

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 06 October 2015****Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit**

B/614 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

*To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence,
Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development
Unit –*

Whether, in regard to the Police Quarters, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the respective location thereof, indicating the number thereof which (a) are presently (i) occupied and (ii) unoccupied (b) have been converted into offices and (c) have been recommended for demolition, indicating the project earmarked for implementation on the site thereof, if any, in each case?

B/615 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

*To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence,
Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development
Unit –*

Whether, in regard to bail, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Master and Registrar, information as to since when District Courts have ceased to hear applications submitted by provisionally charged accused for the granting thereof, indicating the (a) reasons therefor and (b) number of applications therefor heard by the Bail and Remand Court on a daily basis, since then?

B/616 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Professor A. S., he will state the capacity in which Government retained the services thereof over the period July 2005 to December 2014, indicating in each case the (a) amount of fees/salaries and allowances paid out thereto and (b) number of visits he effected to Mauritius in connection therewith, further indicating (i) the dates thereof (ii) the purposes therefor (iii) the expenditure incurred in terms of air tickets, accommodation and other facilities, if any, and (iv) if Government car facilities had been provided thereto?

B/617 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the foreign currency notes seized at the residence of the former Prime Minister, in February 2015, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the inquiry carried out thereinto has revealed the sources thereof and, if not, why not?

B/618 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Ramano**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Quatre Bornes, in the vicinity of the St Jean Road, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of arrests effected thereat in connection with prostitution related offences since January 2015 to date, indicating the additional measures, if any, that will be taken to curb the proliferation thereof?

B/619 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of an Independent Police Complaints Commission, as mentioned in the Presidential Address on the Government Programme, he will state where matters stand?

B/620 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to road accidents, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of hit and run over the past two years, indicating (a) the number thereof in respect of which the vehicle drivers/cyclists have not been identified as at to date and (b) if consideration will be given for a toughening of the penalties in relation thereto?

B/621 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Bois Marchand Cemetery, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of profanation of tombs in the Chinese section thereof over the past two years, indicating the measures that will be taken to prevent the recurrence thereof?

B/622 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether he will state if he has taken cognizance of the Report on Trafficking in Persons 2015 of the US Department of State, and if so, indicate the measures that Government proposes to take to crack down the network of trafficking in persons, if any, in Mauritius?

B/623 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of Suboxone as a new substitution therapy in replacement of Methadone, he will state if amendments will be introduced to the Schedule of the Dangerous Drugs Act to cater therefor?

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other
than the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues
and National Development Unit**

B/624 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the policy holders of the Super Cash Back Gold Plan of the former British American Insurance Co. (Mtius) Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Property Fund Ltd., information as to (a) the number thereof who have not yet been refunded, indicating where matters stand as to the policies which are assigned in favour of other financial institutions and (b) when the debentures certificates will be issued?

B/625 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(**Dr Sorefan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the city of Port Louis, he will state if a decongestion plan has been developed therefor and, if so, give details thereof?

B/626 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(**Dr Sorefan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of a General Office Management Unit, he will state where matters?

B/627 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the United Arab Emirates, he will state where matters stand as to the talks engaged with the Government thereof to exempt the Mauritian nationals from the requirement of a visa entry therefor, indicating if they have (a) been requested to reciprocate the visa exemption granted to their nationals when entering Mauritius and (b) requested for an increase in the number of direct flights between our two countries?

B/628 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the facebook social media, he will state the measures that have been/will be initiated for the timely identification of the owners of fake profiles thereon in the light of the number of anonymous negative and communal and/or comments recently posted thereat and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/629 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(**Mr Ramano**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a Culture House at Ebene, he will state (a) if a site has been identified therefor (b) the amount of funds earmarked therefor and (c) the Mauritian cultural sectors concerned with the proposed Culture House?

B/630 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to since December 2014 to date, the number of employees (a) whose contract of employment have been terminated and (b) who have taken employment thereat?

B/631 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Domaine Les Pailles Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to the number of employees thereof whose contract of employment have been terminated since December 2014 to date, indicating the reasons therefor in each case?

B/632 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to Suboxone, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Pharmacy Board, a list of the importers thereof, indicating if any loss thereof has been reported thereto?

B/633 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to *halaal* food, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed amendments to be brought to the Food Act and the regulations made in relation thereto, indicating when the regulations that had been finalized last year would come into operation?

B/634 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the emergence of the virus causing MERS in Saudi Arabia which has recently caused several deaths, he will state (a) if adequate information have been given to the Mauritian pilgrims accomplishing the Hajj 2015 in relation thereto and (b) the measures that have been taken to screen and follow-up the pilgrims on their arrival?

B/635 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to Mr L. O., he will state the capacity in which the Embassy of Mauritius in Paris retained the services thereof, indicating the (a) period thereof (b) terms and conditions of appointment thereof, including the salaries and other fringe benefits drawn and (c) official missions he undertook during his term of office, including the total amount of money paid out thereto in terms of air tickets, *per diem* allowances and other facilities extended thereto?

B/636 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the Ebene Cyber City, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Business Parks of Mauritius Ltd., information as to the number of plots of land thereat which have not yet been developed, indicating in each case the (a) name of the lessee thereof (b) date of allocation thereof (c) project submitted therefor and (d) quantum of money deposited therefor?

B/637 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to bats, he will state the urgent measures taken to prevent the disastrous effects thereof on fruits, especially on mangoes and litchis?

