

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 21 November 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/1414 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, in regard to the overseas missions undertaken by the Director General of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the MBC, information as to (a) the number thereof (b) the country visited in each case (c) the purpose of each mission and (d) the total costs incurred, giving a breakdown in terms of air tickets and per diem?

B/1415 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

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 persons arrested for drugs and drugs-related offences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof who have been released on bail since July 2005 to date?

B/1416 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 state if the Committee set up to look into the *modus operandi* for the closure of the police mechanical workshop has submitted its report and, if so, will he state if it has made proposals for the contracting out of maintenance and repair works of the fleet of Government vehicles?

B/1417 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 Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to whether its Chairperson has been the legal representative of the Emirates Airline?

B/1418 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 he is aware that notices in regard to the rights of the arrested persons and suspects are not displayed at convenient and conspicuous places in many police stations and, if so, will he state the remedial measures, if any, that will be taken?

B/1419 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he will state if a Truth and Justice Commission has been set up and, if so, will he state its composition, indicating if it has made recommendations as to the payment of any compensation to the descendants of slaves?

B/1420 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to scrap metals, he will state if it is proposed to ban their exportation, in view of the recent cases of thefts thereof?

B/1421 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 security in prisons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to whether it is proposed to increase the number of officers of the Prisons Security Squad?

B/1422 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 babies who are born to women prisoners while they are serving sentences, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the number thereof during the past two years and (b) if Government proposes to arrange for alternative accommodation for these babies with a right of visit to their mother?

B/1423 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 acts of violence against children, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number and the nature of the reported cases during the past year and (b) the actions that have been taken, if any, to promote and sensitize the children about their rights?

B/1424 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 Mr Kuttan of the United States whose services have been retained for training in the IT sector, he will (a) give details of the contract of agreement and (b) state the amount of money to be paid as fees?

B/1425 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 will state if he has received any correspondence in regard to any alleged illegal importation of Subutex into Mauritius and, if so, will he state if the matter has been referred to the police, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/1426 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 Mr Dan Callikan, Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister's Office, he will state (a) his terms and conditions of service (b) the number of contractual employees attached to his office together with their respective terms and conditions of service and (c) if he has been assigned duties to co-ordinate (i) and vet the news items on radio and TV of the MBC channels and (ii) press conferences of the Government Alliance?

B/1427 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 firearms seized since 01 January 2006 to date, he will state (a) the number thereof and (b) the number of cases in which the holders thereof were not in possession of a license?

B/1428 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 is aware that there is a recrudescence of drug trafficking at Cité Barkly and, if so, will he state the measures that will be taken, if any?

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/1429 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 the last Indian Ocean Island Games, he will state if all the expenses incurred by Government in relation thereto were made, following tendering exercises approved by the Central Tender Board and, if so, will he give details thereof?

B/1430 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, in regard to the dual carriage way at St Jean, Quatre Bornes, he will state the measures, if any, that will be taken to increase the safety of the road users?

B/1431 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Government schools in Constituency No. 13, he will state the improvements that have been brought thereto since July 2005 to date?

B/1432 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 is aware that the regions falling in Constituency No. 13 are prone to heavy rainfalls and, if so, will he consider the advisability of having bus shelters constructed therein?

B/1433 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Guttee**)

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

Whether, in regard to tardy declarations of birth, she will state the number of cases, since July 2005 to date, which have been (a) registered and (b) regularized?

B/1434 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether he is aware that there is a lack of security within hospital premises and, if so, will he state the measures, if any, that have been or will be taken to reinforce the security of patients and visitors thereat?

B/1435 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he will give a list of illnesses that are inoperable in Mauritius, indicating the measures that have been or will be taken to ensure that the patients obtain appropriate treatment?

B/1436 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he will state the number of patients who suffer from arterial peripheral vascular diseases, indicating the number thereof who are awaiting surgical intervention?

B/1437 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to iron bars, he will state if it is proposed to have recourse to the automatic pricing mechanism in determining the price thereof and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/1438 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Dr Husnoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the cases awaiting trial before the Assizes and the Special Assizes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the number of cases thereof and (b) the steps that have been taken to reduce the delay in trial?

B/1439 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to parastatal bodies, he will state if Government proposes to amend the law to review the procurement and auditing procedures?

