

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 08 May 2007

Questions addressed to Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands

B/261 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he is aware that the national flag is used by private companies for product and corporate advertising and, if so, will he consider the advisability of regulating the use of the national flag, the national anthem and the coat of arms?

B/262 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the list of its different specialized units, indicating their respective functions and responsibilities and (b) if there is any coordinating body to monitor the activities of these units and, if not, why not?

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

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the police constables recruited in September 2004, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if they have been confirmed in their appointment and, if not, why not?

B/264 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether one Mr P. R.¹ of Ville Neuve Street, Mahebourg, has been regularly making statements against other residents of the said street at the Mahebourg Police Station over the past few years and if so, the number thereof, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/265 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Guimbeau**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the introduction of a new electoral system, based on the recommendations of the SACHS Commission on Constitutional and Electoral Reform 2001-2002, he will state if a referendum thereon will be organized and, if so, when?

¹ stands for Mr Poobarlene Ramchandren

B/266 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if, one Honourable Member for Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue, is alleged to have intervened at the Abercrombie Police Station, on or about 20 April 2007, with a view to obtain the release of a person who was being held in police custody and the reasons therefor?

B/267 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he is aware if there are persons in the public sector earning Rs 150,000 or above monthly, and if so, will he (a) table a list thereof (b) give a breakdown of the other fringe benefits to which they are entitled and (c) state if the salary and allowances are paid in foreign currency?

B/268 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the overseas missions undertaken by the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Independent Broadcasting Authority since January 2007 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to if (a) the missions were approved by the Board and (b) they were granted any entertainment allowance over and above the *per diem* paid to them?

B/269 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Board Meetings of the Independent Broadcasting Authority held in 2006, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the number of meetings held under the chairpersonship of the Chairperson presently holding office?

B/270 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the terms and conditions of their employment?

B/271 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Dr Mungur**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to driving licences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of senior citizens who are holders thereof, indicating if he will impress upon the latter the advisability of considering allowing these people to renew their licences at the police station nearest to their place of residence, instead of having to do so at the Line Barracks?

B/272 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Nancy**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will state if the Executive Council of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly has submitted any specific matter of policy in relation to the payment of the bad weather allowance to the fishermen of Rodrigues for consideration by the Cabinet and, if so, will he state the new criteria applicable, if any?

B/273 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Nancy**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the payment of the bad weather allowance, he will state if the Cabinet decision taken on 02 June 2006 in relation thereto is applicable to the Island of Rodrigues?

B/274 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether he will state if his Office has recently appointed several advisers to be attached to the different commissions of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and, if so, will he state their names and their areas of responsibility in each case?

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

To ask Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands:-

Whether, in regard to the live coverage of international football matches, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to the reasons why the second leg of the semi final of the UEFA Champions League between the Liverpool Football Club and the Chelsea Football Club on Tuesday 01 May 2007 was not broadcast?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence & Home Affairs, Minister of Civil Service & Administrative Reforms and Minister of Rodrigues & Outer Islands

B/276 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the fencing of the school yard of the Notre Dame Primary School, he will state where matters stand following the visit he effected thereat last year?

B/277 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Long Mountain Hospital, he will state the latest measures taken to demolish the existing building and have a new one erected?

B/278 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chitrakoot Government School at Vallée des Prêtres, he will state the remedial measures, taken, if any, following the landslides that took place in 2004, 2005 and 2006?

B/279 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Juggoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the upgrading of the health centre at Cité La Cure, he will state if officers of his Ministry have carried out any site visits thereat and, if so, where matters stand?

B/280 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

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

Whether he is aware that the building and the yard of the Sooroojarsad Ramoodin Government School at Mont Ida is in a bad state and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken, if any, indicating when?

B/281 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the award of scholarships for university studies, he will state if it is proposed to assess the applicants therefor strictly on the basis of their academic performance, as is the case for the State scholarships, and to do away with the practice of calling applicants for an interview?

B/282 The Honourable Second Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Bundhoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he is aware that works for the construction of a football pitch at Mont Ida by the Development Works Corporation have stopped for more than six months and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken, if any?

B/283 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether he is aware that there is no parity in regard to the commission payable by Global Sports Ltd and Automatic Systems Ltd to the Mauritius Turf Club and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Horse Racing Board, information as to the action, if any, that has been taken to ensure parity of treatment for the two stakeholders?

B/284 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the reform in the sugar sector, he will state if he has started negotiations with the Mauritius Sugar Producers Association for the inclusion of the small planters as full fledged equity holders in all flexi factories so that they can derive income from two other streams, namely, the production of ethanol and the co-generation of electricity, in addition to the sale of canes in order to compensate them for the loss of income?

B/285 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius (Ltd), information as to if (a) the company has ended its financial year ending 31 March 2007 with a loss of eight million *Euros* and, if so, the details thereof (b) the percentage of loss attributable to the Air Mauritius-Air Seychelles deals and (c) whether any disciplinary action is being contemplated against those responsible for such losses?

B/286 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Mr Dayal**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the reform in the sugar sector, he will state if he will consider the advisability of appointing an independent consultant to represent the small planters in the negotiation process, to protect their interest in view of the complex nature of the reform process and their lack of technical capabilities and know-how?

