MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 09 May 2017

Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development

B/354
The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Adrien Duval)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the acquisition of property by non-citizens under the Property Development Scheme, the Integrated Resort Scheme, the Real Estate Scheme and the Hotel Investment Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to the number of applications received, since January 2015 to date, indicating in each case the (a) names (b) nationality and (c) proposed number of property acquired/to be acquired and the value thereof?

B/355
The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Adrien Duval)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if the post of Director of News is presently vacant and, if so, indicate the (a) date when the vacancy occurred, indicating the expected date of filling thereof and (b) name of the last incumbent thereof, indicating the remuneration drawn?
B/356  The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Baboo)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed merger of the Registrar General’s Department with the Mauritius Revenue Authority, as announced in the last Budget Speech, he will state where matters stand?

B/357  The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to Mrs Y. C., Director of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the terms and conditions of appointment thereof, indicating the total remuneration drawn for the month of March 2017?

B/358  The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to SMS betting, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the number of companies operating same regarding horseracing, indicating the (a) date of issue of the permit therefor in each case and (b) number of applications therefor which have been rejected, if any, indicating the reasons therefor in each case?
B/359 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to SMS PARIAZ, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to if it is processing an application for the issue of a licence thereto to operate a betting outlet at 45, Queen Street, in Port Louis and, if so, indicate (a) the date of application thereof and the objections, if any, raised by neighbours thereof and (b) if consideration will be given to the presence of a mosque and of a school situated within 300 m thereof prior to issuing the said licence?

B/360 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Civil Service Mutual Aid Association, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the name of the Chairperson thereof, indicating the terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (b) state the control, if any, exercised by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development in relation thereto?

B/361 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to Mr A. S. and his group of companies, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to the reasons for the carrying out of inquiries in relation thereto, indicating in each case, the (a) starting date thereof and (b) outcome thereof?
B/362  The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Commission of Inquiry set up to investigate into the sale of BAI Kenya by the special administrators of BAI Co. (Mtius) Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the terms and conditions of appointment of the members thereof?

B/363  The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the court cases in which Government and/or public bodies is a party since December 2014 to date, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case, the (a) names of the lawyers in private practice/Chambers whose services have been retained therefor and (b) quantum of the fees paid and/or payable thereto?

B/364  The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to Mr A. S., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether (a) he has stayed in any official residence belonging to the State of Mauritius during any of his visits in Mauritius and (b) he had been refused licences to operate his companies in Mauritius in 2014 and, if so, give details thereof?
B/365 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed Smart City Projects, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof in each case?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development

B/366 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the aquaculture projects, he will state the (a) number of concessions granted therefor, indicating in each case the (i) extent thereof and (ii) category thereof and (b) number of leases granted therefor, indicating in each case, the (i) duration thereof and (ii) yearly rent/fee payable therefor?

B/367 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment –

Whether, in regard to the Corporate Social Responsibility, he will state if, following the introduction of the new policy in relation thereto, he has received representations from the Non-Governmental Organisations to the effect that they are not in a financial position to maintain the level of services provided as at to date and, if so, indicate the outcome of the discussions held, if any, in respect thereof and the proposed solutions thereto?
B/368 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the Basic Invalidity Pension granted to persons with more than 60% incapacity, he will state (a) since January 2015 to date, the number of persons who were eligible thereto, indicating the (i) number thereof whose pension has been cancelled and (ii) amount of money disbursed therefor and (b) if consideration will be given for a review of the (i) ceiling of 60% invalidity and (ii) appeal mechanism therefor?

B/369 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Yves Cantin Area Health Centre, he will state if consideration will be given for the upgrading thereof into a full-fledged mini hospital, having regard to the increased number of people living in the region which it services?

B/370 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Adrien Duval)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the members of the Commission of Inquiry on drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) quantum of fees payable thereto, indicating the basis of the computation thereof and (b) measures taken to ensure the safety thereof?

B/371 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the assets, companies and shares held by the former British American Insurance Co. (Mtius) Ltd. and its related companies, excluding the Apollo-Bramwell Hospital and Britam Kenya, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if the sale thereof have been finalised and, if so, indicate in each case, the (a) date of sale thereof (b) names of the buyer(s) thereof and (c) price paid therefor?
B/372 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Baboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Waste Water Management Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of officers thereof who have been suspended since December 2014 to date, indicating in each case, the outcome of the Fact Finding Committee set up to look thereinto, if any, and, if so, table copy of the report thereof?

B/373 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Baboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of the new building complex of the Queen Victoria Hospital, he will state (a) the total cost thereof (b) if the works have been completed (c) if there are any water leakages thereat and (d) the date of coming into operation of the new operation theatre thereat?

B/374 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the patients who request for copy of their medical report/history from public hospitals, he will state if consideration will be given for a time frame to be set for the delivery thereof?

B/375 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the road accident which occurred at Bois Marchand on 02 April 2016 and in which Mr S. A. lost his life, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto?
B/376 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chairperson of the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the name of the incumbent, indicating the (a) remuneration drawn and (b) Government-owned companies and/or parastatal bodies of which he is a Board Member, indicating in each case, the remuneration drawn?

