

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Questions of which notice has been given
Requiring an Oral Answer
Sitting of Tuesday 28 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/1484 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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 “Brigade des Mineurs”, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of police officers attached thereto, indicating the number of women police officers and their respective grades and (b) if they have been given any special training?

B/1485 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether, on or about 11 November 2006, the police force has had recourse to rugged citizens in the region of Karo Kalyptis, to implement an eviction order against the D. family at Benitiers Street, Roche Bois?

B/1486 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 climatic changes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Environment Commission, information as to whether (a) a meeting is scheduled to be held, as per section 5 of the EPA 2002, and if not, why not and (b) the National Climatic Changes Action Plan is regularly updated and reviewed and if so, details thereof?

B/1487 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 climatic changes, he will state (a) if his Office has approached the United States Authorities to make available to the MBC and the media a copy of the film produced by Mr Al Gore, former Vice President of the United States in relation thereto (b) if he has taken cognizance of the Stern Report and, if so, table a copy thereof and (c) make a statement thereon?

B/1488 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 will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if, on or about 15 November 2006 an accident involving several vehicles occurred at Mare d'Albert and if so (a) the circumstances of the accident (b) the measures taken by

the police to enable traffic flow and (c) if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/1489 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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 some public officers offer their services, during office hours, to institutions other than ministries and Government departments and if so, will he ascertain the number thereof, indicating the posts held by these officers in the public service?

B/1490 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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to whether a post of Communication Manager was recently created thereat and, if so (a) the name and qualifications of the person who was recruited and (b) the salary and benefits attached to the post?

B/1491 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 Hum Tum programme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to whether the Board has now been made aware of the total cost thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1492 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 transport of the staff of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to whether there is/are any agreement(s) with any person(s) or company(ies) and, if so (a) the names of the person(s) or company(ies) who is/are party/ies thereto and (b) table a copy of the contract(s)?

B/1493 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, in regard to the Board of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the name of its Chairperson (b) the number of meetings held since the appointment of the Chairperson (c) the total fees paid to the Chairperson as at todate and (d) the number of recommendations it has received from the Complaints Committee and which have been acted upon?

B/1494 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, in regard to the entry requirements for Mauritian nationals into Réunion Island, he will state if discussions are ongoing with the French authorities and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1495 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 is aware of an incident which recently occurred at the Caudan Casino, involving one Mr S. C. and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether an inquiry has been carried out thereinto?

B/1496 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, in regard to the Prime Minister's Office, he will give a list of the persons employed under contract thereat, indicating, in each case, whether it is on a part time or a full time basis?

B/1497 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 in regard to the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, he will state if he has been appointed by the Public Service Commission according to established procedures?

B/1498 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, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation teams which accompanied the Prime Minister during his overseas missions since July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, for each mission, information as to (a) the composition thereof and (b) the total costs incurred by the MBC?

**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/1499 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether, in regard to trucks using public roads for the transport of coal from the Port Louis harbour to the coal-powered energy producing plants in the South, he will state the number thereof?

B/1500 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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to whether it has a scheme to give loans to private sector firms or group of firms and, if so, whether any such loan was granted during the period 2001 to June 2005, indicating the details thereof?

B/1501 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Deerpalsing)**

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

Whether, in regard to the molasses content in the sugar cane of the small planters, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sugar Syndicate, information as to the price being currently paid to them for each ton thereof?

B/1502 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Deerpalsing)**

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

Whether, in regard to the closure of the Rose Belle Sugar Estate, he will state (a) the factories to which the sugar cane of Rose Belle were re-directed and (b) whether, any amount of money was to be paid as milling rights to the Rose Belle Sugar Estate, as provided for by the Sugar Efficiency Act, indicating the amount thereof?

B/1503 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether in regard to the applications for registration as medical practitioners received from persons who have studied medicine in Ukraine, he will state if his Ministry has been apprised of the standard of studies undergone and if so, the course of action, if any that his Ministry is contemplating?

B/1504 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Productivity and Competitive Council, information as to whether the computer proficiency programmes are still on-going and if not, why not?

B/1505 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Bundhoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Law Practitioners Act, he will state when Government proposes to bring amendment thereto in order to provide for the possibility to set up law corporations, in line with the last Budget Speech?

