

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 16 May 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/483 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 interdiction since last year of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, he will state where matters stand?

B/484 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware that the Forensic Science Laboratory is not adequately equipped to carry out DNA investigations and, if so, will he (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the extent to which, if available, such investigations would help in the elucidation of criminal offences and (b) state if it is proposed to provide such facilities to the Police Force?

B/485 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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 2 tons of highly toxic and poisonous products are lying on the premises of the Delta Vision Co. Ltd., a company which is in receivership, at St Pierre, without any security measures and, if so, will he state the remedial actions he proposes to take?

B/486 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 Adviser to the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries, lately involved in an alleged case of rape, he will state (a) his date of appointment (b) the salary and other fringe benefits attached to the post and (c) the time at which he clocks in and out of office?

B/487 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 the recruitment exercises effected since July 2005, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Airport of Mauritius Ltd., information as to (a) the number of persons recruited for in each category, indicating their names and (b) whether these posts were advertised?

B/488 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 he is aware of a recrudescence of drug trafficking in the vicinity of Residence Kennedy, Quatre Bornes, specially in Avenue de l'Espérance and, if so, will he state the measures he proposes to take in connection thereto?

B/489 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 alleged cases of rape for the periods July 2004 to April 2005 and July 2005 to April 2006, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number thereof (b) the number of alleged victims aged 40 years and above and (c) the number of alleged victims aged less than 18 years?

B/490 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 Redco, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) when the Board was constituted (b) the composition of the Board (c) the number of Board Meetings held to date and (d) if a manager has been appointed thereat?

B/491 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 has received representations to the effect that attempts of intimidation have been made by a notorious drug trafficker against the social workers of the Idrice Goomany Centre who, with the Maulana Haroon are conducting sensitizing campaigns against drug abuse and HIV/AIDS and, if so, will he state the measures that have been taken, if any?

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than
Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home
Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister
of Rodrigues & Outer Islands**

B/492 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sugar Terminal Corporation, information as to the number of persons recruited thereat, either on a permanent or a temporary basis since July 2005, indicating (a) if the posts were advertised and (b) the localities from which the recruited persons come from?

B/493 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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 the number of (a) persons employed as lorry/truck drivers and their respective date of appointment and (b) other drivers, indicating their names and respective posting?

B/494 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the organization of the Sports Gala Night by the Municipal Council of Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom (a) information as to (i) the expenses incurred, giving a breakdown thereof and (ii) how the different contracts were awarded and (b) a list of the quotations and table a copy thereof?

B/495 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether he will table (a) a list of the number of official trips he has undertaken abroad since he has taken office, giving a breakdown in terms of cost of air tickets, *per diem* and other allowances and (b) a report on each of these trips?

B/496 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine
Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware that a number of Mauritians have migrated to different countries during the past five years and, if so, will he state (a) the number thereof and (b) the countries of migration?

B/497 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine
Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware that the Ramnarain Lane, the Doolar Lane and the Karan Lane found in Carreau Manioc, Mahebourg, are each a two way road with a single lane thereby causing inconveniences to the road users and to the inhabitants of the locality and, if so, will he indicate the remedial measures he proposes to take in each case?

B/498 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware that the place where the Plaine Magnien market is held is inadequate for the growing population of Plaine Magnien and of its neighbouring villages and, if so, will he consider the advisability of either restructuring or relocating the market?

B/499 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the five Municipal Councils, information as to whether there are any job vacancies thereat and, if so, will he state (a) in which grades and (b) if it is proposed to fill up these posts, indicating when?

B/500 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will state the date on which the Ministerial Committee on the Cultural Centres last met, indicating when it proposes to submit its report?

B/501 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether she will state if Government proposes to review the old age pension scheme in the near future with a view to excluding a certain category of old age pensioners and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/502 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 January 2006 Hajj pilgrimage, he will state if he has received complaints from the pilgrims against the Hajj organizers and, if so, whether he proposes to institute an inquiry thereinto?

B/503 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 January 2006 Hajj pilgrimage, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Hajj Committee, information as to the vaccination requirements imposed by the Saudi Authorities, indicating which local company performed the vaccinations?

B/504 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, for the benefit of the House, state the number of families still living at Karo Kaliptis todate and whether Government is favourably considering their relocation?

B/505 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 state if Government proposes to allocate a plot of land to the families of Roche Bois who have lost their houses in the course of the fire outbreak of 07 May 2006?

B/506 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether he will state if Government has approved a new alignment of the Crève Coeur – Malenga Link Road, and, if so, will he state its project value?

B/507 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 state if Government has retrieved a plot of land formerly allocated to the Geetanjali Sanatan Dharma Sabha for the construction of a shivala and a social hall and, if so, will he give the reasons thereof?

B/508 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the poor performance of the Mauritian National Football Team at recent international competitions, he will state the remedial actions he proposes to take?

B/509 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the project submitted by the Cono Cono and Co. Ltd for a proposed restaurant at Flic-en-Flac, he will (a) give details of the site and location thereof and (b) in regard to the application for a Preliminary Environmental Report (PER), indicate (i) the date of the application (ii) if the views of the Ministry of Local Government, the Beach Authority, the NGOs and other Forces Vives were sought and obtained, indicating when and (iii) if the PER has now been approved and, if so, when?

B/510 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, state if he has recently received representations in regard to the conduct of the Chairperson of the Pre-School Trust Fund and, if so, will he state the actions he proposes to take?

