

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
Questions of which notice has been given
Requiring an Oral Answer
Sitting of Tuesday 05 December 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/1553 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether the vehicle with the registration number 93 ZD 89 belonging to Mr S. M., President of the group of victims of sale by levy, has been stolen and damaged in the night of 23 November 2006 and, if so, where matters stand in regard to the Police inquiry?

B/1554 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 Financial Secretary, he will state if he has been appointed by the Public Service Commission according to established procedures?

B/1555 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 Chief Medical Officer, he will state if he has been appointed by the Public Service Commission according to established procedures?

B/1556 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 is aware that, on 19 November 2006, about three rounds were fired from a rifle in the region of Montagne Longue in breach of several sections of the Firearms Act 2006 and whether the necessary actions were taken by the Police authorities and if not, why not?

B/1557 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 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/1558 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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Agalega Island Council, information as to (a) the name of its Chairperson, indicating the terms and conditions of his contract and (b) whether any representation was made by the Agalean Community thereto in relation to the problems they are facing?

B/1559 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 Agalega Islands, he will state if any negotiations are ongoing with a foreign State for development projects to be carried out thereat?

B/1560 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 he will state if Government has decided to hand over the Islands of Agalega to a neighbouring country for development?

B/1561 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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 post of Government Printer, he will state (a) the academic and professional qualifications of (i) the outgoing officer (ii) the officer who is currently assigned with the duties of the post and (b) if it is proposed to amend the scheme of duties and qualifications requirements?

B/1562 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 will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether allegations of sexual offences on minor in-patients at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Cauds, have been reported and, if so, will he state if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/1563 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of attack on people withdrawing money over the bank counter during the last year and the remedial measures being taken?

B/1564 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of cases of aggressions on police officers during their working hours for the past year and the measures being taken for their protection?

B/1565 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 he is aware that there is a lack of patrol effected in an organized manner and at regular intervals both during the day and at night in the centre of Rose Hill, especially in the vicinity of the commercial areas and the bus terminal and, if so, will he impress upon the Commissioner of Police the need for such patrols, especially in view of the forthcoming festive season?

B/1566 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether there is an increase in the number of cases of snatching of mobile phones reported at the Beau Bassin and Rose Hill Police Stations during the past year?

B/1567 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 will state if Government proposes to arrange for the financing of political parties and, if so, will he consider the advisability of imposing upon the latter (a) the need to be registered as associations under the Registration of Associations Act and (b) to have their accounts certified and published yearly?

B/1568 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 Deputy Director-General of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the terms and conditions of his contract and (b) the number of official missions undertaken by him since July 2005 to date?

B/1569 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 the recent road accident which occurred at Rose Hill, resulting in the death of five individuals, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the time taken for the Police to report at the site of accident after having been informed?

B/1570 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, in regard to the sale by levy process, will the Government consider the advisability of setting up a Commission of inquiry to look into the cases of the victims thereof and the passing of a new legislation?

**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/1571 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 state if the “Ten-year adaptation strategy” formulated as a Country Strategy Paper submitted to the European Union will be presented to the House for a debate?

B/1572 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether he will state if the power plants in the south of the island are fully complying with their respective EIA licences?

B/1573 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 total national production of sugar in tons, he will state the estimated proportion of small planters production?

B/1574 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 production cost for small planters of sugar cane, he will state if his Ministry has conducted any study to investigate the impact of centralization in the sugar industry on the cost structure of the small planters?

B/1575 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 Hajj pilgrimage 2006, he will (a) state if he has considered the letter from the Saudi Minister for Hajj concerning the accommodation of the additional 800 pilgrims within the precincts of Mina and (b) submit the composition of the Hajj Mission that will be accompanying the pilgrims?

B/1576 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Lauthan)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will state why, in spite of the fact that Air Mauritius had offered Hajj air tickets for Rs 35,000, including fuel surcharge, the Islamic Cultural Centre has come to an agreement with Rogers Aviation to the tune

Rs 41,300 for the trip Mauritius/Jeddah/Mauritius and Rs 42,800 for the trip Mauritius/Jeddah/Madina/Mauritius?

B/1577 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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to whether persons applying for jobs thereat are required to produce an affidavit in relation to their assets at the time of submission of their applications and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/1578 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, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to whether the post of Director, Human Resources at the Authority has been filled up and, if so, the name of the incumbent?

