

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 26 May 2009

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

B/476 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if a parcel containing a stun gun was recently found at the Central Post Office and, if so, indicate the name of the recipient, indicating if (a) the recipient's house has been searched and other offensive weapons found and (b) an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/477 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 High Powered Committee set up to look into the different aspects and components of the *Compagnie Thermique du Sud Ltée* project, he will state if the Committee had submitted a report and, if so, table copy thereof?

B/478 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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 cases in which the Police has not objected to the release on bail on humanitarian grounds over the past five years?

B/479 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 cases against the persons who were holding a public gathering in relation to the sale by levy and who were recently arrested, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the prosecution thereof are being continued with, and if so, the number thereof?

B/480 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 holding of public gatherings, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the conditions imposed therefor?

B/481 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/482 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 the police vehicles which have been damaged in disturbances/riots, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police (a) a list thereof, since July 2005 to date, indicating the units to which they were attached (b) the number thereof which have been repaired/replaced and (c) if Government will consider toughening the law in respect of the persons found guilty of damaging police vehicles?

B/483 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 Stations, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if consideration will be given to provide them with at least two telephone lines?

B/484 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 Officers who are holders of a Masters degree, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police (a) a list thereof, indicating their respective (i) grade (ii) posting (iii) since when and (iv) specialization and (b) information as to if they are being assigned additional responsibilities and remunerated accordingly?

B/485 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, in regard to the transport facilities provided to women Police Constables for the second and last shifts, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if there has been any change in policy?

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

B/486 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 he will state if the figure of Rs 141,524 million as total public debt as at 31 December 2008 includes (a) the domestic and foreign debt of parastatal bodies (b) Government guarantees to Air Mauritius Ltd. (c) the recent Rs 3.3 billion debt contracted with the World Bank and (d) the sum of Rs 6 billion in the Consolidated Sinking Fund, at the time of its abolition?

B/487 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the setting up of a football ground in Quartier Militaire, he will state if a plot of land has been earmarked?

B/488 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 study carried out on capital outflows by the Bank of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to the outcome thereof?

B/489 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 Additional Stimulus Package, he will state the facilities in real terms, financial and otherwise, provided since December 2008 to date to the (a) Small and Medium Enterprises and (b) companies other than small private companies?

B/490 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the Poverty Alleviation Programme, he will state the (a) amount of money spent as at to date under the present budget and (b) number of persons who have benefitted therefrom, indicating the localities in which they reside, including the Constituency No. 14, Savanne and Black River?

B/491 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will state if, following the agreement reached between Government and the Mauritius Sugar Planters Association, a Technical Committee was set up with regard to its implementation and, if so, will he (a) state the recommendations made concerning the metayers and (b) table copy of the agreement signed with regard to the metayers?

B/492 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether, in regard to the ex-employees of the St Félix Sugar factory, he will state if those who benefitted from the Blue Print following its closure, have been allotted a plot of land, and, if not, the reasons therefor?

B/493 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the recruitment of staff and workers at the Municipal Council of Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to if any exercise has been carried out, since July 2005 to date and, if so, indicate for each post (a) the date of advertisement (b) the number of applications received and (c) the number thereof recruited, indicating their (i) names (ii) addresses (iii) age and (iv) qualifications?

B/494 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 lease of State land in Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will state if, since July 2005 to date, there has been any (a) lease signed (b) letter of reservation sent and (c) expression of interest received from potential promoters, indicating in each case (i) the name of the beneficiary (ii) the location and extent of land (iii) the terms and conditions (iv) if the annual rental value reflects the actual market value and (v) the purpose?

B/495 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the Flexible Credit Line of the International Monetary Fund, he will state the amount thereof Government proposes to solicit from the Fund?

B/496 The Honourable Fourth Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Perrier)

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

Whether, in regard to the incinerator situated at the back of the Victoria Hospital, Candos, at La Paix Avenue, he will state if his Ministry has received any representation from the inhabitants of the region in relation to air pollution and other inconveniences caused thereby and, if so, indicate the remedial actions that will be taken?

B/497 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Guinness)**

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

Whether, in regard to the hijacking of the catamaran on which Mr J. F. C. was a skipper, he will state if Government is still in contact with the Malagasy authorities in relation to the searches, indicating where matters stand?

B/498 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, in regard to the National Transport Corporation he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if it has set up a restructuration plan to overcome its financial difficulties and, if so, give details thereof?

B/499 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, in regard to the bus fleet of the National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the number thereof having attained the age of 16 years and due to be renewed, indicating the actions that are being taken?

B/500 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the antiviral drug Tamiflu, he will state the (a) number of consignments purchased, since July 2005 to date, indicating in each case the (i) quantity (ii) cost (iii) number thereof having expired and (iv) number thereof having been used in hospitals and (b) measures taken to avoid any shortage thereof?

B/501 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of an airport in Agalega, he will state where matters stand?

B/502 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General:-

Whether, in regard to the properties sold by levy, since July 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof, indicating (a) the size and location thereof (b) the names and addresses of the (i) buyers and (ii) sellers and (c) the sale value of each property?

