

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 03 March 2015****Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit**

B/102 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 disclosure of assets and liabilities on assuming and vacating office, he will state if consideration will be given for the introduction of a new piece of legislation to make it a mandatory requirement not only for Honourable Members but also for (a) high officials of Government (b) advisers to Government and (c) chief executives of parastatal and private institutions wherein Government is a majority shareholder and, for same to apply in respect of assets and liabilities in Mauritius and abroad ?

B/103 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 project for the creation of a satellite city in Highlands, he will state where matters stand?

B/104 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 one Mrs K. P. R. recruited as Quality Assurance and Accreditation Officer of the Tertiary Education Commission, he will state if he has been informed of the false representations made in relation to her experience and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Commission Against Corruption, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out in relation thereto?

B/105 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 fatal road accidents, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, since January 2013 to date, on a yearly basis, indicating the additional measures, if any, taken to prevent the recurrence thereof?

B/106 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 Police Act, he will state if he will consider the advisability of introducing amendments thereto to provide for Police Officers to be personally liable for acts done contrary to law and to the Police Standing Orders?

B/107 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the 24th African Union Summit, which was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, between 23 and 31 January 2015, he will state (a) who represented Mauritius thereat and (b) the outcome thereof?

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/108 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Sports Medical Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, a list of the athletes who have received treatment thereat, since January 2014 to date (a) indicating if a sports medical doctor is attached thereto on a permanent basis and, if not, why not and (b) give a list of the staff attached thereto, indicating their respective duties?

B/109 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the employees of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation recruited during the period 2009 to date and drawing salaries of over Rs 100,000, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, a list thereof, indicating the respective (a) post occupied (b) date of recruitment (c) qualifications and (d) salaries and terms and conditions of employment?

B/110 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the plots of State land leased to individuals/companies and others, since July 2005 to date and which have been sold to foreigners, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case the (a) location thereof (b) extent thereof (c) lessors/purchasers thereof and (d) total selling price thereof?

B/111 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the Truth and Justice Commission, he will state whether the main recommendations contained in the report thereof have been implemented and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/112 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 the World Trade Organisation Trade Facilitation Agreement concluded in Bali from 03 to 06 December 2013, he will state if Mauritius had intended to ratify same and, if so, indicate the measures that have been taken in relation thereto as at to date?

B/113 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritians holding bank accounts outside Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Intelligence Unit and the Financial Services Commission respectively, information as to whether they have initiated any inquiry in relation thereto?

B/114 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the number of staff members thereof whose employment have been terminated since 2010 to date, indicating the aggregate compensation paid thereto and (b) where matters stand regarding the proposed restructuration thereof?

B/115 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the distribution of digital tablets to students, she will state (a) the number thereof returned as broken or defective (b) if all the secondary schools have internet connections and (c) where matters stand as to the distribution thereof to students this year?

B/116 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (**Mr Rutnah**)

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

Whether, in regard to the circumstances surrounding the allocation of the contract for the transportation of petroleum products by Betamax Ltd., he will state if Government is proposing to refer the case to the Police for inquiry and, if so, when?

B/117 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

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

Whether, in regard to the Executive Director of the Tertiary Education Commission, she will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commission, information as to his (i) terms and conditions of appointment, including the salary, allowances and other benefits drawn (ii) experience in quality assurance and regulatory framework and (b) state if the Delhi University, India, has set up a disciplinary committee against the latter and, if so, indicate if (i) the Commission had been informed thereof prior to his appointment (ii) his contract has been renewed and, if so, indicate the terms and conditions thereof and (iii) his replacement is being contemplated?

B/118 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Dauguet and the Signal Mountain Health tracks, he will state, in each case (a) when it was opened to the public (b) if his Ministry is proposing to carry out upgrading works thereat and, if so, indicate when and (c) if consideration will be given for the installation of lightning and toilet facilities thereat?