B/1579 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/1580 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/1581 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/1582 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to bats, he will state (a) if any survey has been carried out to assess (i) the number thereof and (ii) their disastrous effect on the local production of fruits and (b) the measures being taken to ensure that they are not carriers of the SARS disease?

B/1583 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 name of the Chairperson of its Tender Committee since its inception to July 2005?

B/1584 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the persons recruited in Mauritian Embassies and High Commissions since July 2005 todate, he will table a list thereof, indicating the posts occupied and the salary drawn in each case?

B/1585 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if a plot of State land has been leased to the Century Welfare Association since July 2005?

B/1586 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the expenses incurred during the African Cup of Club Champions (CACC) in volleyball, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sports Council, information as to whether an audit has been conducted thereon and, if so (b) will he state if a copy of the report will be laid on the Table of the National Assembly?

B/1587 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the mediator who was nominated to address the numerous problems at the Aleemiah College, he will inform the House whether a report has been submitted by the mediator and, if so, what are the

recommendations of the report and what will be the outcome?

B/1588 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state if any site for the construction of low cost houses in Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, has been identified and, if so, will he give its location, indicating when works are likely to start?

B/1589 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Bundhoo)**

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

Whether, he is aware of the state of the road between Wooton and Belle Rive, and if so, will he state if it is proposed to have it reinstated and widened?

B/1590 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Bundhoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the traffic congestion occurring at peak hours along motorway M1, he will state if a study has been carried out on the traffic increase during the last three years and, if so, will he state the outcome thereof, indicating (a) the percentage increase of the traffic (b) the average congestion cost over each year (c) the cost of pollution caused thereby and (d) the measures that have been or will be taken to reduce the inconvenience caused?

B/1591 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 Air Mauritius Ltd, information as to whether the Company is presently recording all incoming telephone conversations and the reasons therefor?

B/1592 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the Waste Water Management Authority with regards to the contracts allocated by the WWMA for house connections region-wise since 2002 (a) the number of contracts for house connections allocated by the WWMA since 2002 (b) the number of household connections to be effected and (c) the cost of each project?

B/1593 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether, in regard to the field operation and regrouping scheme being proposed to small planters, he will inform the House of the items being offered to the small planters and the cost to the small planters per arpent?

B/1594 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Master and Registrar of the Supreme Court, information as to the number of persons who have been imprisoned for non payment of fines imposed for the past three years by (a) the District Courts (b) the Intermediate Court and (c) the Supreme Court?

B/1595 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Hawoldar**)

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 Port Authority, information as to whether tenders were invited at the end of May 2005 for the design, supply and installation of a close circuit television system, transmission system and access control system and, if so (a) the name of the companies which had submitted tenders and (b) the reasons for which no tender was accepted?

B/1596 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Dr Husnoo**)

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

Whether he is aware of the insalubrious condition of the Roche Bois River which can be a good breeding ground for the Chikungunya vector and, if so will he consider the advisability of having it cleaned to prevent the resurgence of the Chikungunya disease?

B/1597 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or **(Mr Guttee)**

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

Whether he will state if Government proposes to amend the law in regard to the criminal procedure and the rules of evidence with a view to modernizing the justice system?

B/1598 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Film Development Company, information as to whether any contract has been offered to an Indian national in Mumbai to act as a representative of the MFDC there, with effect from October 2006, indicating the terms and conditions thereof?

B/1599 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Film Development Company, information as to whether any allegations of harassment by the Chairperson in post has been reported and if so, if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/1600 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/1601 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?

B/1602 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

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

Whether he will state the criteria which will be used for the allocation of seats in the national colleges for students having the same results?

B/1603 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 Universal ICT Education Programme, he will state (a) when it was launched (b) its total cost (c) the type and duration of the courses offered (d) the name of the company or individual selected to offer these courses (e) the criteria used for selection and (f) the amount payable by Government or the students in terms of licence fees, course fees and examination fees, if any?

B/1604 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 infrastructural works in the Ebène Triangle, he will state (a) the nature of the works to be carried out and (b) when tenders will be launched?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

Parliament House
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A/11 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware of the bad state of the roads at l'Assurance Dagotière and Upper Dagotière and, if so, will he state the remedial actions that will be taken?

A/12 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he is aware that the drains and rivers at l'Assurance Dagotière and Upper Dagotière are either silted or obstructed and, if so, will he state if arrangements will be made to have them dredged?

R. R. Dowlutta
Clerk of the National Assembly

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