MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given
Requiring an Oral Answer
Sitting of Tuesday 19 April 2016

Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit

B/201 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the post of Chief Human Resource, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to the (a) qualifications requirements therefor and (b) name of the incumbent thereof, indicating the (i) date of appointment and (ii) qualifications thereof?

B/202 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sesungkur)

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

Whether, in regard to the public transport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of alleged anti-social behavior of which women, students and elderly persons have been victims when making use thereof over the past five years, indicating the actions taken/that will be taken, if any, to ensure the protection of the abovementioned categories of users thereof against such behaviour?
B/203 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sesungkur)

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

Whether, in regard to the speed cameras, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if (a) they are all fully operational and, if not, why not and (b) a study has been carried out to ascertain if the use thereof has generated the expected outcome of reducing the number of road accidents?

B/204 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sesungkur)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sale by Levy, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the (a) National Solidarity Fund, as to the composition of the Committee that considers disbursements therefrom, indicating the (i) criteria used for the granting of assistance and for the determination of the quantum thereof and (ii) number of requests for assistance received, considered, turned down/ granted and quantum disbursed and (b) Bank of Mauritius, as to where matters stand regarding the proposed setting up of an Asset Management Company to provide, inter alia, for the replacement of the Sale by Levy procedure?

B/205 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to telephone tapping, he will state if the National Security Service or any other specially formed cell is resorting thereto under the direct orders of the Executive?
B/206 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the foreigners, he will state the number thereof who have obtained naturalization since December 2014 to date, indicating in each case, the reasons why the Mauritian citizenship has been granted thereto?

B/207 The Honourable Third Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Mr Fowdar)

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

Whether, following the floods of February 2016, he will (a) state (i) where matters stand regarding the construction of a Cut-Off drain in Fond du Sac, indicating the expected start and completion dates and estimated costs thereof and (ii) the number of households of Fond du Sac and of Camp Carol registered as victims thereof, indicating when compensation will be paid thereto and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Prime Minister’s Relief Fund, information as to the quantum of the contributions of the private sector thereinto in the aftermath thereof?

B/208 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to Mr K. R., Senior Adviser attached to the Prime Minister’s Office since July 2005 to December 2014, he will state the (a) net monthly salary and allowances drawn and (b) Boards on which he served as representative of the said Office thereon, indicating in each case, the (i) date of appointment thereto (ii) allowances drawn therefor and (iii) number of overseas missions undertaken in connection therewith, indicating the countries visited and expenditure incurred therefor?
B/209 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the alleged transfer of funds by the Banque des Mascareignes to the BAI Co. (Mtius), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof, including the number of arrests effected in connection therewith and the charges lodged, if any?

B/210 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to Rivière Noire, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of thefts committed thereat over the past three months, indicating (a) the number thereof in which foreign nationals are the victims and (b) in each case, the number of suspects arrested, indicating if most of them are drug addicts?

B/211 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to Rivière Noire, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a meeting was held on 30 March last between the inhabitants thereof and officers of the Police Station thereof in the course of which the said Police Officers averred that they (a) cannot effect regular patrol thereat due to lack of vehicles and (b) guarantee the security of the inhabitants after 6.00 p.m. and, if so, indicate if remedial measures will be taken in relation thereto?
B/212 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the State Bank of Mauritius Ltd., he will state the (a) present shareholding of Government therein and (b) names of the representatives of Government serving on the Board thereof, indicating the (i) highest price per share thereof as traded on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius in 2014 (ii) current price per share thereof as traded on the Stock Exchange of Mauritius and (iii) reasons for the percentage change in price per share between 2014 and to date?

B/213 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

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

Whether, in regard to Tamarin and Rivière Noire, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of theft and larceny thereat since January 2015 to date, indicating (a) where matters stand as to the inquiries carried out thereinto and (b) measures taken or that will be taken to curb the incidence thereof?

B/214 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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Air Mauritius Ltd., he will state the names of the representative of Government sitting thereon, indicating the capacity in which the said person is representing Government on the Board thereof?
B/215  
The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Ms Sewocksingh)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of larceny committed thereat since 2015 to date, indicating (a) where matters stand as to the inquiries carried out thereinto, indicating the number of arrests effected in connection therewith and (b) the measures taken or that will be taken to curb the incidence thereof?

