

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 10 February 2015****Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit**

B/1 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 death of late master M. T. I. J. whose dead body was found on or about 10 December 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand in relation to the inquiry carried out thereinto?

B/2 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 Advisers/Press Attachés employed on a contract basis and attached to each Ministry, since July 2005 to date, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case (a) their qualifications (b) their areas of responsibility (c) their salaries and any other allowances drawn (d) their terms and conditions of appointment and (e) the make and model of Government car put at their disposal?

B/3 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 late Mr A. K. R., who passed away while in Police custody, on or about 30 July 2011, at the Rivière du Rempart Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the inquiry thereof has been reopened and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/4 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 case of the theft which occurred on or about 03 July 2011 in a bungalow reportedly belonging to a Very Important Person, at Roches Noires, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the inquiry thereof has been reopened and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/5 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 new types of synthetic drugs on the market, including Wazabi, Black Mamba, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the quantity thereof, estimated to have been introduced in Mauritius, indicating the measures taken or that will be taken to prevent the proliferation thereof?

B/6 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to the Truth and Justice Commission, he will state whether the main recommendations contained in its Report have already been implemented and, if not, why not?

B/7 B/The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the live broadcasting of the proceedings of the National Assembly through television, radios and web tv, he will state if Government intends to (a) set up a Select Committee to look thereinto or (b) study the draft report of the previous Select Committee on live broadcasting of the proceedings of the House of the Fifth National Assembly and implement its recommendations?

B/8 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jhuboo**)

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

Whether, following Government's decision not to take the floor during socio-cultural functions, he will state if consideration will be given for the introduction of legislation, as is the case in Singapore?

B/9 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Hurreeram**)

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

Whether, in regard to access to the VIP Lounge, he will state if Mrs N. S. was granted such facilities and, if so, indicate (a) the number thereof, since July 2005 to December 2014 and (b) if any official request was made therefor and, if so, in which capacity?

B/10 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Maurice Ile Durable Commission, he will state if the Commission is still in operation, and if not, the reasons therefor, indicating which authority will now be responsible to carry out the mandate of the former Commission and (b) how our international commitments on Maurice Ile Durable will be met and (c) if the Maurice Ile Durable Fund will continue to exist and, if so, in which policy context?

B/11 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 Human Rights Commission, he will state if Government intends to review (a) the jurisdiction thereof and (b) increase the number of staff thereof?

B/12 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr 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 Mauritius Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police information and table a list as to the number of (a) permutations (b) demotions and (c) promotions thereat, since 10 December 2014 to date, indicating, in each case, the reasons therefor?

B/13 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Mohamed**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a case was reported at the Vacoas Police Station on 09 January 2015 in regard to a vehicle bearing registration number 6271 Oct 08 owned by the Tourism Authority and, if so, indicate who was driving the vehicle and in which capacity and (b) the outcome of inquiry carried out thereinto?

B/14 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Mohamed**)

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

Whether, in regard to parastatal bodies and other institutions where the State is a majority shareholder, he will state the vacancies thereof that will (a) be advertised and (b) not be advertised, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/15 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the inquiry being carried out by the National Human Rights Commission in relation to the case of arson of the gaming house, known as l'Amicale de Port Louis in May 1999, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commission, information as to when the inquiry will be completed?

- B/16 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)
- To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –*
- Whether in regard to the recent visit of the Vice Minister of State Oceanic Administration of the People’s Republic of China, he will state if discussions were held regarding the Jin Fei Project at Riche Terre and, if so, the decision Government intends to take as a result 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/17 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 motorcycles with modified silencers emitting loud noises on being run, he will state if he is aware of the increasing number thereof and, if so, indicate the measures that will be taken in relation thereto?**
- B/18 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 “Canal Anglais”, behind the Military Road, Cité Martial, he will state if he is aware of the presence of cracks thereinto resulting into water leakage into houses during rainfall and, if so, will he state if consideration will be given for the urgent repairs and upgrading thereof?**
- B/19 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 renegotiation of the Avoidance of Double Taxation Treaty between Mauritius and India, he will state where matters stand?**

B/20 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the State lands in Constituency No. 2, Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, he will state if any illegal occupation thereof has been reported and, if so, indicate (a) the number thereof and (b) state, in each case, the measures Government proposes to take in relation thereto?

B/21 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to hawkers operating in Port Louis, he will state the (a) number thereof and (b) measures that will be taken to regulate the situation thereof?