B/119 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Services, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) if the building presently housing the Port Louis Fire Station is in a derelict state, thus representing hazards and, if so, indicate if remedial measures will be taken for the restoration thereof and (b) where matters stand as to the proposed construction of a new Fire Station Headquarters and Training Centre at Riche Terre, indicating the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/120 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the Museum of the Special Mobile Force, at Vacoas, he will state since when it has been closed to the public, indicating (a) if consideration will be given for renovation works to be carried out thereat and, if so, give details thereof and (b) when the re-opening thereof to the public is contemplated?

B/121 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Public Procurement Act and related legislation, he will state the amendments he proposes to bring thereto?

B/122 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of a football pitch at Bassin Road, he will state the (a) contractual start and completion dates thereof, indicating if there is any delay in the completion thereof (b) name of the contractor therefor and (c) costs thereof?

B/123 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the eighteen families squatting State lands at Route Militaire, Plaine Verte, since last year, he will state where matters stand regarding the arrangements made by his Ministry for each of these families to obtain a plot of land?

B/124 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the agreement signed between Air Mauritius Ltd. and Emirates Airline in relation to the open sky policy, he will state where matters stand?

B/125 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 each of the parastatal bodies and/or institutions falling under the aegis of his Ministry, he will state the vacancies existing thereat since 11 December 2014 to date, that will be filled by (a) way of advertisement calling for qualified candidates and (b) means other than public advertisement which call for qualified candidates to be interviewed therefor?

B/126 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

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

Whether, in regard to the fishermen, he will (a) give a list thereof holding a Fisherman's Registration Card, indicating the measures he proposes to take against holders thereof who are no longer involved in fishing activities (b) liaise with the Beach Authority to ensure that a specific and adequate space is earmarked for the regular maintenance of their boats and (c) state if he proposes to recruit additional officers to combat illegal fishing at sea and to take other remedial measures in relation thereto?

B/127 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the setting up of the Mauritius Football League and the recruitment of a new *Directeur Technique National*, he will state (a) if his Ministry is proposing to carry out a survey of the quality and adequacy of infrastructure available in municipal and district council areas, indicating if (i) consideration will be given for the upgrading thereof and (ii) his Ministry has signed any agreement with the local authorities for the management and maintenance thereof and (b) the composition of the technical team in charge of preparing the Mauritius national football team for the forthcoming Indian Ocean Island Games to be held in August 2015?

B/128 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, in respect of the past five years, information as to (a) the total amount of money (i) invested in the acquisition of new buses, indicating the (A) names of the respective suppliers thereof and (B) sources and modes of financing thereof (b) paid to private companies for the maintenance of buses, if any, indicating if facilities are available for in-house maintenance of the buses and, if not, why not and (c) if copy of the audited reports in relation thereto will be tabled?

B/129 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the Solar Park Project in Bambous, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to (a) the amount paid monthly to Sarako Ltd. for electricity generated and exported in the grid since the commissioning of the installations (b) if the Environment Impact Assessment Licence in respect thereof makes provision for a Corporate Social Responsibility Fund and the construction of a tourist boutique for women entrepreneurs of Bambous and of the vicinity thereof by Sarako Ltd. and, if so, indicate where matters stand and (c) if copy of the agreement between Sarako Ltd. and the Central Electricity Board will be tabled?

B/130 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the new terminal of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airport Terminal Operations Ltd., information as to (a) if it was a design and built project contract and, if so, indicate the time taken for the execution of the design thereof (b) if galvanized metal frames were used (c) the thickness of the metal roofing (d) the type of curtain wall glass fixed (e) amount of variations cost claimed and paid and (f) table copy of the contract in relation thereto and, if not, why not?

B/131 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will state if he will consider probing into the ACONEX website, with the permission of the Officer-in-Charge of the SSR International Airport, for an audit trail and follow-up of the documents that had been filed in relation to the construction thereof and table copy thereof so as to throw light on the opacity or transparency of the project?