B/216  
The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Ms Sewocksingh)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed installation of Closed Circuit Television Cameras Surveillance System in the town centre of Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

B/217  
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 of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Mr H. R. and Mrs F. R., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the dates on which they were respectively arrested and released on bail, indicating the (i) charges lodged against them and (ii) bail conditions thereof and (b) where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out in relation to the charges levelled against them by the complainant, indicating if the latter has withdrawn his complaint against them?
B/218 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

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

Whether, in regard to the Prisons Security Squad, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to if the dismantling thereof is being envisaged and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/219 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

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

Whether, in regard to the Ministries and parastatal bodies, he will give a list of the contracts allocated by each one of them since December 2014 to date, indicating in each case, the (a) value thereof (b) name of the beneficiary thereof and (c) date of allocation thereof?

B/220 The Honourable First Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Gobin)

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

Whether, in regard to the private radio stations, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Broadcasting Authority, a list of the licensees thereof, indicating in each case the (a) shareholding thereof and (b) directorship thereof?

B/221 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the projects for the installation by the National Development Unit of lighting systems respectively at the football grounds of St Louis and of Morcellement Guibies, in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will state where matters stand?
Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit

B/222 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the demise of Ms R. B. following a surgical operation for the removal of the gall bladder in September/October 2015 at the Dr A. G. Jeetoo Hospital, he will state if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate (a) who carried out the said inquiry and (b) the outcome thereof?

B/223 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to loud noise emissions, he will state (a) the number of contraventions booked and convictions secured in respect of auto cycles and motorcycles therefor over the past two years and (b) if the sound level meters procured for the detection thereof are now operational and, if not, why not?

B/224 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 where matters stand as to the project for the (a) upgrading of the Port Louis Fire Station and (b) construction of a new fire station, headquarters and training academy at Riche Terre, indicating in both cases the expected start and completion dates thereof?
B/225  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to torrential rainfalls, he will state if consideration will be given for proposed amendments to be introduced to the existing legislation with a view to provide for the obligation on employers to release the employees thereof in cases of warnings therefor issued by the Mauritius Meteorological Services and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/226  The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sesungkur)

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

Whether, in regard to the Agreement signed between Government and the Mauritius Sugar Producers Association on 22 April 2008 for the transfer of 2000 acres of sugar lands to the State over a period of ten years, ending in 2017, he will state the extent of land acquired since September 2015 to date, indicating the (a) use made thereof and (b) names of the beneficiaries thereof?

B/227  The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to the Barachois, he will state the number of leases thereof granted or renewed since January 2015 to date, indicating in the case of Mauricoast Ltd., the date of (a) application for the grant of a lease therefor and (b) issue of the lease therefor?

B/228  The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

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

Whether in regard to the fruits and vegetables, he will state the number of tests and surveys carried out to determine the level of pesticides contained therein with a view to ensure that they are fit for consumption on the local market and for export, indicating the standards that are applied therefor?
The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the assessment of properties, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Councils, information as to the difficulties which the Valuation Department is encountering when conducting the exercises therefor with regard to the issue of ‘local rate’ and ‘general rate’, indicating if consideration will be given for the advisability of introducing amendments to the Local Government Act to remedy thereto?

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 next Indian Ocean Island Games, he will state if, as the host, Government has taken any initiative to ensure the participation of the Comoros Island thereto following the walk out effected by the representatives thereof from the last meeting of the Conseil International de Jeux and, if not, why not?

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 basketball, he will state if the French Coach, C. T., is still in post as the Directeur Technique National thereof and, if not, indicate the reasons therefor?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the Hot Meals in the Zone d’Education Prioritaire schools Project, she will state where matters stand?
B/233 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 after career high level athletes, he will state if his Ministry has set up a programme to ensure the professional reinsertion thereof and, if so, give details thereof?

B/234 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 proposed construction of the Heritage City, he will state the (a) project value thereof and (b) how it will be financed?

B/235 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 auction fish market located at Fort Williams, Les Salines, in Port Louis, he will state where matters stand as to the operation thereof, indicating if the premises housing same are being used for the original purpose for which they were built and, if not, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/236 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Leopold)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed laying of fibre optic cables for the connection of Rodrigues Island, he will state where matters stand?

B/237 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the Quatre Bornes Market, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes, information as where matters stand as to the proposed covering thereof?
B/238  The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the Quatre Bornes Fire Station, he will state if he is aware of the inconveniences caused by the location thereof within the premises of the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the advisability of the relocation thereof?

B/239  The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the Sir Guy Rozemont Stadium in Quatre Bornes, he will state if he is aware of the derelict state thereof and, if so, indicate if the renovation thereof is being envisaged?