B/1506 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Bundhoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the setting up of low cost industrial estates to house small and medium enterprises, he will state where matters stand?

B/1507 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, in regard to the financial year 2005-2006, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the amount of money collected in terms of revenue from (a) customs duty (b) excise duty (c) income tax and (d) corporate tax?

B/1508 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 if Government proposes to abolish customs duty, excise duty, income tax and corporate tax and if so, how it is proposed to compensate the shortfall in Government revenue?

B/1509 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Dr Husnoo)**

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

Whether he will state if he will consider the advisability of posting a pharmacist on a permanent basis at the airport and at the seaport as a means to control the movement of drugs in and out of Mauritius with a view to combating drug trafficking?

B/1510 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Dr Husnoo)**

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

Whether he will state if he will consider the advisability of setting up a Quality Control Laboratory for the testing of the generic drugs imported from the different laboratories and from different countries?

B/1511 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to State lands leased, since August 2000 to July 2005 and since July 2005 to date, he will state the names of the beneficiaries, indicating in each case (a) the extent thereof (b) the projects earmarked (c) if the promoters have started the project within the time frame, as stipulated in the agreements?

B/1512 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

The Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the new building at the Jean Lebrun Government School, he will state when will (a) the final architectural drawings be ready (b) the tender be launched and (c) the construction works start?

B/1513 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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 Beach Authority, information as to the conditions and the criteria laid down for the rental of beach chairs to tourists?

B/1514 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Motor Vehicles Insurance Claim Tribunal, information as to the number of cases (a) referred thereto since July

2005 to date and (b) for which ruling has already been given during the same period?

B/1515 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to the overseas missions undertaken by members of the Board of the Cargo Handling Corporation since July 2005, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information, in each case, as to (a) the composition of the delegations (b) the amount of money spent thereon (c) the countries visited (d) the purposes of the missions and (d) if he has received any complaint in relation thereto, and if so, the actions taken, if any?

B/1516 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

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

Whether he is aware that the SOS Nettoyage has laid off some of its workers, and, if so, will he (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (i) when they were laid off (ii) the reasons thereof and (b) the measures his Ministry proposes to take, if any, for the redeployment of these workers?

B/1517 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he is aware that the “barachois” found near Cité la Chaux in Mahebourg was closed down and if so, will he state (a) the reasons thereof (b) the date of the closure and (c) whether Government will consider the re-opening thereof?

B/1518 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 the Albion Research Centre, he will state the research projects that the Centre is proposing to carry out in the forthcoming months?

B/1519 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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 names and date of appointment of (a) its legal person and (b) the Chairperson of its Tender Committee?

B/1520 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 the MACOSCLE, information as to (a) the date the last annual general meeting was held and (b) the names of its Chairperson and office bearers, indicating (i) the date of their assumption of office and (ii) their remuneration package?

B/1521 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether he will state the number of letters of intent issued by his Ministry to fishermen or associations of fishermen for the purchase of lagoon fishing vessels

since July 2005 to date, indicating how many of them are operational?

B/1522 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the grant for the casting of slabs, he will state whether Government is proposing to increase the quantum thereof in view of the increase in the price of building materials, labour and transport?

B/1523 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 (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd, information as to whether the housing estates at Bois Marchand were built as per the plans and construction standards and (b) whether it is the policy of his Ministry to develop such housing estates?

B/1524 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 proposed implementation of the Multi-Annual Adaptation Strategy Action Plan, he will state (a) the number of employees who will (i) lose their jobs following the clustering of the 11 sugar factories into 4 factories and (ii) be offered to retire under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme or Blueprint in the remaining 4 sub-clusters (b) the cost of the VRS or Blueprint and (c) if Government is proposing to use the funds to be made available from the accompanying measures to finance the VRS or Blueprint?

B/1525 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 foreign workers who have been granted working permits in the construction sector, he will state (a) the number thereof (b) the steps that are being taken to ensure that these workers be replaced by Mauritian workers?

B/1526 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 job losses in the manufacturing and agricultural sectors, he will state the number thereof since July 2005 to date?

B/1527 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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 SEHDA, information as to (a) the number of persons registered thereat as small entrepreneurs (b) the criteria laid down for registration and (c) whether any mechanism exists to ensure that these persons initiate the business activities for which they have registered?

