

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Questions of which notice has been given
Requiring an Oral Answer
Sitting of Tuesday 01 August 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/1145 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 the variety programme *Hum Tum*, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation information as to (a) the production budget, indicating the costs to be incurred for the participation of international artists (b) the expected revenue from advertising and (c) the role and functions of Mr Ambernath Mossae?

B/1146 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 Mr Dev Rambocus, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation information as to (a) the capacity in which he is employed thereat (b) his qualifications and (c) the salary package and the other fringe benefits to which he is entitled?

B/1147 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 Chief Editors employed at the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to (a) the number thereof (b) the duties and responsibilities assigned to them and (c) the allowances paid out to them?

B/1148 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the drug traffickers whose bank accounts have been the subject of a freezing order, he will state (a) the number thereof (b) the total sum involved and (c) if any such freezing orders have subsequently been released, since July 2005 to date?

B/1149 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the MCB/NPF case, he will state if the inquiry carried out by Nicky Tan thereinto was discontinued and, if so, if it is proposed to request that this inquiry be resumed?

B/1150 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 the outcome of the inquiry in regard to the circumstances which led to the death of one Mr Deepak Kumar Hurlungee in Mare d'Albert, on 23 July 2006, and where matters stand?

B/1151 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 state if Government proposes to give to the members of the Mauritian diaspora the right of vote at elections in Mauritius and, if not, why not?

B/1152 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 state if Government proposes to treat the members of the Mauritian diaspora as Mauritian nationals by the Immigration Office and, if not, why not?

B/1153 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Naidu)**

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed closing down of the Police Mechanical Workshop, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the measures that will be taken to ensure the maintenance of the existing fleet of vehicles?

B/1154 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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if the Corporation has recently signed an agreement with the Mauritius Film Development Corporation and, if so, the purport thereof?

B/1155 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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if one of its full time employees is providing catering services to the Corporation?

B/1156 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, in regard to the inquiry in the recent case of illegal betting in the horse-racing sector, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if cases of horse-race rigging are being inquired into?

B/1157 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

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 Mauritians who have emigrated, in the sixties and seventies, face difficulties when disposing of their property due to their inability to produce a National Identity Card as required and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/1158 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the inquiry being carried out in the recent cases of stolen vehicles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) if any arrest has been effected and, if so, when and, if not, why not (b) the number and type of vehicles identified and (c) where matters stand?

B/1159 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to the inquiry being carried out in the case of the death of one Mrs Alimah Awasali of Anderson Street, Curepipe, on or about 18 July 2006, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police information as to (a) the circumstances of the death (b) if any arrests have been effected and (c) where matters stand?

B/1160 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if women are excluded in some sections of the Police Force and, if yes, why?

B/1161 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he will state if the Chairman of the Media Trust has been appointed and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/1162 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 case of alleged tampering of chassis numbers and horse power certificates of motor vehicles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/1163 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 will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to if there are any plans to introduce a comprehensive Literary and Numeracy Educational Programme for prisoners?

B/1164 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, in regard to the Police Officers attached to the Police Mechanical Workshop, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the duties with which they are assigned?

B/1165 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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if, on Saturday 01 July 2006, a video clip which was shown during the Labour Party Congress, held on 02 July 2006, was produced thereat in the presence of the Director-General?

**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/1166 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Soodhun**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to when the Director resigned from his post and the reasons thereof, indicating when a Director will be appointed?

B/1167 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Soodhun**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to if the Centre (a) claims any fees for Arabic courses and (b) has stopped providing *urdu* classes?

B/1168 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the Development Works Corporation (a) he will state the proposed date of its closure (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (i) the number of persons employed on a permanent basis (ii) the amount of bad debts accumulated and (iii) the yearly subsidy granted to the Corporation since 2000 todate?

B/1169 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if the plot of land allotted to the Hindu House at Grand Bassin has been retrieved and, if so, the reasons thereof?

B/1170 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 it is proposed to do away with the duties which are imposed on the importation of furniture in the near future?

B/1171 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mon Trésor Mon Désert Scholarship for Information Technology and Biotechnology Scheme, he will state the total amount of money (a) received todate and (b) spent for the promotion of Information Technology and Biotechnology, respectively?

B/1172 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, in regard to the financing of educational and pedagogical materials to pre-primary schools, he will state the amount disbursed per school during each of the financial years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006?

B/1173 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Integrated Resorts Scheme projects, he will consider the advisability of imposing a windfall tax on the excess of market value over the cost of agricultural and undeveloped land?

B/1174 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether she is aware of the growing problem of teenage pregnancy and, if so, will she state (a) the number recorded over the past three years and (b) the preventive measures that are being taken?

B/1175 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether he will state if he had any meetings with the representatives of the *taxi marrons*, following the demonstration they held in front of the Government House, on 12 July 2006, and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/1176 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether he is aware of the requests made to his Ministry by the inhabitants of Congomah for the construction of a new bridge at Blackburn Road and, if so, will he state whether that project will be implemented as a matter of priority?