B/240  The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Embassy in Russia, he will state if the Ambassador thereof (a) is renegotiating the Double Tax Avoidance Agreement signed between the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Russia and (b) has informed his Ministry of the name of the company which is responsible for the promotion of tourism towards Mauritius?

B/241  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 BAI Co. (Mtius), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, information as to the fees claimed by the special administrators and any consultants appointed therefor, indicating the aggregate amount thereof paid thereto as at to date?
B/242 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions –

Whether, in regard to the Rehabilitation Youth Centres, she will state if she has been made aware of the protests made by the staff thereof regarding their working conditions thereat and, if so, indicate the actions that have been taken by her Ministry in relation thereto?

B/243 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to the Stand-by Generation Capacity Charge for grid connected solar photovoltaic and wind farm systems, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the reasons why the tariffs set out therefor in Schedule 1 to the General Notice No. 3011 of 2014 are no longer applicable?

B/244 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to the Super U of Flacq, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the date on which it submitted its request to the Central Electricity Board for the operation of a solar photovoltaic system for its own consumption and using the Central Electricity Board grid as back-up supply, indicating (a) the date of approval thereof and (b) if it is the first to benefit from the non-applicability of the tariffs set out therefor in Schedule 1 to the General Notice No. 3011 of 2014?
B/245 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 13, Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac, he will state if there is any project for the construction of a multi-sports complex thereat and, if so, indicate the expected start and completion dates thereof and, if not, if consideration will be given for the implementation of a project therefor?

B/246 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

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

Whether, in regard to the renovation of his Office at Ebene, he will state the (a) name of the contractor thereof and (b) cost thereof?

B/247 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the British American Investments which were presented by Government on Friday 3 April 2015 as being a vast Ponzi scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if any complaint has ever been filed by policy holders thereof prior thereto for non-payment/non-reimbursement and, if so, indicate the number thereof?

B/248 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the Bramer Asset Management Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) number of investors concerned therewith (b) total sum of investment involved therein (c) total number of families who have been reimbursed to date (d) total amount repaid (e) total number of families under the Rs 500 000 level, indicating the number thereof still left to be paid and (f) outstanding amount due as debentures and the proposed schedule of payment?
B/249 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 Financial Intelligent Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if Mr K. T. has been appointed Chairperson of the Board thereof and, if so, indicate (a) when and (b) his terms and conditions of appointment?

B/250 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to Mauricoast Ltd. represented by one Mr Y. B., he will state if a lease or concession has been granted thereto for the use of an ex-Barachois at Poudre d’Or and, if so, indicate (a) when the application therefor was received at his Ministry (b) the extent of land concerned therewith (c) the description of the project to be implemented thereat, indicating (i) if same was discussed at the level of Government and (ii) when approval therefor was obtained and (d) the terms and conditions of the lease/concession agreement, including the amount payable to Government?

B/251 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 post of Transmission and Distribution Manager, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the (a) qualifications requirement therefor and (b) name of the incumbent thereof, indicating (i) his date of appointment thereto (ii) the qualifications held and (iii) if he had been subject to an inquiry in the past and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof and the post he occupied at the material time?
B/252

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 last recruitment exercise for the posts of Meter Readers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to (a) when the posts were advertised (b) the number of applications received therefor (c) if the candidates had to undergo any written test and, if so, when and, if not, why not (d) when interviews were carried out, indicating the names of the members of the interviewing panel and (e) number of persons recruited, indicating their (i) names (ii) addresses (iii) qualifications and (iv) respective posting?

B/253

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

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

Whether, in regard to the Fishermen Investment Trust, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) composition of the Board thereof (b) date of the last Board Meeting thereof and (c) total assets thereof?

B/254

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

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

Whether, in regard to the Fishery Advisory Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) composition thereof and (b) date of the last meeting thereof, indicating the decisions taken thereat?

B/255

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

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

Whether, in regard to the State lands, islands and lagoons, he will give a list of the plots/extent thereof which have been leased out to individuals and companies since December 2014 to date, indicating in each case the (a) date of the lease (b) names of the lessee/s thereof and (c) derived/anticipated benefits thereof for the country?
B/256  The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

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

Whether, in regard to the power blackouts that have affected the country since 01 January 2015 to date, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, a list thereof, indicating (a) in each case the causes thereof and (b) the number of complaints received regarding the effect of power supply failures on domestic electrical installations?

