

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 21 April 2009

Questions addressed to Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs

B/256 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the Police Information and Operations Room, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the telephone numbers available thereat, indicating the ones available on a 24-hour basis and (b) if breakdowns on the telephone number 999 have been registered and, if so, the remedial measures that will be taken to avoid same?

B/257 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will state if Government proposes to amend the law to provide for a Code of Conduct to complement the legal provisions in force regarding the holding and conduct of elections in Mauritius?

B/258 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he is aware that illegal car racing activities, known as 'runs', take place on Saturday nights or early Sunday mornings at the Ebène Cyber City and are causing inconveniences and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the remedial measures taken as at to date to address the issue?

B/259 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the prisons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to if they are overcrowded and, if so, the remedial measures that Government proposes to take?

B/260 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mrs Labelle**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of accidents that have occurred, since January 2007 to date, at (a) the Place Margéot, Rose Hill and (b) corner Sir Virgil Naz Street, Moka Road, Rose Hill?

B/261 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to Government publicity in newspapers since December 2005 to May 2008, he will now state the amount of money paid to each daily and weekly?

B/262 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the offence of murder/manslaughter, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof committed between (a) 2000 to 2005 and (b) 2005 to date, indicating in each case, the number thereof that have been elucidated as at to date?

B/263 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the driving licence, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons who, since 2006 to date (a) have undergone oral and practical driving tests (b) have been issued same and (c) are over 60 and whose driving licence have been renewed?

B/264 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the Fast Track Committee set up to steer projects in Mauritius, he will state the number of projects (a) deposited, indicating in each case (i) the names of the promoters (ii) their nationality and (iii) the investment value thereof and (b) which have been (i) approved and (ii) not approved, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/265 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the expenses incurred in connection with the Pepsi Hungama programme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if (a) the Chairperson of the Board thereof has refused to sign cheques pertaining thereto and, if so, the reasons therefor and (b) any amount of money has been taken from the Welfare Fund to pay therefor?

B/266 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if any incident took place thereat, on or about 22 January 2009, between a senior news producer and a production assistant, and if so, the reasons therefor?

B/267 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the prohibition to drink alcohol in public places, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons booked, since the coming into force of the Regulation in relation thereto?

B/268 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal **(Mr Bodha)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the larceny of vegetables, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, since July 2005 to date, indicating the outcome of the inquiry carried out in each case?

B/269 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal **(Mr Bodha)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to bomb threats, since July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, indicating the outcome of the inquiry carried out in each case?

B/270 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the landslide which occurred in Crève Coeur last year, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if statements have been made by some inhabitants thereof to the effect that their respective residence were damaged as a result thereof and, if so, if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/271 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill **(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to larceny, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof perpetrated by snatching of jewels, handbags and other personal items during daylight from pedestrians, since January 2008 to date, indicating the remedial measures that will be taken to avert same?

B/272 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill **(Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to trafficking in persons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, since January 2005 to date?

B/273 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mr Ganoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to the coverage of the political rallies on the Labour Day and the news items broadcast by the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, since May 2000 to May 2008, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the duration of each (a) item for each of the political parties/alliances and (b) insert for each item which was broadcast and each insert of every political leader?

B/274 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs:-

Whether, in regard to each of the Advisers and Press Attachés appointed by Government, he will state (a) since May 2008 to date, their (i) names (ii) terms and conditions of employment and (iii) qualifications and (b) if their terms and conditions of appointment have been reviewed, following the PRB Report 2008 and, if so, table copy thereof?

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than Dr
the Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence and Home Affairs**

B/275 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if one of its officers visited Kenya in 2007 and, if so, indicate (a) who sponsored the visit and (b) if the officer also attended a meeting of the World Health Organisation, held in Bangkok in 2008?

B/276 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to tourist arrivals, he will state (a) the number thereof for the month of March 2009 (b) their nationality for the months of January, February and March 2009 and (c) if there is any delay in the release of the statistics for the months of January and February 2009 and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/277 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the traffic congestion at the Vandermeersch Street, between Beau Bassin and Rose Hill, especially in the morning, he will state the remedial measures Government proposes to take?

B/278 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the National Transport Corporation, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to its financial situation and (b) state if there is any plan for the privatization thereof?

B/279 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to Air Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to if a new Chairperson has been appointed thereat and, if so, indicate his or her terms and conditions of appointment?

