

## **MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **Questions of which notice has been given**

#### **Requiring an Oral Answer**

#### **Sitting of Tuesday 25 April 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/345 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 foreign nationals arrested in connection with drug related offences over the last five years, he will, (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police (i) the number thereof, nationality-wise (ii) the number of cases in which their local contacts have been arrested and (b) state if (i) deterrent measures were/are being adopted at ports of embarkation (ii) current measures at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport are adequate (iii) Mauritius is being used as a transit point for regional and international drug trafficking and (iv) the additional measures, if any, he proposes to take?**

B/346 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

**Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to, since July 2005 (a) the number of new recruits, indicating (i) the capacity in which they have been**

**employed and their remuneration (ii) their previous employment, and (b) the number of employees dismissed and the reasons for their dismissal?**

B/347 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, on or about 14 April 2006, the Police carried out a raid at the residence of singer J. B. of Rivière du Poste and, if so, the reasons therefor?**

B/348 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 Government proposes to hold celebrations to mark the one hundred's birth anniversary of Professor Basdeo Bissoondoyal and, if not, why not?**

B/349 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

*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 setting up a hardship committee to look into the means of providing employment to the head of a household which has no revenue whatsoever and, if so, whether Government will create a fund to finance the project?**

B/350 The Honourable First Member for Stanley and Rose Hill  
(Mr Bérenger)

*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 issue of sovereignty of Mauritius over the Chagos Archipelago, he will state if the British Prime Minister Tony Blair has reverted back to him?**

B/351 The Honourable First Member for Stanley and Rose Hill  
(Mr Bérenger)

*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 he has discussed the issue of the location of the headquarters of the African Court of Justice and of the African Court on Human and People's Rights with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation since 21 March last?**

B/352 The Honourable First Member for Stanley and Rose Hill  
(Mr Bérenger)

*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 make a statement on the high profile criminal cases raised recently by the head of the MCIT in the public?**

B/353 The Honourable First Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Bérenger)

*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 matters pertaining to the Redco and State lands which were entrusted to the Rodrigues Regional Assembly are now being handled by the central Government and, if so, will he give the reasons for the review of this policy?**

B/354 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 if Government intends to introduce an early retirement plan in the civil service to create vacancies for the job seekers?**

B/355 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

*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 there is a proliferation of drugs and prostitution in the vicinity of Ti Vegas on St Jean Road at Quatre Bornes and, if so, will he use his good offices to impress upon the Commissioner of Police the need to take remedial measures to address these issues?**

B/356 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

**Whether he will state the names of the representatives of the Prime Minister's Office on the Board of the State Investment Corporation from September 2000 to April 2006, together with their respective dates of appointment?**

B/357 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Guttee)

*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 thefts have been committed on or about 04 April 2006 at (a) the Sharma Jugdambi State Secondary School and (b) the Doorgachand Hurry Government School and, if so, will he state where matters stand?**

B/358 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, the number of recruits who, during the last five years, have left the Special Mobile Force within their initial period of training?**

B/359 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

*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 reference made on the low degree of confidence of businessmen and investors in the economic situation of the country and the fact that public administration is the biggest deterrent to business in Mauritius made in the Annual Business Trend Survey rendered public by the Mauritius Employers Federation recently and, if so, will he state the measures, if any, that will be taken to address these issues ?**

**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/360 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Chairman of the State Investment Corporation, he will, (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom the terms and conditions of his service and (b) give a list of all boards where the Chairman is a member, indicating the emoluments and other benefits to which he is entitled?**

B/361 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Chairman of the State Investment Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom a list of all overseas missions undertaken by him, indicating in each case the reasons thereof and the amount of allowances paid?**

B/362 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

**Whether, in regard to stray dogs in the country, he will state (a) their approximate number (b) the health hazards they represent and (c) the measures that have been or will be taken for their effective control?**

B/363 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

**Whether there is any project for the construction of a volleyball pitch at Trois Boutiques in the Constituency of Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien and, if so, will he state where matters stand?**

B/364 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-*

**Whether he is aware of the bad state of the cremation ground at Mare Tabac and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?**

B/365 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

**Whether, following the decision to put up a Police compound in Vacoas on a plot of land commonly known as Defence land, he will state if the project for the relocation of small planters presently cultivating vegetables thereat and in the vicinity thereof to new plots in Côte d'Or has been implemented?**

B/366 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 the outbreak of the chikungunya disease has impacted on the number of tourist arrivals in the country and, if so, what measures have been taken so far?**

B/367 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

**Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Business Parks of Mauritius Ltd, in regard to the Infinity BPO Company operating thereat, information as to the action initiated to recover the amount due?**

B/368 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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, a breakdown**