B/1440 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, in regard to the introduction of continuous assessment at primary school level as from January 2007, he will state the method of evaluation that will be used?

B/1441 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether he is aware that one Mr Fazli Garrib, a handicapped person employed by the Training and Employment of Disabled Persons Board, has complained having been subject to sequestration and harassment by the Director of the Board, on or about 03 July 2006 and, if so, will he state the action that has been taken, if any?

B/1442 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 forthcoming Hajj pilgrimage, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to (a) when quotations were sought from the airlines for the price of the air tickets, indicating if an agreement has now been reached

and (b) if the arrangements that were being made for the accommodation of the additional 800 pilgrims have now been finalized?

B/1443 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the use of methadone in the treatment of HIV/AIDS, he will state where matters stand?

B/1444 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 religious festivals, he will state (a) Government policy as to the organization of ritual ceremonies thereof, in collaboration with the religious authorities and (b) if the religious authorities are consulted prior to the organization of these ceremonies, to which Members of the National Assembly are invited?

B/1445 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, in regard to the Empowerment Programme, he will table a list of the companies, Small and Medium Enterprises, other entities and individuals who have obtained funds therefrom to date, indicating in each case the amount disbursed?

B/1446 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the small sugar planters, he will state the measures that are being taken, if any, to bring down their cost of production?

B/1447 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the scheme for free transport for the elderly and for the students, he will state if he has received the report of the consultant appointed to look into the matter and, if so, will he consider the advisability of laying copy of the report on the table of the National Assembly?

B/1448 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Duty Free Paradise, a list of the overseas missions undertaken by its Chairman since his appointment, indicating in each case the countries visited, the purpose and the expenditure incurred in terms of air tickets and per diem?

B/1449 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the closure of the St Félix Sugar Factory, he will state whether the conditions and benefits of the workers who will be made redundant have been finalized and, if so, the details thereof?

B/1450 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 proposed review of the Labour Act, he will state if amendments are proposed to be brought to section 32 of the Act and, if so (a) state the proposed amendments (b) if the social partners have been consulted in relation thereto and (c) when it is proposed to introduce the amendments to the Labour Act or a new Bill in the Assembly?

B/1451 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the derocking project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Farmers Service Corporation, information as to whether (a) the small planters were informed by the Corporation in November 2005, that the derocking would be free of charge and (b) if any modification has been brought thereto since then and, if so, give details thereof ?

B/1452 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to the teaching of Information Technology in primary schools, he will state, for each of the years 2000 to date (a) the amount of money spent on the purchase of personal computers and other peripherals and (b) the number of persons trained?

B/1453 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 many vehicles, including lorries and buses, emit large quantities of smoke while running on the roads and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken, if any?

B/1454 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether he is aware that many lorries are found carrying iron bars piled up in height and length constituting a hazard to road users and to the public and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken, if any?

B/1455 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Cuttaree**)

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

Whether, in regard to the negotiations between the EU and the ACP for the creation of Economic Partnership Agreement (EPAs), he will state where matters stand?

B/1456 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Cuttaree)

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

Whether, in regard to the Conference given by Dr Razeen Sally in or about 12 October 2006, he will state if it was organized by his Ministry and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/1457 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the Strategy for Reform in the education sector, he will state if it is proposed to maintain the national colleges?

B/1458 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of the Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture, he will state if the contract has been awarded and, if so, when works are expected to start?

B/1459 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to works carried out under contract C2005/1 for the transfer of potable water from La Nicolière Treatment Plant to Port Louis, he will (a) state if works thereon have been completed and (b) give the name of the supplier of iron pipes, indicating if the pipes were appropriately tested before use?

B/1460 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether he is aware that there is an increasing number of cases before the District Court of Rose Hill and, if so, will he consider the advisability of setting up an additional Division of the District Court?

B/1461 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fact Finding Committee on the Business Parks of Mauritius (Ltd), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the BPML, information as to (a) the amount paid to its Chairperson and Members as fees and (b) the expenses incurred in respect of the mission it effected to India, indicating the duration of the mission and the composition of the delegation?

B/1462 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 building contracts under execution by the Development Works Corporation, he will state, in each case (a) the projects concerned (b) their contract value (c) the date works started and (d) their expected date of completion?