B/511 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 the compensation paid by the European Union following the reduction in the price of sugar, he will state the other projects, besides the derocking and irrigation projects, which are being proposed in favour of the small planters?

B/512 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether he will state if the recent revision exercise carried out by the Cambridge University in regard to the General Paper scripts of the students who sat for the Higher School Certificate Examinations of 2005 will have any consequences on the results of other students?

B/513 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to the refund to individual bus owners with a view to compensating the rise in the price of diesel, he will state (a) the number of beneficiaries thereof (b) the amount of money disbursed to date and (c) the amount of money still owed to date, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/514 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 Value Added Tax, he will state the total revenue collected for (a) the financial year 1999-2000 (b) the financial year 2003-2004 and (c) the financial year 2004-2005?

B/515 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will state if he has ascertained that the vacant and abandoned state of the land on which is found the *Chateau Val Ory* at Moka constitutes a health hazard to the inhabitants in the immediate vicinity thereof and, if so, the measures he proposes to take with a view to

preventing it from becoming a breeding ground for the Chikungunya vector?

B/516 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether he will state if Government proposes to review its policy in regard to the old age pension scheme?

B/517 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether he will state if Government proposes to meet the full examination fees for students taking part in the Cambridge School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate Examinations for the first time, and, if so, indicate when?

B/518 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the distribution of bread to students attending the *Zone d'Education Prioritaire* schools, he will state if the scheme is still operational and, if so, (a) the price per bread paid to the suppliers and (b) the date of the last agreement signed between Government and the suppliers?

B/519 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA), information as to the amount of money collected locally and abroad in terms of property rights for the last two financial years, indicating how it was distributed?

B/520 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rucktooa)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware that many residential buildings have been put up on agricultural land and/or irrigation zone phase II in the region of St François without permit and, if so, will he state the measures he proposes to take?

B/521 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether he will state if there is a project for the construction of a new school at 16ème mille Forest Side and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/522 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether he will state if there is a project for the construction of a community centre in Midlands and, if so, will he state if land therefor has already been acquired and when construction will start?

B/523 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Trust Fund for the Social Integration of Vulnerable Groups, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to (a) the number of Board Meetings held to date and (b) the number of applications for funds presented to the Board and approved, indicating when funds will be released in each case?

B/524 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 pre-vocational educational institutions, he will state the procedures that are obtained for their registration?

B/525 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the ex-NHDC squatters of Camp Levieux, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to (a) the number thereof who have been allocated a housing unit and (b) the number thereof who have been allocated a plot of land with the necessary infrastructure?

B/526 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 January 2006 Hajj pilgrimage, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to if, prior to their departure, the pilgrims were vaccinated thereat against payment in favour of the Biocom Ltd?

B/527 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 Government will consider the advisability of supplying influenza vaccines free of charge to all children suffering from chronic respiratory and cardio vascular diseases?

B/528 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he is aware that the inhabitants living near the Masjid Gulzar-E-Madina in Morcellement La Vallée at Cité La Cure are encountering sewerage problems and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take as a matter of priority?

B/529 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether he is aware that the drainage works at Père Pivault Street, Ste Croix are incomplete, thereby causing the proliferation of mosquitoes due to stagnant water and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/530 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether, in regard to the Long Mountain hospital, he will state if he is aware that there is a lack of medical practitioners, especially in the evening thereby causing inconveniences to the patients and, if so, will he state the remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/531 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Virahsawmy)

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

Whether, in regard to the Long Mountain hospital, he will state if he is aware of the number of patients attending thereto and the conditions in which medical practitioners are operating thereat and, if so, will he state the immediate remedial measures he proposes to take?

B/532 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 he has received a letter dated 22 October 2004 from the administrators of the Flacq hospital to the effect that Mr Baruth, the owner of the building housing the St Julien Village Community Health Centre, has agreed to undertake a series of works for the extension thereof and, if so, where matters stand?

B/533 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to (a) the global average transmission loss of electricity (b) the percentage transmission loss of electricity and (c) the measures he proposes to take to minimize such losses?

B/534 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether he will state if there is a prevalence of obesity among adolescents in Mauritius and, if so, will he consider the advisability of banning high sugar soft drinks and junk foods in the school compounds?

B/535 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the NHDC complex at Chebel, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., when will the housing units be delivered?

B/536 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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

Whether, in regard to the free transport scheme, he will state Government policy in respect of students attending private technical institutions registered with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority?

B/537 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Allet)

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

Whether he will state if Government has any project in regard to the civic education of youngsters?

B/538 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sugar Efficiency (Amendment) Act (No. 30 of 2005), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Morcellement Board, information as to (a) the number of small planters who have benefited from the provisions of the above Act and (b) the number of letters of intent issued by the Board to land owners who have applied for same after the coming into force of the Act?

B/539 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to whether (a) the stock of AMUL milk thereat is still proper for consumption and the expiry date of the present stock and (b) the sale of AMUL milk has proved to be profitable to the Corporation and, if not, if any loss has been incurred?

B/540 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to (a) the volume of energy generated for each of the months of January 2005 to April 2006 and (b) the volume of energy consumed by the domestic sector for each of the above months?

B/541 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 free transport scheme, he will
state the rate per passenger at which bus companies and
private bus operators are being paid per month?**

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