SADC Free Trade Area, he will state if any study has been carried out on the implication for Mauritius of the tariff reduction and its impact on the local domestic industries and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/784 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Airports of Mauritius Ltd., information as to if the posts of Junior Accountant, Retail Operation Officer and Human Capital Management Officer which were advertised in 2003 have now been filled, indicating in each case (a) the number of applications received (b) the qualifications of the applicants and (c) the qualifications of the persons recruited?

B/785 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to if (a) any Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between that Company and Air Seychelles and, if so, the date and the names of the signatories and (b) the MOU has been renewed and, if so, the date and the names of the signatories?

B/786 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether it is proposed to set up a residential drop-in centre for children who are victims of abuse and, if so, when?

B/787 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Women's Council, information as to (a) the number of attendants recruited thereat since July 2005 todate and (b) if the posts were advertised?

B/788 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Women Entrepreneur Council, information as to (a) the number of attendants recruited thereat since July 2005 to date and (b) if the posts were advertised?

B/789 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether he is aware that the residents of Morcellement Nouvelle Industrie at Montagne Longue face recurrent overflowing caused by an improper drainage system and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/790 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether he will state Government policy in regard to *in-vitro* fertilization?

B/791 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether he will state if there is any tourism development project in the Constituency of Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien?

B/792 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware that the inhabitants of Chatgaon, Plaine Magnien, near the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport are facing difficulties in obtaining building permits for the construction and/or extension of their houses and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the relevant District Council, information as to the reasons therefor and the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/793 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mohamed)**

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 National Transport Corporation, information as to the reasons for the decision for the change in the bus fares for the routes Rose Belle-La Flora, Bois Chéri-Grand Bois in May 2005?

B/794 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mohamed)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state the number of applications received for the obtention of a commission to practise as a Land Surveyor, indicating the number of such applicants who have been requested to submit to his Ministry, in accordance with Section 5 of the Land Surveyors Act, a survey plan which contains roof lines of all permanent buildings?

B/795 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mohamed)**

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, for the last five years, information as to the number of applications for a Management Licence (a) received and (b) rejected, giving the reasons therefor in each case?

B/796 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Mohamed)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if the vacancy for the post of Chief Executive in the Local Government Service as advertised in February 2006 has been filled and, if so, will he give particulars of the selected candidate?

B/797 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mr Dowarkasing)**

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

Whether, in regard to the sum to be paid by the European Union in the form of accompanying measures following the 5% decrease in the guaranteed price of sugar this year, he will state (a) the amount in Mauritian rupees (b) the mechanism to be set up to manage and distribute this sum and (c) the percentage of this sum that will be allocated to small planters to alleviate their conditions?

B/798 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will state if the Customs and Excise Department is planning to organise examinations for Customs Agents to be qualified as Licensed Brokers and, if so, will he state who will conduct the examinations and when?

B/799 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will state if a committee has been set up to implement the recommendations of the Report of the Director of Audit and, if so, will he give its composition and the number of times it has met?

B/800 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will state if he was appointed Chairman of the Committee to address the problem of red-tapism and bottlenecks in the Civil Service and, if so, if any report has been published, indicating if it will be tabled?

B/801 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

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

Whether he will state if a consultant has been appointed to work out the modalities of the existing Free Transport Scheme and, if so, will he state the amount of consultancy fees paid out to the consultant?

B/802 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Development Works Corporation, he will state (a) the number of employees at managerial level, unskilled workers, employees working on a permanent basis and contractual workers, presently in post and (b) the modalities of the redeployment scheme, following the proposed closing down of the Corporation?

B/803 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 kerosene, he will state (a) if any survey was carried out to determine the number of households where kerosene was used for cooking before the previous 135% increase in its selling price and (b) the reasons for the last increase in the selling price?

B/804 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed change in the scheme for the payment of the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations fees, he will state the criteria that will be used to determine who is a “needy student” in order to benefit from the exemption of the payment of either half or full examinations fees?

B/805 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the new housing units built at Camp Levieux, Rose Hill, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to (a) if interviews have been carried out of the prospective buyers and selection made and, if so, since when (b) if deposits have been made by the prospective buyers and, if so, the number of housing units reserved and (c) when the new owners will take possession of their houses?

B/806 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo**)

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

Whether she will state if old age pensioners, destitute persons and the vulnerable groups will benefit from free blankets and pullovers during the winter season this year and, if not, why not?

B/807 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(**Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo**)

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

Whether he is aware of any incident which occurred at the Dr Jeetoo Hospital during the night of 05 June 2006 and, if so, will he state (a) the number of nursing officers, doctors and police officers who have allegedly been assaulted by a patient and (b) the measures that have been or will be taken to ensure better protection of the staff?

B/808 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rucktooa**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will consider the advisability of setting up a sub office in Grand' Baie to deal promptly with sewerage problems as and when they occur?

B/809 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(**Dr Mungur**)

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

Whether, in regard to tuberculosis, he will state (a) the number of cases recorded for each of the last three years and (b) if there is any plan to implement the Direct Observed Treatment Short-course Programme (DOTS) for the treatment of tuberculosis and, if not, why not?

B/810 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Guimbeau**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will consider the advisability of having flood lights installed at the new George V Stadium?

B/811 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Guimbeau**)

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

Whether, in regard to private clinics, he will state if regular visits are carried out by officers of his Ministry to ensure that they comply with all the conditions of the Private Health Institution Act, especially, the one regarding the qualification requirements of staff, including nursing officers?

B/812 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mardemootoo**)

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

Whether he will state the measures, if any, that will be taken to provide assistance to the “Cut Make and Trim” factories in the textile sector which are not be in a position to pay the salary compensation of Rs 135.00 to their workers?

B/813 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mardemootoo**)

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 Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of accidents caused by drivers with alcohol concentration exceeding the prescribed limit and resulting in loss of life for the period 2001 to 2004?

B/814 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, in regard to the proposed closing down of the Development Works Corporation, he will state the modalities for the redeployment of the staff?

B/815 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he is aware of the state of the Centre de Jeunesse at Cité Barkly, Beau Bassin and, if so, will he state the measures that will be taken?

B/816 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Community Centre at Cité La Chaux, Mahebourg, he will state when works are likely (a) to start and (b) to be completed?

B/817 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to the *Parcours de Santé* Project at Camp Thorel, he will state when the project was initiated and when will it be commissioned?

B/818 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to the supply of cement, he will state (a) the present stock (b) the date on which the last consignment was received (c) the expected date of the next consignment and (d) if there is the likelihood of any shortage and, if so, the measures, if any, that will be taken?

B/819 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal **(Mrs Labelle)**

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Human Resources Development Council, a detailed list of training sessions organized by the Council since July 2005?

B/820 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 she will state the number of families benefitting from food aid as at 30 April 2006?

B/821 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 she will state if identified street children are benefitting from any support and/or follow-up and, if so, will she give details thereof?

B/822 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

**Whether he will table the scope of works and the
specifications for all dredging works carried out in our
rivers since July 2005?**

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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Port Louis***

14 June 2006