B/1528 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the establishment of the Land Information System, he will state if a decision has now been reached as to the hiring of the services of an Australian firm of consultants?

B/1529 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard the impending increase of the fleet of the national air carrier, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Civil Aviation Department, information as to whether the mechanism that is presently in place to ensure that all standards of airworthiness required by law are complied with and maintained?

B/1530 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 School Information Technology project, he will state, for the period July 2005 to June 2006 (a) the amount of money spent thereon and (b) if tenders were launched and if so, the dates on which (i) they were launched and finalized and (ii) the contracts were awarded?

B/1531 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Grenade**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will state the criteria laid down for the nomination of the athlete of the month?

B/1532 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the AMUL Milk Powder, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the quantity thereof sold to the hospitals, the prisons and the Agricultural Marketing Board ?

B/1533 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 Ltd, information as to when the decision for its construction was taken?

B/1534 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, 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/1535 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 todate, indicating the total area involved?

B/1536 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-Illovo 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?

B/1537 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to (a) if there will be an increase in the rate of the waste water charges (b) the number of households connected as at todate and (c) whether the chargeable percentage of water used will be reviewed downwards?

B/1538 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), information as to whether one Mrs P. D., residing in the vicinity of Curepipe, is the beneficiary of a lease for a plot of land from BPML?

B/1539 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the Board of the State Informatics Limited, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the date on which (a) it was constituted (b) its first sitting was held (c) its Chairperson and Director travelled to Dubai and Paris, respectively, indicating the outcome of the missions?

B/1540 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will state if he recently had a meeting with members of the Petroleum Retailers Association and, if so, will he state the date and the outcome thereof?

B/1541 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the lawyers whose services have been retained by the Information and Communication Technologies Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number thereof, indicating (a) their names and (b) the total amount of money paid as fees to each of them?

B/1542 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, in regard to bread, he will state if Government is proposing to revise the selling price thereof in the coming weeks and, if so, the reasons thereof?

B/1543 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to whether its Chairperson has been the legal representative of the Emirates Airline?

B/1544 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the EaSSY submarine cable project, he will state if Mauritius will be a party thereto and, if so, indicate (a) the level of investment and (b) who will be investing?

B/1545 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to small and medium enterprises, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof which are registered with the National Handicraft Promotion Authority and the Small and

Medium Industry Development Organization as at 30 June 2005 and with the SEHDA as at todate, indicating the number thereof which are still in operation?

B/1546 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to iron bars, he will state the measures Government proposes to take, if any, following the recent price increase thereof to (a) prevent Murray & Roberts from benefiting from any windfall gains and (b) ensure that the old stock thereof is sold at the price prevailing before the increase?

B/1547 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Guttee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of a new wing and the upliftment works to the playground at the Vale Government School, he will state where matters stand?

B/1548 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether he is aware that the ambulance drivers and attendants, the hospital servants and the gatekeeper working at the Dr A. G. Jeetoo Hospital, have, as at todate, not been paid for overtime work performed during the past six months and, if so, will he state the reasons therefor?

B/1549 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Health Centre at Cité La Cure, he will state if his Ministry is proposing to carry out any development works thereat and, if so, when the works are scheduled to start?

B/1550 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the Paul Toureau street, Port Louis, he will state if his Ministry is proposing to carry out sewerage/drainage works thereat and, if so, when works are scheduled to start?

B/1551 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mardemootoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the vehicles purchased for the last SIDS conference which was held in Mauritius, he will give a breakdown in terms of engine capacity thereof and (b) the number thereof which reached Mauritius after the beginning of the Conference?

B/1552 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mardemootoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the vehicles purchased for the last SIDS conference which was held in Mauritius, he will state whether a number thereof has been sold to the public or private companies and, if so, indicating (a) the number of used and unused vehicles which were sold (b) whether duties and other dues were paid by the new buyers (d) the names of the new buyers and (e) whether any tender exercise was resorted to and, if not, why not?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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A/9 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he will state if he will consider the advisability of constructing a new bridge leading from lower Dagotière near the Viswanath Mandir to l'Assurance Dagotière, in view of the narrowness of the present one?

A/10 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to the *parcours de santé* at Camp Thorel, he will state where matters stand?

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