B/280 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information and Communication Technology:-

Whether, in regard to communications by mobile phones and the ADSL links, he will state if it is proposed to decrease the tariffs thereof and, if so, when?

B/281 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Speville)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether he is aware of the flooding problem on the motorway, from La Vigie to the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, especially around the roundabout at the junction of La Rosa, L'Escalier/Souillac, and if so, the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/282 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Speville)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the customers of the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., who had contracted loans up to Rs 200,000, before April 2003 and who are entitled to the special measures as announced in the Budget 2008-2009, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to (a) the number thereof and (b) the total amount of money they represent, indicating the amount for Rodrigues?

B/283 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Speville)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms:-

Whether, in regard to the public officers who have applied for permanent transfer and who have been granted same from the Rodrigues establishment to the Mauritius establishment and *vice versa*, he will state (a) the number thereof for period (i) January 2000 to December 2005 and (ii) January 2006 to date and (b) their job title, indicating their respective previous and present posting?

B/284 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the Action Plan of the Empowerment Foundation, he will state the number of projects earmarked for 2008 and 2009 for Rodrigues, indicating (a) the amount of funds transferred to the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., as at to date in relation thereto and (b) the beneficiaries thereof, indicating the amount of money disbursed?

B/285 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a football ground at Petit Camp, Phoenix, he will state where matters stand?

B/286 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education, Culture and Human Resources:-

Whether, in regard to the operation of Medical Colleges in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tertiary Education Commission, information as to if it is in presence of any new application, and if so, the number thereof, indicating where matters stand in each case?

B/287 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Perrier**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-

Whether he is aware of the difficulties being faced by the small pleasure crafts operators operating at Le Morne, and, if so, will he state the reasons therefor?

B/288 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Renewable Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether he is aware that some 20 families living at Cité La Cure, behind the NHDC Housing Estate, have not been supplied with electricity for years and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to (a) the reasons therefor and (b) the remedial actions that will be taken, if any?

B/289 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Dayal)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he is aware that the drain works at La Chapelle Road, l'Espérance, Quartier Militaire, have not yet been completed and, if so, will he state the reasons therefor, indicating the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/290 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mr Ganoo)**

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed purchase of a double-hulk vessel by the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to where matters stand?

B/291 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mr Ganoo)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information and Communication Technology:-

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Telecom, information as to if it has recently implemented a Voluntary Early Retirement Scheme for its employees and, if so, indicate (a) the reasons therefor (b) the terms and proposals thereof and (c) the number of employees who have retired under the Scheme?

B/292 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the Terre Rouge-Verdun Highway Project, he will state where matters stand, indicating if Government (a) will consider a retendering exercise thereof and, if not, why not (b) has taken cognizance of the estimated cost of the project submitted by the Road Development Authority?

B/293 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education, Culture & Human Resources:-

Whether, in regard to each of the courses run by the Industrial and Vocational Training Board Centre at Nicolay Road, since its coming into operation to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to a list of the students enrolled, indicating their respective addresses?

B/294 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he is aware of the bad state of the Ferrari Road at Circonstance, Saint Pierre, and if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Moka/Flacq District Council, information as to the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/295 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Soodhun**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether he is aware of the bad state of the Quirin Road, near the Phoenix Rovers Club, in Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix and of the existence of stagnant water caused by a deficient drainage system thereat and if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/296 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-

Whether he is aware that the percentage of low birth weight of newly born babies has increased from 14% in 2000 to over 17% in 2007 and, if so, will he state if any study has been carried out to identify the causes thereof and if so, indicate the findings thereof?

B/297 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the global recession, he will state if a survey has been carried out to assess the impact thereof on the poorer households, including the nutrition and schooling of children in poor families and, if so, indicate the safety net programmes Government proposes to take to bail out the poor?

B/298 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the unemployment benefits, especially for the vulnerable groups and the women, he will state if Government is considering introducing a minimum amount thereof to supplement the Workfare Programme?

B/299 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether he is aware that numerous accidents have taken place and are still taking place along the Coastal Road of Riambel, and if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit, information as to if a survey on road safety thereat was carried out in 2005, and if so, indicate the findings thereof?

B/300 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the relocation of the squatters at Case Noyale, he will state where matters stand?