B/377 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

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

Whether, in regard to the Plaine Sophie Wind Farm, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the contractual date on which works were due to start, indicating the expected start date thereof following the issue of the relevant permits prior to the implementation thereof?

B/378 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the Fleet Management System and the Global Positioning System for the Local Authorities Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) name of the contractor thereof (b) contractual value thereof and (c) delay, if any, in the completion of the contract thereof?

B/379 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 villages of Bois Chéri and of Grand Bois, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to if consideration will be given for the setting up of a taxi stand to serve these two villages?
B/380  The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Rutnah)

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

Whether, in regard to the Committee set up to review the labour legislation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to where matters stand as to the works thereof, indicating if the trade unions and other stakeholders have been party to any discussions or consultations in relation thereto?

B/381  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 appointment of an investigator in relation to the acquisition of the shares in New Mauritius Hotels Limited, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, information as to the (a) terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (b) criteria used for the appointment thereof?

B/382  The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the Report of the Fact Finding Committee on the outbreak of the Foot and Mouth Disease, he will state the measures which have or which will be taken in the light of the findings and recommendations thereof?

B/383  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Oree)

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

Whether, in regard to the landslide problem in the region of Upper Vallée des Prêtres, she will state the measures that are being taken to repair the damages caused to the building housing the Chitrakoot Government School thereat, indicating if consideration will be given for the relocation thereof outside the landslide prone area?
B/384 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Oree)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a new Police post at Cité La Cure, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

B/385 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Wage Consultative Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) names of the Chairperson and of the Members thereof (b) number of sittings held as at to date and (c) if the Board was made aware of the public statement made by the Chairperson regarding the proposed quantum of the minimum wage?

B/386 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the Super Cash Back Gold policy holders of the former BAI Co. (Mtius) Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Property Fund Ltd, information as to the number thereof having selected repayment under Option 1 and Option 2 respectively, indicating (a) the agreed amount of money and terms of repayment thereof and (b) if those having selected repayment under Option 1 will be paid 20% of their invested capital by 30 June 2017, as undertaken by the Fund?

B/387 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the renewal of the Power Purchase Agreement with Alteo, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if the formula applicable for the calculation and distribution of the accruals out of the Bagasse Transfer Price Fund shall be reviewed so as to provide for a fair and reasonable price to small planters?
B/388 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the renewal of the Power Purchase Agreement with Alteo, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the terms and conditions upon which the existing agreement is being renewed?

B/389 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

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

Whether, in regard to the University of Technology of Mauritius, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the actions taken to ensure that (a) the students thereof are allowed to study in a perfect environment on the campus thereof and (b) prompt actions are taken on the issues raised by the students?

B/390 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the National Coast Guard, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of officers attached thereto, indicating the (a) respective rank thereof (b) quantity of drugs seized in the course of operations carried out by officers thereof since January 2015 to date and (c) collaboration thereof with Reunion Island and Madagascar, if any, for the seizure of drugs within our territorial seas?
B/391 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the General Manager of the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the terms and conditions of appointment thereof, including the (a) salaries and allowances drawn (b) make and model of car put at the disposal thereof, indicating the cost thereof and (c) number of Government-owned companies and/or parastatal bodies of which he is a Board member, indicating in each case, the total remuneration drawn?

B/392 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chairperson of the Waste Water Management Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the terms and conditions of appointment thereof, including the (a) salaries and allowances drawn and (b) make and model of car put at the disposal thereof, indicating the (i) cost thereof (ii) date of purchase thereof (iii) procurement method used therefor and (iv) breakdown of total expenses incurred in relation thereto as at to date?

B/393 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the Waste Water Management Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of employees thereof who have been interdicted since January 2015 to date, indicating in each case the (a) charges leveled against them, indicating if the inquiries have been completed and, if not, why not and (b) names of the assessors of the respective Committees set up to look thereinto, indicating in each case the (i) fees paid thereto and (ii) expected date of submission of the report thereof?
B/394 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry is being carried out regarding an alleged prostitution ring for high profile persons employing young Malagasy women operating in the North of Mauritius over the recent years and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/395 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the Malborough Social Centre at Les Salines, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the reasons for the closure thereof, indicating if new premises have been earmarked for the relocation thereof?

B/396 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed review of the Environment Protection Act, as stated at paragraph 57 of the Presidential Address delivered on 27 January 2015, he will state the expected date of the introduction and debate thereof in the Assembly?

B/397 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed revival of the National Environment Commission as described in paragraph 58 of the Presidential Address delivered on 27 January 2015, he will state where matters stand?
B/398  The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of a Climate Change Bill, as stated at paragraph 60 of the Presidential Address delivered on 27 January 2015, he will state the expected date of the introduction and debate thereof in the Assembly?

B/399  The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed review of the Beach Authority Act, as stated at paragraph 53 of the Presidential Address delivered on 27 January 2015, he will state the expected date of the introduction and debate thereof in the Assembly?

B/400  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 pulling down of the houses containing asbestos and of the replacement thereof, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation of the recommendations of the High Level Technical Committee set up to look thereinto?

B/401  The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Baloomoody)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the Speaking Unions, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number thereof which are fully operational, indicating when the members of the Executive Council will be appointed as regards to those which are not yet operational?

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