

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 23 May 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/542 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 Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to whether (a) a cargo plane was recently leased by that Company from a South African Company (b) if this cargo plane is lying idle on the tarmac for some three weeks and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/543 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the appointment of Mr Dinesh Ramjuttun and Mr Gilbert Philippe as Advisers at the Prime Minister's Office, he will state (a) in which category of advisers they have been appointed (b) the terms and conditions of their contract (c) their monthly pay packet including basic salary and other allowances and (d) the duties assigned to them?

B/544 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether he has been made aware of the involvement of a Mauritian businessman in the “Clear Stream” affair in France and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House state if (a) he has directed our Embassy in Paris to obtain further information from the French Authorities and (b) the relevant financial authorities are inquiring thereinto?

B/545 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the cases of rapes and thefts which have been reported to have taken place during the past weeks, he will state the actions that have been initiated to reinforce public safety?

B/546 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, following the recent judgment rendered by the British High Court with regard to the Chagossian Community, he will state the measures that Government proposes to take?

B/547 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to whether all the football matches of the World Cup will be broadcast live on channels 1, 2 or 3 of the MBC/TV and not on the MBC Digital Channel 6?

B/548 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether it has been established that some fishing vessels are involved in drug trafficking and, if so, will he state the preventive measures that have been or will be taken in order to reinforce control in the fishing port area?

B/549 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether an inquiry has been carried out in the case of alleged rape and murder of Mrs R. R. of Sebastopol on or about Saturday 13 May 2006 and, if so, where matters stand?

B/550 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether one Mr K. B., alias Siven, of Bel Air was arrested on or about 10 May 2006 for possession of cannabis and, if so, the charges that have been retained against him?

B/551 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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 the amount spent as rent by Government on rental of office space for each of the last five financial years?

B/552 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, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will state the measures that Government proposes to take following the recent judgment of the High Court in London with regard to the Chagos Archipelagos issue?

B/553 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, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the threat of the H5N1 Avian-Flu he will state if he proposes to chair a national committee with a view to set up a national pandemic control plan and a communication strategy to raise public awareness on the threat of such a pandemic?

B/554 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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 the measures that are being taken to prevent drugs from entering Mauritius by ships and along the coast?

B/555 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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 detection of drugs in prisons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to (a) the frequency at which sniffer dogs are used and (b) the number of urine tests performed on detainees during the last twelve months and the outcome thereof?

B/556 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to whether an incident occurred at the female ward of the Central Prisons, Beau Bassin on Sunday 14 May 2006 and, if so, will he give the reasons therefor and the corrective measures if any, that have been taken?

B/557 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether he will state if the Honourable Second Member for the Constituency of Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière has been provided with the services of official bodyguards and, if so, will he give the reasons therefor?

B/558 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether he is aware that a gang involved in prostitution and drug related offences is presently operating at the NHDC complex at Bambous and in the vicinity of the Black River District Council causing disturbance of public peace and, if so, will he impress upon the Commissioner of Police the need for urgent remedial action?

B/559 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 tests for obtaining a driving licence, he will state (a) if he is aware that the premises currently used for driving tests at the Line Barracks, Port Louis are inadequate and, if so, will he say what remedial measures are envisaged and (b) whether he will impress upon the Commissioner of Police the need to regulate the practice of driving lessons in the centre of Port Louis at specified times so as not to hamper the traffic flow?

B/560 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 whether he has received representations to the effect that attempts of intimidation have been made by the relatives of a notorious drug trafficker and other drug dealers against the social workers of the Dr Idrice Goomany Centre who with the support of Maulana Haroon are conducting sensitization campaigns against substance abuse and HIV/AIDS and, if so, the measures that have been taken?

**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/561 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to the recruitment exercises effected since July 2005, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Airport of Mauritius Ltd., information as to (a) the number of persons recruited in each category, indicating their names and (b) whether these posts were advertised?

B/562 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will state the date on which the Ministerial Committee on the Cultural Centres last met, indicating when it proposes to submit its report?

B/563 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the January 2006 Hajj pilgrimage, he will (a) state if he has received complaints from the pilgrims against the Hajj organizers and, if so, whether he proposes to institute an inquiry thereinto and (b) obtain from the Hajj Committee, information as to the vaccination requirements imposed by the Saudi Authorities, indicating which local company performed the vaccinations?

B/564 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Trust Fund for the Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to (a) the number of Board Meetings held to date and (b) the number of applications for funds presented to the Board and approved, indicating when funds will be released in each case?

B/565 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the January 2006 Hajj pilgrimage, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to if, prior to their departure, the pilgrims were vaccinated thereat against payment in favour of the Biocom Ltd?

B/566 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he is aware that the inhabitants living near the Masjid Gulzar-E-Madina in Morcellement La Vallée at Cité La Cure are encountering sewerage problems and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take as a matter of priority?