B/1463 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the hardship cases submitted to the National Solidarity Fund, she will state, for each of the financial years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 (a) the number of cases registered district-wise and (b) the amount of money disbursed thereon?

B/1464 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Action Plan for the Rehabilitation Youth Centres, she will state the new measures that have been taken for its implementation, giving details thereof?

B/1465 The Honourable Fourth Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sayed-Hossen**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he is aware that, in regard to the project for the construction of a football pitch at Mont Ida, works thereat have been discontinued since April 2006 and, if so, will he state if it is proposed to resume the works, indicating the expected date of completion?

B/1466 The Honourable Fourth Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sayed-Hossen**)

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

Whether he is aware that the river flowing below the bridge between Sebastopol and Clavet overflows during heavy rainfalls thereby rendering traffic between the two

villages impossible and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken, if any, indicating when?

B/1467 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the Government house, he will state (a) if the cause of the fire outbreak of February 2006 has been ascertained and (b) when renovation works thereat will start, indicating the value thereof and the name of the contractor?

B/1468 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the Edith Cavell Government School also known as *l'Ecole Onesipho Beaugeard*, he will state if the works undertaken thereat constitute renovation and extension or a complete pulling down and replacement of the existing building?

B/1469 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

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 information as to whether the amount of money that was previously spent by the sugar estates for the refund of transport in respect of the children of their employees is now being spent on their welfare?

B/1470 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 Mauritius Duty Free Shopping Paradise, information as to whether it has recently launched tenders for the construction of a warehouse and, if so (a) whether the Central Tender Board was involved in the tender procedures and, if not, why not and (b) if the contract was awarded, indicating (i) the value thereof and (ii) the name of the contractor?

B/1471 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 Mauritius Duty Free Shopping Paradise, information as to whether it has recently bought software and hardware in excess of Rs 2m and, if so (a) the name of the contractor and (b) whether the Central Tender Board was involved in the tender procedures and, if not, why not?

B/1472 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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 the State Trading Corporation, information as to whether it has recently recruited an Export Officer and, if so (a) when was the post advertised (b) the qualifications and working experience of the officer recruited and (c) the monthly salary and other benefits attached to the post?

B/1473 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the housing estate at La Tour Koenig, of which 198 units have been completed, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company, information as to when the decision for its construction was taken?

B/1474 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the industrial park at La Tour Koenig, he will state (a) when was the decision for its creation taken and (b) the name of the beneficiary of the first lease and the date on which it was granted?

B/1475 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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), information as to the number of leases, in respect of plots of land vested therein, which have been retrieved since July 2005 to date, indicating the total area involved?

B/1476 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Allet**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of the social hall at Petite Rivière, he will state whether works thereat have been completed and, if not (a) where matters stand and (b) the expected date of its handing over?

B/1477 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Allet**)

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 Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd, information as to whether it is proposed to introduce a soft loan scheme to primary schools for the purchase of personal computers?

B/1478 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Ebene State Secondary School, he will state if, for the January 2007 resumption of studies (a) provisions have been made for rooms, equipped for the teaching of physics, chemistry, biology, computer, domestic science, design & technology and (b) when the playgrounds will be ready, indicating the area thereof?

B/1479 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 he will state if part of the stretch of the road linking Rose Hill to Réduit has been upgraded since the construction of the Cyber city and, if so, will he state (a) the length thereof which has been upgraded (b) whether any tendering exercise was carried out prior to the award of the contract and, if not, why not (c) the name of the contractor and (d) the contract value, giving a breakdown thereof?

B/1480 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware that there is a lack of street lighting in the new morcellement at Circonstance, St Pierre, which is causing hardships to the inhabitants thereof and, if so, will he use his good offices to remedy the situation?

B/1481 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mrs Martin**)

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

Whether he will state if Government is proposing to pull down the buildings which are presently housing the offices of his Ministry at the Edith Cavell Street, Port Louis?

B/1482 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the discontent expressed by the inhabitants of Palma and Bassin, on 14 November 2006, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to whether the inhabitants were informed of interruptions in the water supply in these localities and, if so (a) the period and time of such interruptions and (b) if the time set for such interruptions was respected?

B/1483 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the plots of land in the Réduit Triangle (ex-Ilovo land), he will give a list of the Non-Governmental Organizations and cultural organizations in whose name a plot of land was reserved as at July 2005?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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