B/132 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the construction of the second runway at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airport Terminal Operations Ltd., information as to the (a) name of the contractor therefor (b) cost of the project thereof and (c) variation costs thereof, if any, indicating (i) if works have been executed as per the contract and (ii) who certified the recommendations for payment?

B/133 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the National Sports Federations, he will state if all of them are complying with the Sports Act and, if not, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from each of them, information as to the reasons therefor?

B/134 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Gymnastics Federation, he will (a) state the (i) date of recognition thereof by his Ministry and (ii) sum allocated thereto by his Ministry for financial year 2014 and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom (i) information as to the names of the office bearers thereof and (ii) a breakdown of the expenses incurred for financial year 2014?

B/135 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 –

Whether, in regard to the CT Power Project, he will state if he will initiate procedures for the conduct of a full forensic inquiry thereof in relation to the (a) promoters thereof (b) shareholding thereof (c) amount of money transferred to Mauritius to date and (d) name of the beneficiaries thereof?

B/136 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the Fire and Rescue Services, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, since 2008 to date, information as to the number of (a) lorries purchased, indicating (i) the detailed costs thereof (ii) the countries of origin thereof (iii) if all the lorries are operational and, if so, since when and, if not, why not, giving details thereof and the type of ladders fitted thereto and (iv) if all the lorries fitted with high rise ladders are fully operational and, if not, why not and (b) mobile pumps purchased, indicating (i) the costs thereof and (ii) if they are operational and, if so, since when and, if not, why not?

B/137 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a new market fair at Forum, Curepipe, he will state where matters stand?

B/138 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the classified roads in Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if consideration will be given for the urgent (a) cleaning/removal of wastes/soils from the covered blocked drains/canals at (i) Saint François Xavier Street, from its junction with Madras Street up to Delhi Street and (ii) Magon Street, towards the Khadafi Square, near the children playground after the Dr I. Goomany Municipal Centre, to prevent water accumulation during heavy rainfalls and (b) replacement of the covered cross slabs by heavy duty slabs, at Saint François Xavier Street, at its junction with Bombay Street?

B/139 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives –

Whether, in regard to the appointment of Mr V. M. as Chairperson of the National Institute for Co-operative Enterprise Committee, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Committee, information as to (a) his qualifications (b) his address and (c) the allowances and benefits, if any, to which he is entitled?

B/140 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the exemption of registration duty in respect of the first time buyers, he will state if he will consider the advisability of introducing amendments to the law in relation thereto so as not to restrict the exemption to any price threshold?

B/141 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

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

Whether, in regard to diabetes, he will state the number of children presently under treatment in relation thereto, indicating if Government is envisaging a permanent sponsorship of medical treatment for such patients?

B/142 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

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

Whether, in regard to the housing units at Kensington in Pointe-aux-Sables, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to when they will be connected to the treatment plant?

B/143 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the tertiary education sector, she will state if a committee was set up to inquire into the quality audit thereof and, if so, when, indicating (a) the composition thereof and (b) if the committee has completed its inquiry and, if so, will she table copy of the report in relation thereto and, if not, why not?

B/144 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Tertiary Education Commission, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if the Executive Director thereof has been dismissed and, if so, indicate if the post will be advertised internationally and, if so, when?

B/145 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the social housing projects, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the number of (a) housing units built by the Company island wide, since 2006 to 2014 and (b) house seekers presently enlisted at the Company, indicating the categorisation of the applicants in terms of monthly earnings?

B/146 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the housing problem in Constituency No. 14, Savanne and Black River, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to (a) the number of (i) housing units built by the Company thereat, since 2006 to 2014 and (ii) applicants living thereat seeking a housing unit from the Company and (b) if the Company has any project for the construction of housing units and, if so, indicate in which region/s?

B/147 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rehabilitation and Modernisation of the Pailles Treatment Plant Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand, indicating the improvement expected thereof that will be brought to the distribution of potable water in the region of Port Louis as a result thereof?

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