B/567 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether he is aware that the drainage works at Père Pivault Street, Ste Croix are incomplete, thereby causing the proliferation of mosquitoes due to stagnant water and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/568 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether, in regard to the Long Mountain hospital, he will state if he is aware that there is a lack of medical practitioners, especially in the evening thereby causing inconveniences to the patients and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/569 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether, in regard to the Long Mountain hospital, he will state if he is aware of the number of patients attending thereto and the conditions in which medical practitioners are operating thereat and, if so, will he state the immediate remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/570 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he will state the number of colleges having student councils, indicating the established procedure for the selection of students to sit thereon?

B/571 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware that the five lanes in Camp Baille, Beau Vallon urgently need resurfacing and that the first lane is impracticable during heavy rainfalls and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/572 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware that the banks of La Chaux River in the region of Magasin Street, Ville Noire, Mahebourg, are polluted resulting in serious unhygienic conditions and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/573 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to projects earmarked since July 2005, he will state, constituency-wise (a) the amount of money already spent on projects which have been implemented

and (b) the amount of money to be spent on projects to be implemented during the current financial year?

B/574 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Export Processing Zone Labour Welfare Fund, he will state if an action plan for the period 2006-2010 is under preparation and, if so, where matters stand?

B/575 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to HIV/AIDS, he will state the number of persons who are HIV/AIDS positive in Mauritius?

B/576 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed closure of the St Félix Sugar Estate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the compensation to be offered to the employees?

B/577 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to the number of persons who have been recruited and/or promoted since August 2005, indicating if the posts were advertised?

B/578 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 contract for the supply of petroleum products for financial year 2006-2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, the following information (a) the FOB price of each of the petroleum products (b) the premium paid comprising freight, insurance, bunkering and port charges and the profit margin for (i) heavy fuel oil (ii) kerosene (iii) mogas and (iv) diesel (c) if the fuel oil will be transported by double hull tankers (d) if the white oil product will be carried by tankers accredited internationally to discharge their products on terminals of oil majors and (e) if the black and white oil products will be carried in separate tankers?

B/579 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

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

Whether he is aware that there is an increasing number of people attending the Michael Leal Community Health Centre at La Tour Koenig and, if so, will he consider the advisability of renovating same?

B/580 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if the squatters who broke into the NHDC houses at La Tour Koenig in June 2005 have now obtained a plot of land or a housing unit and, if not, why not?

B/581 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

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

Whether he will table a list of Rectors who have been promoted following the last promotion exercise?

B/582 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chikungunya disease in Rodrigues, he will state (a) the number of cases reported monthly since January 2006 to date (b) the medical treatment afforded to the patients and (c) if any case was reported of person/s who died while being treated for Chikungunya?

B/583 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to private and public swimming pools, he will state if Government proposes to introduce legislation with a view to provide for compulsory safety measures in accordance with international safety norms?

B/584 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, in regard to abandoned children, he will state (a) the number of reported cases since July 2005 to date and (b) if any study has been carried out thereinto?

B/585 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to fatal road accidents for the last two years, he will state the number of cases involving drivers with alcohol concentration exceeding the prescribed limit?

B/586 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to State lands which have been leased since July 2005 to date, he will table a list of applicants who have been granted a lease, indicating the date of application and the purpose for which each plot of land was leased?

B/587 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he is aware that people who apply for financial grant for the casting of slab are required to swear an affidavit and, if so, will he give the reasons therefor?

B/588 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 compensation 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/589 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if the application of Bel Air Sugar Estate for the lease of around 100 arpents of State land for the development of an IRS Project is still under consideration at his Ministry and, if so, when the lease agreement will be signed and, if not, why not?

B/590 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 Mauritius has benefited from the grant of the European Union allocated to SADC countries for the modernization of their Customs Department and, if so, will he state the amount and how this sum would be used and, if not, will he take up the matter with the party concerned?

B/591 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent annual tripartite meeting, he will state whether a final proposal for wage compensation has now been made to the Trade Unions and, if so, what has been their reaction?

B/592 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to the Dental Council, he will state (a) when was the last election held and (b) whether the composition of the Council has been gazetted?

B/593 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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

Whether he will give a list of companies engaged in the export of primates for use in laboratories?

B/594 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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

Whether he will state if Government is planning to build a second airport in Mauritius?

B/595 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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

Whether he will state if any new project in the tourism sector is being proposed in the Constituency No. 7 Piton and Rivière du Rempart?

B/596 The Honourable Fourth Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sayed-Hossen)

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

Whether he has received representations from Mauritian managers and senior executives in hotels in Mauritius to the effect that they are being victimized in matters of promotion and remuneration in favour of expatriates and, if so, the measures he intends to take to ensure that the Mauritian nationals are treated equitably?