B/301 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Renewable Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the Waste to Energy Project of Gamma Coventa, he will state if any tendering exercise was carried out and, if not, why not, indicating if direct negotiations were resorted to for the award of the contract?

B/302 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Waste to Energy Project of Gamma Coventa, he will state if it will be located on State land and, if so, indicate (a) the extent of land leased (b) the location thereof and (c) the terms and conditions of the lease, including the yearly rental per *arpent*?

B/303 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Senior Citizens Welfare & Reform Institutions:-

Whether, in regard to the Basic Invalidity Pension, the Social Aid and the Carer's Allowance, she will state if Government will consider the advisability of reviewing the eligibility criteria laid down and the allocations earmarked therefor, in view of the changes in the pattern of ill-health and of their impact on the households?

B/304 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the installation of thermoplastic speed breakers, in replacement of the road humps, he will state if (a) adequate feasibility studies have been carried out (b) a survey has been carried out amongst the road users, prior to the finalisation thereof and, if so, indicate when it was carried out and (c) Government proposes to do away with road humps?

B/305 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether he is aware of the frequent flooding of the area at the Old Grand Port Road, Quartier Militaire, and if so, will he state when works will start in respect of the project for the construction of drains thereat, indicating the project value thereof?

B/306 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Riverside Lane, opposite the Labourdonnais Street, at l'Espérance, Quartier Militaire, he will state if urgent consideration will be given for the tarring thereof?

B/307 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Cuttaree)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade:-

Whether, in regard to the plight of the civilians of the Tamil population in Sri Lanka, he will state if Government has raised concerns thereon and, if so, indicate the various human rights and international organisations to which these concerns were expressed?

B/308 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Cuttaree)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the retirement pension of public officers, he will state the reasons as to why the conversion point chosen for the alignment thereof with the PRB Report 2008 is not based on the actual pension drawn, but rather, on a lower sum, thus resulting in lower pension retirement benefits to which the retirees would have otherwise been entitled?

B/309 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education, Culture and Human Resources:-

Whether, in regard to the primary and secondary schools students, he will state if Government is contemplating implementing measures to ensure that equal opportunities be provided to all of them, on the basis of linguistic and cultural rights?

B/310 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Varma)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information and Communication Technology:-

Whether, in regard to the Global Positioning System Technology, he will state if it is currently being used and, if so, since when and, if not, the reasons therefor?

B/311 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Varma)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the setting up of a Desintoxication/Rehabilitation Centre at the Mahebourg Hospital, he will state if he has received any request for its setting up from the “*Groupe Renaissance De Mahebourg*” and, if so, where matters stand?

B/312 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Varma)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether he is aware of the request made for a direct school bus route from Mahebourg to the Queen Elizabeth College and back, and if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to if same has been turned down and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/313 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the losses incurred by the National Transport Corporation for the period 2007-2008, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if the increases in the salaries and the wages, as a result of the implementation of the recommendations of the National Remuneration Board and of the Pay Research Bureau, account therefor?

B/314 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the buses of the National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the (a) number thereof purchased yearly, since 2003 to date (b) maintenance cost thereof (i) for each of the years 2005 to 2008, indicating in each case the amount of money spent on tyre replacement and (ii) since 2008 to date and (iii) the amount earmarked therefor for 2009 and (c) number of engine replacement effected on buses purchased in 2007?

B/315 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry, Food Production and Security:-

Whether, in regard to the accompanying measures granted by the European Union for the reform of the sugar industry, he will state the amount of money disbursed (a) since 2005 to date, specifying the amount dedicated for budgetary support and (b) presently being spent for the projects being implemented?

B/316 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Grenade)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether, in regard to the Support Fund created for bus transport companies, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to (a) the amount of money earmarked and (b) the beneficiaries thereof?

B/317 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-

Whether, in regard to the posts of Spraymen in his Ministry, he will state if they have been filled in the current present financial year and, if so, indicate (a) when (b) the number thereof and (c) the criteria laid down and used for the selection?

B/318 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-

Whether, in regard to women who have passed away, following delivery or related complications, he will state the number thereof, since January 2006 to date?

B/319 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the arrears on revenue, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the amount thereof in relation to the (a) Value Added Tax (b) Gaming Tax (c) Sales Tax and (d) Companies Division, indicating the steps taken to recover same?