B/257  The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Dr Joomaye)

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

Whether, in regard to monosodium glutamate, he will state (a) if the banning of the importation thereof has been recommended by the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, indicating (i) if this measure has been extended to all imported food containing same and (ii) the number of countries where similar measures have been applied and (b) if any complaint has been registered from any local consumer thereof in relation thereto?

B/258  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 cardiac patients who underwent coronary angioplasty in 2015, he will state the number of (a) drug-eluting stents used during that period and (b) stents purchased by his Ministry over the same period?

B/259  The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to consumer protection, he will state the (a) measures taken, if any, to inform consumers of the evolution of the retail prices of commodities since the publication of the last report of the Price Observatory Unit in August 2015 and (b) composition of the National Price Consultative Council, indicating the recommendations, if any, of the Council in relation thereto and in relation to the price of goods and, if not, why not?
B/260 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to consumer protection, he will state (a) where matters stand as to the proposed amendments to be introduced to the Consumer Protection Act and (b) if consideration will be given for the advisability of setting up an Office of Ombudsman therefor and of a Grocery Supply Code of Practice for the retailers, as is the case in the United Kingdom?

B/261 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 implementation of the Nine Year Basic Continuous Schooling Programme, she will state the (a) estimated number of students per zone that would be seeking admission to Grade 7 in the year 2018 and the estimated number of seats per zone that would be available and (b) stand of the private aided and unaided secondary schools, including that of the Bureau de l’Éducation Catholique in relation thereto?

B/262 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 Certificate of Primary Education Examinations, she will state if there exists any policy that would allow the students currently in standard V to take part therein and, if so, indicate the criteria applicable therefor?

B/263 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the road resurfacing programme for Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will state if he will consider the advisability of giving prior attention to the region of Soreze in view of the bad conditions of many roads thereat?
B/264 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to Morcellement Raffray, in Guibies, Pailles, he will state if urgent consideration will be given for the cleaning of the river running thereat with a view to avoid risks of flooding in the region thereof?

B/265 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the plots of land situated in the vicinity of the State Secondary School, in Pailles, which were compulsorily acquired and presently lying idle, he will state (a) the name of the previous owners thereof (b) the reasons why same were compulsorily acquired (c) the price at which they were compulsorily acquired and (d) where matters stand as to the implementation of the project in consideration of which they were compulsorily acquired?

B/266 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Aliphon)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the replacement of the old water pipes under the Building Mauritius Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, a list of the regions identified in Constituency No. 20, Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière therefor, indicating the timeframe set out for the implementation thereof?

B/267 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Aliphon)

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

Whether, in regard to the Albion Bridge, he will state if consideration will be given for the (a) widening and increase of the height thereof and (b) embellishment and rehabilitation thereof, including replanting on the wetlands in the vicinity thereof?
B/268 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Aliphon)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to the Baker Bridge near the Club Med Hotel, in Albion, he will state if consideration will be given for (a) an upgrading of the lighting system thereat and (b) embellishment and rehabilitation thereof, including replanting on the wetlands in the vicinity thereof?

B/269 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the Plaza Theatre in Rose Hill, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin and Rose Hill, information as to the number of events held in the courtyard thereof since December 2014 to date and (b) state if his Ministry is aware of the inconveniences being caused by the holding of events in the courtyard thereof to the inhabitants living in the vicinity thereof and in the region of Montmartre in terms of noise pollution and, if so, indicate if appropriate measures will be taken in relation thereto?

B/270 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the Nursery at Residence Vallijee, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to (a) since when it is closed, indicating the reasons therefor (b) if consideration will be given for the re-opening thereof and, if not, why not and (c) if the recruitment of a Nursery Officer therefor has been provided for or if consideration will be given for the matter to be referred to the National Empowerment Fund for necessary actions to be taken at their end therefor?
B/271 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the construction of a changing room attached to the football ground of Camp Chapelon, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to the name of the contractor therefor, indicating the (a) contract value thereof (b) contractual start and completion dates thereof, indicating the effective date when works started and the reasons why they have been put on hold and (c) if the contractor has been paid the full contractual value thereof or any payment is outstanding for works not completed as at to date?

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

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

Whether, in regard to Kensington, in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to (a) the number of times incidences of overflow of waste water thereat have been reported thereto since several years and (b) if it is aware that it has now become a settlement of more than one hundred households and, if so, if consideration will be given for the implementation of an appropriate sewerage network system thereat?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
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