**of expenditure it has incurred since July 2005, indicating the expenses, if any, incurred in connection with the Zee Cine Awards held in Mauritius?**

B/369 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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

**Whether he will state if he proposes to amend or introduce legislation to ban the practice of private tuitions?**

B/370 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

**Whether, in regard to the distribution of bins in the region of Bassin at Quatre Bornes, he will state (a) if the project was funded by his Ministry and, if so, the expenditure involved and (b) the criteria used for the allocation thereof?**

B/371 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

**Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a bus terminal at Hermitage, he will state (a) if there has been any delay in its implementation and (b) when the terminal would become operational?**

B/372 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 give the mortality rate on a monthly basis for the periods (a) December 2004 to March 2005 and (b) December 2005 to March 2006?**

B/373 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 if there is an outbreak of a new viral epidemic and, if so, will he give the number of people affected therefrom?**

B/374 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix  
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

*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 (a) any case has recently been reported to the Police in regard to the loss of software, indicating if two computers are presently in Police custody and (b) any allegations of hacking have been reported?**

B/375 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River  
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

**Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Rose Belle Sugar Estate, information as to whether a new supplier has been awarded a tender for the supply of herbicides and, if so, the name of the supplier?**

B/376 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 he has taken cognizance of a letter addressed to him during the third week of March 2006 by the *Société des professionnels en psychologie* and, if so, will he indicate what action has been taken thereon?**

B/377 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal  
(Mrs Labelle)

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

**Whether he will state the respective number of male and female nursing officers employed by the Ministry as at 31 March 2006?**

B/378 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal  
(Mrs Labelle)

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

**Whether he will state if any exercise has been effected from January to March 2006 for the promotion of nursing officers and charge nurses to the rank of charge nurses and ward managers respectively and, if so, will he give the number of female and male nursing officers and charge nurses thus promoted in each case?**

B/379 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 number of students who joined (a) the prevocational classes in 2003 and (b) the National Trade Certificate Foundation Course in 2006?**

B/380 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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

**Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Enterprise Mauritius Ltd, information as to the number of Small and Medium Enterprises which have benefited from its services since July 2005?**

B/381 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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

**Whether, in regard to the victims of fire and natural disasters, he will state the number, region-wise, who have applied to the Ministry for a plot of land?**

B/382 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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

**Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the NHDC Ltd., information as to (a) the number of housing units since July 2005 (i) completed and (ii) delivered and (b) the number of applications for a housing unit pending as at todate?**

B/383 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-*

**Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board the number of faults (a) recorded area-wise since July 2005 on the high and low tension networks respectively and (b) attended during normal working hours and after working hours on the low tension network?**

B/384 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

**Whether he will state if he has received any health complaints from officers carrying out the fogging exercise to combat the Chikungunya disease and, if so, will he state what remedial measures have been taken?**

B/385 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

**Whether, in regard to Government's proposal to review the price of pharmaceutical products, he will state where matters stand?**

B/386 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

**Whether he is aware of a recent case of low quality milk imported in bulk and packed under a higher quality brand and, if so, will he state the steps that have been or will be taken to prevent such practices?**

B/387 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

**Whether he will state the number of vacancies in all grades existing in each Ministry?**

B/388 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 he is aware if any Form III student of the Forest Side State Secondary School has been recently transferred to the Sodnac State Secondary School and, if so, will he state the circumstances which led to the transfer?**

B/389 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 he will state if all the vacancies in Lower VI in the State Secondary Schools have already been filled and, if not, why not?**

B/390 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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

**Whether he will state if he intends to advise the Financial Services Promotion Authority to set up an Academy to provide continued specialized training in the global business sector to keep pace with rapid development and stiff competition in that sector?**

B/391. The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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

**Whether he will state if he intends to bring reforms in the Employment Services Division of his Ministry with a view to providing better assistance to the unemployed?**

B/392 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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

**Whether he will state the progress achieved so far in relation to projects that will be implemented to reduce traffic congestion in Port Louis?**

B/393 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

**Whether, in regard to the tourism industry, he will state (a) the prevalence of corporate social responsibility programmes in the industry and (b) the total amount of funds invested by the industry in significant empowerment and development programmes?**

B/394 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

**Whether he will consider the advisability of seeking the help and advice of professional consultants for the preparation of bids to be submitted to the European Commission in the context of funds available under the Energy Facility?**

B/395 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-*

**Whether in regard to the building the 'Gateway' situated at the corner of St Jean Road and Surath Avenue, Quatre Bornes, he will state where matters stand?**

B/396 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

**Whether he will state if the Town and Country Planning Board has published guidelines on permissible development in each of the zones specified in the Outline Scheme approved for the local authorities and, if so, will he table a copy thereof?**

B/397 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

*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 whether it proposes to open an office in London and, if so, when, indicating whether procedures have been initiated for the recruitment of staff?**

B/398 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-*

**Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to whether retired officers of the Board have received any increase in their pension allowances following the recent salary increase and, if so, the quantum thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?**

B/399 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

*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 Casinos of Mauritius Ltd, information as to whether an**



expatriate has been recruited as its General Manager since 12 April 2006 and, if so, (a) whether the post was advertised (b) his academic qualifications and (c) the terms and conditions of his employment?

