

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 04 July 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/873 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deepalsing**)

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, when applying for the issue of a passport, a divorced woman is required to submit the birth certificate of her ex-spouse and, if so, will he state if this practice will be done away with, as a matter of priority?

B/874 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deepalsing**)

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 will consider the advisability of banning the advertising of alcoholic products on billboards in the vicinity of schools?

B/875 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 repairs and servicing of Government vehicles for the period July 2004 to June 2005 and July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the amount (i) spent by the Police Garage and (ii) paid to private garages and (b) the number of vehicles concerned in both cases?

B/876 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 there exists any system of protection for the purpose of ensuring that children using the internet do not become victims of paedophiles and, if not, the measures, if any, proposed to be taken to set up a system of protection?

B/877 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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 increase in the number of drug cases pending before the District and Intermediate Courts and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether it is proposed to set up a Drugs Court or a Drugs Division in each court?

B/878 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 Police constables having followed graduation courses in police studies at the University of Mauritius, he will state (a) the number thereof and (b) if any specific assignments have been entrusted to these officers?

B/879 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, in regard to minors aged between 3 and 5 years old living with their mothers in prisons, he will state if they will continue to benefit from the facilities put at their disposal jointly by the prisons authorities, the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin-Rose Hill, the Lions Club of Curepipe and the *Organisation Mondiale pour l'Education Pré-primaire* (local branch) to allow these children to attend pre-primary schools?

B/880 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 if a case was reported to the Police to the effect that, on or about 27 June 2006, one Mrs M. L. Savriacooty was allegedly victim of a gang rape in the vicinity of Fuel and, if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

**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/881 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deepalsing**)

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

Whether, in regard to the students of the State Secondary School Quatre Bornes who have been temporarily placed in various other secondary institutions, he will consider the advisability of integrating these students in the schools they are presently attending?

B/882 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 that there is a pollution problem at the Tagore Lane, near the Shree Gowreenath Mandir at Le Hochet, Terre Rouge and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken, as a matter of priority?

B/883 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether he has received complaints from the inhabitants of Sainte Cécile Road at Riche Terre regarding the lack of access from there to the main road for the last 40 years and, if so, will he state if there is any project for the construction of an access road thereat?

B/884 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will state if, on or about 11 May 2006, he had a meeting with members of the Komité Vizilans, Ste Croix and, if so, will he state if, following that meeting, any decision has been taken in regard to the use, for training purposes by the football teams of the region, of the football grounds of the (a) Bien Heureux Père Laval Stadium at Nicolay Road and (b) G. S. S. North and Ste Croix Government School, after school hours?

B/885 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will state if, on or about 11 May 2006, he had a meeting with members of the Komité Vizilans, Ste Croix and, if so, will he state if, following that meeting, any decision has been reached in regard to the setting up of a sports complex and a jogging track in the region of Ste Croix and, if not, why not?

B/886 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the general workers recruited at the National Women Council since July 2006 to date, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain a list there from and give a list thereof, together with their respective addresses?

B/887 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the general workers recruited at the Women Entrepreneur Council since July 2006 to date, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain a list there from and give a list thereof, together with their respective addresses?

B/888 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 his Ministry is letting two unfurnished lots at Le Battelage in Souillac Village and, if so, if any arrears in rent are due to the Ministry?

B/889 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 all the liabilities and sums owed by hotel promoters to the Tourism Fund have been paid and, if not, the actions that are being taken to recover same?

B/890 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dowarkasing**)

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

Whether, in regard to medical practitioners and general practitioners employed by her Ministry, she will state if all the criteria set down for their employment have been adhered to?

B/891 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state if any survey has been carried out at the level of primary schools to determine the number of children who come to school without lunch and, if so, when, indicating the measures, if any, taken to ensure that these children do not stay hungry at school?

B/892 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 inquiry initiated by his Ministry, following the death of child S. G. which occurred on 14 May 2006 at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Candos, he will state the outcome thereof?

B/893 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 Rats Extermination Programme, he will (a) state the date it was last carried out at (i) the E.N.T Hospital, Vacoas (ii) the Queen Victoria Hospital, Candos (iii) the Dr Jeetoo Hospital, Port Louis (iv) the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam National Hospital, Pamplemousses (v) the Flacq Hospital (vi) the Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital (vii) the Subramaniam Bharati Eye Hospital, Moka and (b) give details of on-going programmes, if any, in hospitals and health care centres?

B/894 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether he will state Government policy in regard to vivisection?

B/895 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent recruitment exercise for the post/s of general worker in his Ministry, he will state (a) the number of vacancies in relation thereto and (b) the criteria used for the selection of candidates for interview?

B/896 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the persons sitting on the Board of Censors, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain there from, information as to (a) the number thereof and (b) the criteria used for their selection?

B/897 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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 if the services of one Mr Jim Veerasamy were retained as Legal Adviser of the Company and, if yes, if a sum of about Rs 4,888,000 (122,000 Euros) has been paid out to him as legal fees?

B/898 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether, in regard to the bus terminus project at Nouvelle Découverte, he will state (a) the status thereof (b) the estimated cost and (c) the expected date of completion?

B/899 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Hawoldar**)

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

Whether, in regard to the issue of a football betting licence to Automatic Systems Limited for the World Cup 2006, he will state the conditions attached thereto?

B/900 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Hawoldar**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rose Belle Sugar Estate, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the reasons as to why no payment for milling rights were effected to the Estate since the closure of the factory and the transfer of its rights to other factories?