B/638 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to the Solar Water Heater Scheme, he will state the number of applications received during the last registration exercise therefor, indicating (a) the number thereof which have been approved and granted (b) the budget earmarked therefor and (c) when the next registration exercise will be held?

B/639 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Monty**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the *Zone d'Education Prioritaire* Hot Meal Project, she will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating the timeframe set thereon?

B/640 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the News Department of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) name of the incumbent of the post of Head thereof, indicating the terms and conditions of employment thereof and (b) number of Chief Editors and news editors/journalists posted thereat respectively, indicating in each case, the (i) names (ii) date of appointment and (iii) terms and conditions of employment thereof?

B/641 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms, Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation Television, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, over the period January 2015 to date (a) the list of the programmes thereof which have been cancelled, indicating in each case, the reasons therefor and (b) information as to the names of the animators or producers whose services have been terminated, indicating in each case, the (i) date of termination of the contract of appointment and (ii) reasons therefor?

B/642 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the all-inclusive package proposed to the tourists by the tour operators which also includes the provision of transport, he will state if he has received representations from taxi owners in connection therewith and, if so, indicate the actions that will be taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/643 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the Bus Replacement Mechanism for the replacement of existing buses by semi-low floor buses, he will state if he has received representations from the Bus Owners Association in connection therewith and, if so, indicate the actions that will be taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/644 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the proposed implementation of the Nine Year Continuous Basic Education Project, she will state the policy being envisaged by her Ministry concerning private tuition at primary school level?

B/645 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training –

Whether, in regard to the Circular Migration Programmes to which Mauritius is a party, he will in each case, state the (a) countries concerned therewith (b) duration thereof and (c) number of Mauritian nationals who have benefitted thereunder?

- B/646 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –*
- Whether, in regard to fatal road accidents, he will state the number thereof which have occurred between the period (a) January 2015 up to the time when the speed cameras have become operational again and the number thereof which have occurred since then up to 30 September 2015 and (b) January 2014 to 30 September 2014?**
- B/647 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Disaster and Beach Management –*
- Whether, in regard to the Survey on Vehicular Emissions and Capacity Building on Emission Testing Project of his Ministry for which smoke meters, sound level meters and axle weighbridge were procured under the *Maurice Ile Durable* Fund in 2013, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the *Police de l'Environnement*, information as to the number of interventions it has conducted in relation thereto, since January 2015 to date, indicating the outcome thereof?**
- B/648 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –*
- Whether, in regard to the Impasse Raoul Rivet Street in Constituency No. 2, Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to when the “2014 approved in principle” works to be undertaken thereat in 2015 to the tune of Rs 192,000 and Rs 150,000 respectively will be carried out?**
- B/649 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the Customs Department, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the reasons why there has been a reduction of the personnel thereof?**

B/650 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of the Allied Health Professions Bill to regulate the activities of chiropractors, physiotherapists, psychologists, speech therapists, nutritionists, dietitians, phytotherapists and homeopathy practitioners, he will state where matters stand?

B/651 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the blue economy, he will state if a Blue Growth Study has been conducted to (a) assess the impact thereof on growth and job creation potential and the dynamics for research and development to deliver technology improvements and innovations and (b) identify marine and maritime resources and the potential of each activity thereof?

B/652 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, following the collapse of the former British American Insurance Co. (Mtius) Ltd. which has warranted the disbursement of substantial funds by Government, he will state the measures taken to identify any other “too-big-to fail” entity in Mauritius which would, in case of collapse, be disastrous to the Mauritian economy, indicating the remedial measures envisaged, if any, in relation thereto?

B/653 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the construction industry, he will state if Government will consider the introduction of a Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Bill with the objective to safeguard the interests of the contractors, of the subcontractors and of the consultants thereof for the timely payment in respect of the goods and services provided?

B/654 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to water, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to (a) where matters stand as to the Rivière des Anguilles Dam Project and (b) if an upgrading of the Bois Cheri Water Filtration Plant is being considered, having regard to the irregular supply thereof in Constituency No. 13, Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac?

B/655 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the diesel power plants in mainland Mauritius and in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the number of contracts awarded in relation thereto over the period 2004 to 2014, indicating in each case the (a) name of the contractor therefor and (b) contract value thereof?

B/656 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jhuboo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to the implementation of a proposed Bio-Farming Development Strategy, as highlighted in the Budget Speech 2015, he will state where matters stand?

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A/5 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 2, Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, he will state the projects undertaken thereat by the National Development Unit over the period January 2015 to date, indicating in each case the (a) nature thereof and (b) cost thereof?

A/6 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the offence of larceny, he will , for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof having been committed in Constituency No. 2, Port Louis South and Port Louis Central over the period January 2015 to date, indicating (a) the aggregate estimated value of the stolen items (b) the number of (i) arrests effected in connection therewith and (ii) cases thereof which have been prosecuted and (c) if consideration will be given for (i) the installation of additional Closed Circuit Television cameras and (ii) an increase in Police patrols thereat?

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and National Development Unit**

A/7 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the football playground at Tranquebar, in Port Louis, he will state (a) the construction costs thereof (b) the scheduled opening date thereof and (c) if consideration will be given for the construction of changing rooms, shower rooms and toilets thereat?

A/8 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training –

Whether, in regard to the Workfare Programme, he will state the (a) admission criteria for registration thereunder and (b) number of workers who have registered thereunder since January 2015 to date, indicating the (i) aggregate amount of Transition Unemployment Benefits paid out thereto (ii) training or re-skilling provided thereto and (iii) number thereof who have obtained a job placement thereafter?

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