B/1177 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if a plot of land at Belle Mare which had been allocated to the All Vaish Congress had subsequently been retrieved and reallocated for a hotel project and, if so, why?

B/1178 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether he will state if the dates for the forthcoming CPE Examinations have been fixed and, if so, will he state if prior consultations have been held with the Trade Unions?

B/1179 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 any lease of State land has been granted at Cité Barkly since July 2005 to date and, if so, will he give a list of the beneficiaries, indicating the extent of land in each case?

B/1180 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 any request for State land has been received for hotel projects at La Cambuse, Les Salines and, if so, will he give (a) the name/s of the promoter/s (b) the extent of land (c) the date of application and (d) the details of the project?

B/1181 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether he will state when the roads at the Village of Canot will be rehabilitated and resurfaced following works effected for land drainage?

B/1182 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 he will state if the resurfacing of the road from Camp Ithier to Trou d'Eau Douce has been completed and, if not, why not?

B/1183 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether she will state the qualifications requirements for the post of Child Welfare Officer to be recruited by her Ministry?

B/1184 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

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

Whether, in regard to the occupiers of the ground floor of the NHDC complex at Dubreuil who suffer from the regular flooding of the surroundings during heavy rainfalls, he will state if any actions have been taken and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1185 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will state the number of Mauritian pilgrims who will be authorized to proceed to Saudi Arabia for the Hajj pilgrimage at the end of this year?

B/1186 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, in regard to the procurement of goods and services by Ministries and Government Departments, he will state if the Internal Audit Committees to be set up will adopt clear reasonableness guidelines which will be communicated to the officers who are responsible for procurement?

B/1187 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 he is aware of the difficulties encountered by the public with regard to parking and the fluidity of circulation of vehicles at the Candos hospital and, if so, will he state if there is any plan to remedy the situation?

B/1188 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 she will consider the advisability of opening a Women Centre at Goodlands?

B/1189 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the airline companies which have expressed an interest to operate in Mauritius, he will give a list thereof, indicating the names of the local representatives?

B/1190 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether he is aware that there is no ADSL connection in the region of Vallée des Prêtres and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/1191 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Dr Mungur**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Trust Fund for Community Health, he will state when will it be reorganized and made operational?

B/1192 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(**Dr Mungur**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Regional Health Advisory Board of Flacq hospital, he will state if the Chairman has been appointed and, if so, the number of board meetings held since his appointment?

B/1193 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to if the licences issued to street hawkers and vendors have not been renewed and, if so, the reasons therefor, indicating if he proposes to use his good offices to attend to this issue?

B/1194 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the State land in the vicinity of Rivière des Anguilles, commonly known as *Chemin rail*, he will state (a) its total area and (b) if there is any development project thereon and, if so, the nature thereof and the extent of that land to be used for this purpose?

B/1195 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether he will state the number of State Secondary Schools which offer the subject “Design and Technology” to students of Form V and VI?

B/1196 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Guimbeau**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to industrial leases of State land, including hotels and bungalows, he will table a list of the beneficiaries, Indicating (a) their locations (b) the conditions for their renewals and (c) the annual rentals?

B/1197 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether he is aware that the new criteria laid down for the payment of the bad weather allowance to fishermen in Rodrigues have given rise to discontent and led to a demonstration recently and, if so, will he state if he intends to reconsider the matter?

B/1198 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether he will state the measures that have been or will be taken to prevent any resurgence of the Chikungunya disease?

B/1199 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the new building under construction at the Queen Victoria Hospital at Candos, he will state (a) the name of the contractor (b) the date the project started (c) the initial and final costs of the project and (d) when will it be operational?

B/1200 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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 list of the official overseas trips undertaken by the then Director, Mrs V. Sumputh, during her terms of office, indicating the composition of the delegation and costs incurred in each case?

B/1201 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 official overseas trips undertaken by the then Minister of Tourism and Leisure during the period October 2003 to June 2005, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case (a) if he was accompanied and, if so, by whom (b) the expenses incurred in terms of air tickets and *per diem* and (c) the name of the travel agency from which the air tickets were purchased?

B/1202 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 rehabilitation/upgrading works effected on the NHDC housing estates since July 2005 todate, he will state (a) the nature thereof (b) the costs incurred and (c) the housing estates involved?

B/1203 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether he will state if he will consider banning the use of plastic banners during electoral campaigns?

B/1204 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Guinness)

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 if one Mr Anand Dulloo has been appointed to represent the Board of Investment in London and, if so, when and the terms and conditions of his appointment?

B/1205 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Guinness)

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 Agency, information as to if one Mrs Babajee has been offered appointment at the MTPA Office in London and, if so, when and the terms and conditions of her appointment?

B/1206 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether she will state if her Ministry has any programme to sensitize teachers, head teachers and Parent Teachers Associations on their roles in regard to child protection and, if so, since when, how is it conducted and by whom?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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