B/597 The Honourable Fourth Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sayed-Hossen)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mutteeputh Fowdur Government School at Camp de Masque Pavé, he will state if he is aware of (a) the derelict conditions of the toilets (b) the repeated water shortage problems and (c) the flooding of the classrooms caused by broken window frames during heavy rainfalls and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take, as a matter of priority?

B/598 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state if any incident occurred during the orientation fair which was held during the second week of May 2006 at the Swami Vivekananda Conference Centre and, if so, will he state if an inquiry was carried out therein and the outcome thereof?

B/599 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if the plot of land situated between the Colline Monneron State Secondary School and the Reservoir has been earmarked for any particular project and, if so, will he give details thereof?

B/600 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry is considering offering permanent employment to the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) teachers who are presently working as such in the primary schools of Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues?

B/601 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state the criteria laid down for the registration of educational institutions with the Special Education Needs Unit of his Ministry?

B/602 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Cuttaree)

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

Whether he will state the percentage of labour force belonging to a trade union giving details specifically for small and large enterprises?

B/603 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether, in regard to the post of Director of the Mauritius Oceanography Institute, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Institute, information as to whether a selection exercise was carried out and, if so (a) when (b) the outcome of the exercise (c) whether the present Director was appointed following this exercise and (d) his performance as Director?

B/604 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether he will state if most medical consultants from different units of all regional hospitals were on Saturday 06 May 2006 transferred to other regional hospitals with effect from 08 May 2006 and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/605 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mahatma Gandhi Institute (a) the number of council meetings that have been held since the appointment of the new Chairperson (b) a list of advisers recruited thereat since July 2005, indicating their qualifications and the allowances and other benefits to which they are entitled?

B/606 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund, information as to whether any pressure has been exerted on Board Members to have the case of stolen software reported to the Police withdrawn?

B/607 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether he will state the number of persons suffering from perforated peptic ulcers and who are also being treated for the Chikungunya disease?

B/608 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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

Whether he will state the number of HSC school leavers who have benefited from the loan scheme set up in the last budget to help students to have access to tertiary education?

B/609 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether, in regard to sexual abuse, he will state if it is proposed to introduce school based programme designed to teach children to recognize threatening situations and to provide them with skills to protect themselves against such abuse?

B/610 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the NHDC, information as to whether cameras have recently been installed in the NHDC office premises and, if so, the rationale and the reasons therefor?

B/611 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if his Ministry proposes to adopt a policy of regional placement for all staff posted at various Local Government Authorities so that these employees do not have to criss-cross the country in order to go to their place of work everyday?

B/612 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to private and public swimming pools, he will state if Government proposes to introduce legislation with a view to provide for compulsory safety measures?

B/613 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state the number of applicants for low cost housing units in the constituency of Curepipe and Midlands, indicating what measures will be taken to satisfy the demand?

B/614 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will state the amount which will be earmarked for debt servicing in the next budget?

B/615 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of retaining walls on both sides of the road at Mont Ory, Moka, leading to the trunk road, he will state where matters stand?

B/616 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will state when qualified teachers and instructors working in State Secondary Schools will be appointed or absorbed as full fledged Education Officers as per the recommendations of the PRB Report 2003?

B/617 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if it is proposed to construct a multi-purpose complex at l'Espérance, Quartier Militaire and, if so, when?

B/618 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to electricity generation, he will (a) state the number of GWh of electricity generated by (i) the Central Electricity Board and (ii) Independent Power Providers during the year 2005 (b) give the peak demand reached in terms of MW and (c) the percentage of increase as compared to the year 2004?

B/619 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the Merchant Navy Club, he will state (a) if the Club receives any grant from Government and, if so, the purpose and the amount thereof (b) if the Club is still operational and (c) whether it is situated on State or private land?

B/620 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the salary compensation to be paid to workers, he will state how the threshold of Rs 2,700 as monthly salary has been reached for payment of full compensation at the rate of five percent?

B/621 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, a list of the licensees presently running the bars at each of the casinos where the Corporation is either the owner or a shareholder, indicating the dates as from which they were granted the right or the lease to operate?

B/622 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Power Plant Project at Pointe aux Sables, he will state (a) if the Board of Investment has already issued a letter of intent to a foreign company and, if so, the date on which the letter was issued (b) if any request for proposals or any form of tendering process took place prior to the issue of the letter of intent and (c) details of the project?

B/623 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to if notices to vacate have been served on the tenants who are late in settling their monthly payment?

B/624 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

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

Whether, in view of the heavy traffic along Nicholas Baudin Street between the Freeport and the Roches Bois Roundabout, he will consider (a) having the traffic lights at the pedestrian crossing near Tabagie Texas repaired and (b) provide for double yellow lines to be painted to prevent heavy goods lorries from parking thereat?

B/625 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Film Development Corporation, information as to whether on Monday 15 May 2006, the Chairman verbally prevented eight employees from attending duty requesting them to remove their personal effects and to come back on the next day to collect their pay and dismissal letter and, if so, the reasons therefor?

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