B/503 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Guimbeau**)

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

Whether, in regard to the call services provided on line "150", he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Telecom, information as to the tariff charged therefor, indicating the amount collected for each of the last five years?

B/504 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether he has received representations from the Secretary General of the *Association des Consommateurs de l'île Maurice*, regarding the involvement of the State Trading Corporation in horse racing activities in Mumbai, India, and the use of its logo at the hippodrome of Maha Laksmi, on 29 March 2009 and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if (a) the Board had approved same (b) its General Manager assisted the meeting and, if so, on whose invitation?

B/505 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Science and Research:-

Whether, in regard to the setting up of the Land Based Oceanic Industry, he will state where matters stand?

B/506 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Women's Rights, Child Development and Family Welfare:-

Whether, in regard to the protection of children when using the internet, she will state (a) where matters stand concerning the proposed introduction of The Child Online Protection Bill and (b) how same has been addressed under the information security component of the National Information and Communication Technology Strategic Plan?

B/507 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to Cité Balance in Plaine Magnien, he will state the number of inhabitants who have purchased the land on which stand their respective ex-CHA houses?

B/508 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a football ground in Plein Bois, he will state where matters stand?

B/509 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the compulsory acquisition of a plot of land in the region of Congomah, for the construction of the Blackburn Bridge, he will state where matters stand?

B/510 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether he is aware of the problems being faced by the workers, who finish up late at night, following the decision of the National Transport Corporation to stop providing bus services after 2100 hours, and if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/511 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Allet)**

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

Whether, in regard to the industrial lease granted to *Société Pierre Bleue* on *Pas Géométriques* at Anna, Flic-en-Flac, he will state the date the lease was (a) approved and (b) signed?

B/512 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)**

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

Whether, in regard to the nursing and other officers posted at the reception desk to attend to emergency cases at the casualty departments in the hospitals, he will state the number thereof in each case?

B/513 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)**

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

Whether he will state if Government will consider including vaccines against cancer in the Vaccination Programme for infants?

B/514 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Barbier)**

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Black River District Council, information as to if it has received a petition from the inhabitants of the Cité Jonction, Pailles, to the effect that the extension of a building is obstructing the view of the drivers coming from Cité Jonction, Pailles, to the main road, and, if so, the measures that will be taken?

B/515 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the lay-offs that have taken place in the different sectors of the economy for the months of February, March and April 2009, he will, in each case, state (a) the number thereof (b) the name of the employers and (c) the number of employers who have offered compensation to their employees?

B/516 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Sir Guy Rozemont Stadium at Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tourism Fund, information as to if the renovation thereof has been financed by the Fund, and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/517 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether, in regard to the hotels built at Bel Ombre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tourism Fund, information as to if it has obtained the total amount of the contributions thereto, indicating if all the projects identified in that region have been completed?

B/518 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Lesjongard)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Board Members of the Air Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to if any of them are shareholders of companies dealing with Air Mauritius Ltd.?

B/519 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry is in presence of any application for hotel projects in the region of Belle Mare and Poste de Flacq and, if so, indicate the names of the promoters?

B/520 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Youth Centre at Carlos Road, Tamarin, he will state (a) the activities organized by the centre for the youth of the locality (b) the number of staff employed thereat (c) the facilities provided thereat and (d) if maintenance and repair works will be undertaken thereat?

B/521 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the launching of the international tender for the installation of three new diesel power generators at the Port Victoria Power Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to (a) where matters stand and (b) if the Board has resorted to emergency procurement and, if so, indicate (i) the reasons therefor (ii) if prior approval of Cabinet has been sought and obtained and (iii) the Board has resorted to emergency procurement for any other projects since the proclamation of the Public Procurement Act?

B/522 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, in regard to the proposed privatization of the casinos, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation, information as to where matters stand?

B/523 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Business Parks of Mauritius Ltd., information as to if a portion of land was given to a promoter for the setting up of a filling station at Ebène and, if so, indicate (a) the name of the promoter (b) when the application was received (c) the extent of land and (d) the terms and conditions of the lease?

B/524 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Bhagwan)**

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

Whether, in regard to the new football ground at Maingard Village and the upgrading of the football grounds at Petite Rivière and Albion, he will state where matters stand?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

**Parliament House
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A/3 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 Police Station at St Pierre, he will,
for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner
of Police, information as to if consideration will be given for
the renovation and upgrading thereof?**

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

A/4 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

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

**Whether, in regard to the tarring of Chemin de la Retraite
from La Laura to Circonstance, he will state if a way leave
as requested from Mon Désert Alma has been obtained and,
if so, indicate when same will be implemented?**

A/5 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Dayal)

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

**Whether he will state if he will consider the advisability of
classifying the road leading from the Napoléon Bridge
l'Avenir to Malinga, La Laura, and Rivière Baptiste and, if
so, indicate when same will be implemented?**

A/6 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Allet)**

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

Whether, in regard to the recent holding of *Le Salon de la Maison et du Jardin* at the Swami Vivekananda Conference Centre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation Ltd., information as to the amount of money received as rent in connection therewith?

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