B/22 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the EDC houses in which asbestos is present, in Constituency No. 14, Savanne and Black River, he will state (a) the number thereof that (i) have been pulled down and (ii) are still in place and (b) the remedial actions that have been in respect thereof?

B/23 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 licences issued by the Tourism Authority for the operation of Jet Ski and Sea Kart around the island, he will state if his Ministry is envisaging the cancellation thereof?

B/24 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 activity of dolphin and whale watching, together with swimming with dolphins, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tourism Authority, information as to whether (a) it is conducted in a responsible and sustainable manner and (b) whether he is aware of the dangerous and chaotic situation prevailing during the holding thereof and, if so, will he state the measures proposed to be taken in relation thereto?

B/25 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to road congestion along Ebene link road to Vandermesh Round about and Vandermesh Street, Rose Hill towards Beau Bassin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if urgent measures will be taken under the Road Decongestion Programme to alleviate the hardship of road users thereat?

B/26 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the acute sewerage problem at Cité Marcel Cabon Albion Village, he will (a) state if urgent consideration will be given for the compulsorily acquisition of land for the installation of a leaching plant thereat and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to if consideration will be given for regular pumping of individual sewers to alleviate the hardship of the inhabitants?

B/27 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to Mogas and Gasoil, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the amount collected, in terms of (a) excise duty (b) Maurice Ile Durable levy (c) contribution to Road Development Authority (d) contribution to Rodrigues transportation and storage (e) contribution to the Build Mauritius Fund (e) contribution to subsidy on Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) (f) flour and rice and (g) Value Added Tax for 2014 and estimated for 2015, indicating if Government will consider reviewing the various components of the price structure thereof to bring down their prices?

B/28 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Airports of Mauritius Ltd., information as to the implementation of any project for the relocation of the inhabitants of Quartier Solitude, Plaine Magnien and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/29 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to Government decision to allow leaseholders of State land having a housing unit to purchase their respective plots of land, he will state where matters stand in regard to the leaseholders of State land at Camp Carol, Kenya in Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien?

B/30 The Honourable First Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Gobin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the granting/renewal of permit for the recruitment of Bangladeshi workers, since July 2005 to date, he will state if he will consider the advisability of setting up a fact-finding committee or a full-fledged Police inquiry to be carried out thereinto?

B/31 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac
(Mr Jahangeer)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a dam at Rivière des Anguilles, he will state if (a) a tender exercise thereof was launched and, if so, when and (b) the financing thereof has been secured until its completion?

B/32 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Leopold)

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

Whether, in regard to the aftermath of cyclone Bansi in Rodrigues, he will state (a) if consideration will be given for the setting up of a Rodrigues Emergency Rehabilitation Programme, in partnership with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, for the implementation and emergency projects for the construction and rehabilitation of (i) bridges (ii) drains (iii) masonry (iv) retaining walls and (v) retention basins, as a matter of urgency and, if so, when and, if not, why not and (b) any other remedial measures envisaged for any other affected sectors?

B/33 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Leopold)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius/Rodrigues route, he will state where matters stand as to the operation and to the proposed replacement of the MV Mauritius Pride?

B/34 The Honourable First Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac
(Mr Gobin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the E-Judiciary project, he will state (a) the name of the company and/or private consultant to whom the contract thereof was awarded, indicating the names of (i) the directors (ii) shareholders and (iii) the beneficial owner thereof (b) if the contract thereof was awarded in compliance with the requirements of the Public Procurement Act and, if not, why not and (c) if proper monitoring and internal audit regarding the implementation of the project is being properly effected, especially in relation to liquidated damages clause and, if not, why not?

B/35 The Honourable First Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac
(Mr Gobin)

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

Whether, in regard to the domain name “mu”, he will state (a) the name of the person/entity in whose name the domain is registered, indicating in the case of a corporate body the name of the (i) directors (ii) shareholders and (iii) beneficial owners thereof and (b) the measures Government proposes to take with a view to securing the domain name “mu” in the name of the State, indicating the time frame thereof?

B/36 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of houses at Chebel and Barkly, Beau Bassin, he will state (a) the number thereof as at todate under construction, giving details of the (i) commencement date thereof and (ii) expected date of completion thereof (b) if proper drainage and amenities thereof have been provided therefor and (c) the criteria that will be used for the allocation thereof?

B/37 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

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

Whether, in regard to the work being carried out at Canal Dayot, Grand River North West, he will state where matters stand, indicating if there has been any consultation with the inhabitants in relation thereof?