B/901 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Hawoldar**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the total amount of bad debts accumulated by the casinos during the last five years (b) the number of cases referred to court (c) the number of

cases still pending and (d) the amount of money recovered through the services of attorney?

B/902 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the football ground at l'Espérance, Quartier Militaire, he will state when will it be fully operational?

B/903 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the market of St Pierre, he will state if lighting facilities will be provided on the first floor?

B/904 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the management of the shelter for women and children in distress at Albion, she will state the date of expiration of the present management contract?

B/905 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Apprenticeship Scheme, he will state the measures he proposes to take to vulgarise the scheme amongst youngsters attending the Pre-vocational schools?

B/906 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of a Family Court, he will state where matters stand?

B/907 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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 Trust Fund for the Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups since July 2005 to date, information as to (a) the number of community based projects initiated and implemented, indicating the value of the projects and the regions covered and (b) the number of beneficiaries under the micro credit scheme, indicating the amounts disbursed and the line of activities?

B/908 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Guimbeau**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the campement sites leases which Government intends to recover, he will state (a) the number thereof which have been identified (b) the locations thereof and (c) the names of the lessees?

B/909 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Dr Mungur**)

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

Whether he will state if any national population-based HIV Sero Surveys has been or is being carried out by his Ministry with a view to being used as a technical support

tool for the planning and designing of HIV/AIDS intervention and, if not, why not?

B/910 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Issack**)

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

Whether he is aware that the incinerator situated in the backyard of the Dr Jeetoo Hospital is a source of noise and air pollution affecting the neighbours thereof and, if so, the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/911 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Issack**)

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

Whether he will state if he will consider placing at the disposal of the public the gymnasium of the State Secondary Schools to the public during the afternoon with a view to enable them practise sports activities?

B/912 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

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

Whether he is aware that the Montagne Blanche football ground is in a derelict state and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/913 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to Petit Paquet, Montagne Blanche, he will state if his Ministry is in possession of a plot of land

or proposes to acquire a plot of land for the construction of a football ground thereat?

B/914 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether she is aware that there are acute staffing problems prevailing at the Rehabilitation Youth Centre and, if so, the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/915 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, following a joint mission of officers of her Ministry with members of the NGO Trust Fund and of the NATReSA to Rodrigues in November 2005, she will state if funds have been drawn from the NGO Trust Fund to (a) cover the expenses for the consumption of whisky and (b) purchase mobile phone cards?

B/916 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 selling price of sugar on the local market, he will state if he has received any representations from sugar producers to increase the retail price thereof and, if so, will he state the stand of Government in relation thereto?

B/917 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Gunness**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the social housing project as announced in the Budget Speech 2006-2007, he will state the localities where land will be developed for the project?

B/918 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Soodhun**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to campement sites leases, he will state those which have been earmarked for the non-renewal thereof for the purpose of enlarging or creating public beaches or for development purposes?

B/919 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state the number of new housing units projects that have been implemented since July 2005 to date and the number of housing units for which construction have already started?

B/920 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether he will state the number of persons who benefit from family allowances and unemployment hardship allowances, indicating the amount disbursed for the last financial year in each case and the criteria laid down to be eligible for the grant of such allowances?

B/921 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if Government is envisaging the payment of an allowance to Municipal and Village Councillors?

B/922 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, in regard to the priority areas funded by the Empowerment Programme, he will state if the small planters affected by the sugar reform will benefit there from and, if yes, the projects which would qualify for same?

B/923 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 construction of 534 low cost housing units, he will state where same will be constructed?

B/924 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 Le Morne Trust Fund, he will state the activities scheduled for the financial year 2006-2007?

B/925 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 IRS Projects, he will state (a) the number thereof which (i) have been approved and (ii) are being implemented and the investment earmarked and (b) if there is a social component in each project, indicating the value thereof in each case?

B/926 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, following Government decision to abolish subsidies on rice and flour, he will state if the prices of these commodities have been fixed?

B/927 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, in regard to cooking gas (LPG), he is aware that there is a shortage in the supply thereof in many regions of the island and, if so, will he state the measures he intends to take to guarantee a regular supply?

B/928 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to if regular scheduled flights between Paris and Mauritius have been

cancelled as a reason of the fall in the number of tourists arrival following the spread of the Chikungunya disease?

B/929 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether she will state if a survey has recently been carried out on drugs abuse in the country and, if so, will he table a copy of the report thereof?

B/930 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Issack**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if Government intends to remunerate Municipal and District Councillors in the near future and, if not, why not?

B/931 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, in regard to the Free Transport Scheme, he will state if the report of the consultant is now available and, if so, will he table a copy thereof?

B/932 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to amend the Banking Act with a view to allow the Mauritius Revenue Authority to have access to bank accounts of Mauritian citizens for taxation purposes?

B/933 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the Flywell Travel Agency, a Hajj operator for the Hajj 2006, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre and table a copy of (a) the letter issued by the Centre authorising a representative of the Agency to proceed to Saudi Arabia to sign building contracts (b) the building contracts in Mecca and Madina (c) the transport contract signed with the General Car Syndicate of Mecca and (d) the official letter of the Ministry of Hajj of Saudi Arabia, authorising the Agency to act as Hajj operator?

B/934 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Speville)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Basic Invalidity Pension and to the Carers Allowance in respect of persons who are permanently invalid, she will state the modalities of payment thereof?

B/935 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Speville)**

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

Whether he will state if recently the dead body of a Mauritian was sent to Rodrigues instead of that of one Dartagnan Louis who was admitted in the Intensive Care Unit of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital and who passed away on 18 June 2006?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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