B/400 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-*

**Whether he will give the reasons why scavengers working in the various Municipal Councils and District Councils are not provided with protective gears such as boots, gloves and raincoats, particularly at a time when they are directly exposed to diseases such as the Chikungunya?**

B/401 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

**Whether he will give the number of people who have died during the last six months whilst being treated for the Chikungunya disease?**

B/402 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

**Whether he will give the number of inspectors within the National Inspectorate Division of his Ministry, indicating if this number is sufficient to carry out inspections in both private and secondary schools?**

B/403 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

**Whether he will state the policy of his Ministry in respect of the continuous training of teachers?**

B/404 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Bundhoo)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-*

**Whether, in regard to the loss of earnings recently uncovered at the Central Electricity Board, he will state the amount involved, indicating (a) what action has been initiated to recover that amount and (b) the preventive measures taken to avoid recurrence of same?**

B/405 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

**Whether, in regard to the recent visit of the members of the European Parliament, he will state (a) the issues which have been raised and discussed (b) whether the proportionality of allocating funds under the accompanying measures among the ACP Sugar Protocol countries has been discussed and (c) whether criteria have been proposed by the European Union for the allocation of funds and, if so, will he give details thereof?**

B/406 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

**Whether in the context of the Sugar Industry Reform, he will state (a) if any study has been carried out to**

determine the cost of the salaries and other fringe benefits of the *Etat Major* of the industry as a percentage in the cost of the production of one ton of sugar and (b) whether the Voluntary Retirement Scheme also includes the members of the *Etat Major* and, if so, the number who have opted for the scheme since its inception?

B/407 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, in view of the shortage of sites in the region of Côte d'Or, he will consider the advisability of placing the site of the Government School thereat, and which is no longer in use, at the disposal of persons working in the field of mechanic, panel beating, woodcraft and other similar jobs and, if not, why not?**

B/408 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

**Whether she will consider the advisability of introducing a basic invalidity pension for people suffering from HIV/AIDS?**

B/409 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

**Whether he will state if there is any agreement within the framework of the World Trade Organization or with other related international bodies for access to essential medicines for major health disasters like the Avian Flu, Pandemic Flu and HIV/AIDS?**

B/410 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-*

**Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether there exists a community water fluoridation programme for the promotion of oral health and, if so, will he give details thereof and, if not, will he state the policy that will be adopted in future?**

B/411 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

**Whether he will state if all the workers of the sugar estates found in Constituency No. 13 (Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac) who applied for retirement under the VRS Scheme have been allocated a plot of land as provided for in the scheme and, if not, why not?**

B/412 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 state what steps have been taken in order to allow access to more than one Freight Forwarding Operator at the SSR International Airport since the beginning of 2006?**

B/413 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 if any survey has been carried since July 2005 in order to assess the number of people in need of low cost housing units and who have applied for same**

**at the NHDC Ltd, indicating the measures being taken by his Ministry to address this issue?**

B/414 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-*

**Whether he will state the measures, if any, that are being taken by his Ministry to benefit from the organization of the World Cup in South Africa in the year 2010 and, if not, why not?**

B/415 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Guttee)

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

**Whether he is aware of the bad state of the yard of the Fond du Sac Government School and, if so, will he state the measures that will be taken as a matter of priority to have the yard tarred?**

B/416 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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

**Whether he will state the number of small planters who have taken advantage of the Rs 500m voted in the last budget for the Derocking Scheme, indicating the quantum disbursed to each of them?**

B/417 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 NDU projects at Cité La Chaux Mahebourg, including the uplifting of the football ground, the upgrading of the community centre and other environmental projects, he will state if he has received representations from the *forces vives* of the locality to the effect that the implementation of the projects is slow and, if so, will he give, in each case (a) the date on which the contracts were awarded, indicating to whom and (b) the expected date of completion of the works?**

B/418 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

*To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-*

**Whether he will state the number of persons convicted of minor offences who have benefited from the community service order todate?**

B/419 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

*To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-*

**Whether it is proposed to amend the law so that defendants who fail to pay their civil debts after judgment has been obtained against them do not have to serve any term of imprisonment?**

**R. R. Dowlutta**  
Clerk of the National Assembly

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