B/38 The Honourable Second Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Teeluckdharry)

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

Whether, in regard to the La Nicolière Reservoir, he will state if any recent test has been carried out to ascertain that potable water thereof is free from cyanotoxins and cyanobacteria known as blue-green algae and, if so, the outcome thereof, indicating if the water supply thereof as at to date is safe for consumption?

B/39 The Honourable Second Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Teeluckdharry)

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

Whether, in regard to foreign workers, he will state (a) the number thereof from (i) India (ii) China (iii) Bangladesh (iv) South Africa and (v) other countries who are under contract of employment, indicating if Government proposes to renew their work permits and (b) if Government intends to (i) impose a security bond on foreigners seeking work permit in Mauritius and/or (ii) review the ratio thereof to that of local workers with a view to reducing local unemployment?

B/40 The Honourable Second Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Teeluckdharry)

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

Whether, in regard to the premises rented by Government for housing the District Courts of Rivière du Rempart and Pamplemousses and the Pamplemousses Police Station, he will state (a) the terms and conditions thereof, indicating the amount of rent paid therefor on a monthly basis and (b) if Government proposes to (i) construct new buildings or (ii) restore the existing ones?

B/41 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

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

Whether, in regard to work being carried out at Sable Noire, Grand River North West, he will state where matters stand, indicating if the inhabitants thereof have been consulted in relation thereto?

B/42 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to State lands, he will state (a) if consideration will be given for an in depth inquiry to be carried out to establish (a) the beneficiaries thereof for the last 40 years and (b) the number thereof that are still being used to generate income?

B/43 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Fowdar)

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

Whether, in regard to the former Director General of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if he was paid a lump sum upon his resignation in December 2014 and, if so, will he state if the amount paid was in conformity with the terms and conditions of his contract and, if not, indicate the legal actions that are being taken in relation thereto?

B/44 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Fowdar)

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

Whether she will state if her Ministry is considering the introduction of subject teaching at the primary level?

B/45 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Fowdar)

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

Whether, in regard to the lease of State lands, he will (a) state if his Ministry intends to come up with a more transparent set of procedures for the allocation thereof and (b) table a list thereof from July 2005 to date, indicating in each case the (i) name of the lessee (ii) purpose thereof and (iii) extent thereof?

B/46 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Jin Fei Project, he will state (a) the total value of infrastructural works undertaken thereat, indicating the names of the contractors involved as at to date (b) the compensation paid to the planters following their relocation and (c) if an agreement was signed between the Government and Jin Fei and/or any other party, indicating (i) the conditions of the lease of the land thereof and (ii) if copy of the agreement thereof will be tabled?

B/47 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to SICOM Tower at Ebene, he will state if (a) the original lease agreement between the Business Park of Mauritius Ltd. (BPML) and Arushi Development Ltd. had been revised subsequently to enable commercial development thereat, indicating whether the decision was approved by the Board of Directors of the BPML (b) tenders were launched by SICOM for the purchase of property at Ebene and, if not, why not and, if so, give details of the (i) list of bidders (ii) the name of the members of the tender evaluation panel and (iii) the bid evaluation reports thereof and (c) there are fixed and floating charges in the property currently known as SICOM Tower in favour of any other party apart from SICOM Ltd.?

B/48 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Technical Committee of the Central Procurement Board, he will state the (a) composition thereof, indicating the (i) qualification (ii) experience (iii) salary and benefits (iv) date of appointment and duration of contract of the members thereof and (b) scope of work thereof, indicating if Government intends to review the composition and functioning thereof?

B/49 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 Terre Rouge Verdun M3 Road, he will state (a) the status thereof as at to date (b) the content of the report of the Geotechnical expert of Mr P., indicating if a copy thereof will be tabled and (c) if there has been any change from the original design and, if so, why?

B/50 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 Ring Road Phase I, he will state where matters stand as to the reports and the recommendations of the various experts thereon, indicating the amount of money paid to them?

B/51 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 Light Rail Project, which has now been shelved, he will state how the funds earmarked therefor by the Government of India will be allocated for other projects, if any?

B/52 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 contract awarded to Sinohydro for the completion of works at Ripailles where landslide has occurred, he will state if works will continue to be carried out thereat in the light of the actual state of the M3 Road between Ripailles and Valton roundabouts?

B/53 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Pre-Registration Training for new qualified doctors, he will (a) give a list thereof awaiting training, indicating in each case, the date of registration and (b) state when they will be enlisted, indicating the number thereof that will be enlisted?

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