B/320 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry, Food Production and Security:-

Whether he will state if Government has entered into an agreement with a private laboratory for testing fish and fish products and if so, indicate (a) when and (b) the amount of money paid out as at to date?

B/321 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the Solidarity Levy, he will state the amount of money collected for each of the last three years, indicating how these sums have been used?

B/322 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

The Honourable the Attorney-General:-

Whether he will state if he has received complaints from the public, especially mothers, for non-compliance with arrangements in respect of alimony and, if so, indicate the measures he proposes to take?

B/323 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Small Handicraft Enterprises Development Authority, he will state if he will consider a complete restructuring thereof with a view to rendering it more proactive and supportive of the small and medium enterprises, having regard to their potential for employment creation?

B/324 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Jugnauth)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the St Pierre and Quartier Militaire public markets, he will state if Government proposes to renovate same?

B/325 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Jugnauth)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the construction projects which have started since 01 January 2009 to date, he will state the number thereof, which are eligible to concessions on the Land Transfer Tax and Registration Duty granted through the Additional Stimulus Package?

B/326 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mrs Hanoomanjee)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment:-

Whether, in regard to the National Pay Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to (a) if its terms of reference has been amended and (b) the number of meetings of the Council held, since July 2008 to date?

B/327 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the rental of the Tuck shops at Trou D'eau Douce, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Beach Authority, information as to if a tender exercise has been launched and, if so, give details thereof?

B/328 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mrs Perrier)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Empowerment:-

Whether, in regard to the funding of projects under The Trust Fund for the Integration of Vulnerable Groups, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to (a) the types thereof and (b) the eligibility criteria laid down therefor?

B/329 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-

Whether he will state if Health Care Assistants have recently been recruited and, if so, table a list thereof?

B/330 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands **(Mrs Martin)**

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Leisure and External Communications:-

Whether, in regard to the poster panels, he will state (a) the number thereof, constituency-wise, indicating their respective location and (b) if he proposes to increase the number thereof temporarily, in view of the forthcoming Labour Day and, if so, indicate their proposed location constituency-wise?

B/331 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life:-

Whether he will state if he has effected site visits at the Dr A. G. Jeetoo Hospital, Port Louis and the Queen Victoria Hospital, Quatre Bornes to assess the services provided to the patients thereat and, if so, the improvements he proposes to bring thereto?

B/332 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms:-

Whether, in regard to customer care service, he will state if public officers who are in regular contact with the public have undergone training therein, since 2006 to date and, if so, indicate (a) the number of officers (i) trained (ii) remaining to be trained (b) the monitoring put up to ensure that the acquired skills are put into effect and (c) if new measures for the improvement thereof are being contemplated ?

B/333 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mrs Martin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment and National Development Unit:-

Whether, in regard to regular flood prone areas in the Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will state the (a) number thereof falling under the purview of his Ministry and (b) remedial measures Government proposes to take, giving details of each project, especially in terms of cost and time frame?

B/334 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Allet)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Renewable Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the sewerage works being carried out at the Chasteauneuf, Dr Reid and Maingard region, Beau-Bassin, he will state (a) when was the contract allocated (b) the expected date of completion thereof and (c) the number of houses to be connected?

B/335 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping:-

Whether he is aware that the National Transport Authority has issued notice for the granting of Public Service Vehicle (Taxi) Licences on transfer to operate from the Anahita World Class Sanctuary-Beau Champ and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to if many surrounding localities have been omitted from the list, indicating the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/336 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Jhugroo)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Renewable Energy and Public Utilities:-

Whether he is aware that some 20 families living at Cité La Cure, behind the NHDC Housing Quarters, have not been supplied with water connection for years and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the reasons thereof, indicating the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/337 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

The Honourable the Attorney-General:-

Whether, in regard to legislation for the incorporation of the *Assemblée de Dieu*, he will state where matters stand?

B/338 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Lauthan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government, Rodrigues and Outer Islands:-

Whether he is aware of the bad state of the Plaine Verte Garden, from the swimming pool to the Paul et Virginie Street and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if consideration will be given for the upgrading thereof, indicating if provision will be made for (a) an increase in the number of (i) benches (ii) lighting points (iii) dustbins (iv) entrances and (b) repairing of (i) existing benches (ii) lighting points and (iii) fencing thereat?

R. R. Dowlutta

Clerk of the National Assembly

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