B/287 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Airports of Mauritius (Ltd), information as to if its employees have, since July 2005 to date, been requested to follow courses at a private institution and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/288 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the identification of sites for *villages touristiques*, he will state if the feasibility reports and surveys were carried out by the sub-committee appointed to look thereinto and, if so, if its reports will be tabled?

B/289 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

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

Whether she will state if it is proposed to construct a women centre in Constituency No. 13, Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac, and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/290 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mohamed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the mediclinics and dispensaries in Constituency No. 13, Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac, he will state if it is proposed either to bring improvements to the existing infrastructure or to construct new ones in connection therewith?

B/291 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the *Service d'Aide Médicale d'Urgence* (SAMU), he will (a) state its present staffing and logistics, indicating the number of ambulances attached to it and the regions covered and (b) consider the advisability of increasing the number of ambulances, in view of the number of requests for assistance?

B/292 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Guimbeau**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether he will state if cane planters are categorized according to the extent of land they cultivate and, if so, will he state the different categories thereof, indicating the acreage of land in each case?

B/293 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether, in regard to the item "Expenses incurred by the Corporation in connection with the importation of petroleum products" in the price structure of Gas Oil and Mogas imported by the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation (a) details of all the components thereof for the last three price increases and the reasons for any change therein (b) the amount in rupees these items generated for October to December 2006 and January to March 2007 and the amount expected for April to June 2007?

B/294 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to projects under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP), he will state the number thereof already identified for implementation, providing details thereof, including the time frame for each project?

B/295 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to containers which had been identified as suspicious by the Customs Department during the course of last year, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if any such container has been delivered without having undergone any check?

B/296 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the President of the Union of Private Secondary School Employees, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary Schools Authority, information as to if the latter has been transferred from the Medco Trinity to the Sir Abdool Razack Mohamed State Secondary School as from 23 April 2007 and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/297 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

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

Whether, in regard to the swimming pool in Mare d'Albert, he will state where matters stand as regards to its becoming operational?

B/298 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Varma**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of a new market in Plaine Magnien, he will state where matters stand?

B/299 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mrs Labelle**)

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

Whether, in regard to the post of Events Manager at the Information, Communications and Telecommunications Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority information as to (a) if the post is on a full time or part time basis and (b) the name of the incumbent, indicating his qualifications and terms and conditions of employment?

B/300 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to students for the Higher School Certificate at the Mahatma Gandhi National School at Moka, he will state (a) Government policy regarding the minimum number of students opting for any particular subject for it to be offered (b) the number of groups of third year students, indicating the number of students in each (i) group (ii) subject area per group (c) if classes are conducted separately for the third year students and (d) if he will consider the advisability of combining the second and third year students?

B/301 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether she will state if her Ministry has been apprised of the case of N. B.² and, if so, if information is to the effect that the child had previously been subject to any brutal treatment?

B/302 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chairperson of the Board of the Mauritius Telecom, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the name of the incumbent and (b) his terms and conditions of employment?

² stands for Nischaye Baddea

B/303 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to sugar industry workers who will opt for the Voluntary Retirement Scheme, he will state if a survey has been carried out to identify their training needs and, if so, indicating (a) by whom and (b) if it has been completed, and if so, if he will table copy thereof?

B/304 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Soodhun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to slopy and rocky lands, he will state if, as indicated in the roadmap for the sugar industry, a survey thereon has been carried out to determine the extent of such land, indicating (a) if any financial support will be paid to the planters and metayers occupying such lands who wish to opt out of sugar cultivation and (b) if any other alternative activity has been proposed to these planters?

B/305 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Guimbeau)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice & Human Rights:-

Whether, in regard to the democratization of access to information, he will state if a Freedom of Information Bill will be introduced and if so, when?

B/306 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mardemootoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether he will state the quantity of scrap metals exported during the last two years and the price per tonne?

B/307 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Mardemootoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether he will state the quantity of billets imported during the last two years and the price per tonne?

B/308 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Dr Ramloll**)

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

Whether he is aware that there is a high rate of absenteeism amongst students of School and Higher School Certificates, prior to the examinations and if so, will he state the measures that have been or will be taken to prevent same?

B/309 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Dr Ramloll**)

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

Whether he is aware of cases of truancy at secondary schools level and if so, will he state the measures that are being or will be taken to prevent same?

B/310 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to knee joints operations carried out on local athletes in Réunion Island from 2000 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the different sports federations, information as to (a) the number thereof (b) the expenditure incurred in each case, indicating by whom and (c) the follow-up of these patients on their return to Mauritius?

B/311 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to grants made to the Mauritius Football Association by the FIFA during the year 2006-2007, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Association, information as to how the amount received is utilized, indicating the proportion thereof used for the welfare of players?

B/312 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre
d'Or (Mr Rucktooa)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether, in regard to the increase in the price of several basic imported food items, he will state the reasons therefor, indicating the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/313 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed termination of the lease agreement of the planters under the Riche Terre and Terre Rouge Land Settlement Scheme, he will state if he will now reconsider the matter?

B/314 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Guinness**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Directors of the Board of the Information, Communications and Telecommunications Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to (a) their names and qualifications, together with their respective date of appointment and (b) the remuneration and other benefits to which they are entitled?

B/315 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to training facilities offered to employees of Airport of Mauritius (Ltd) since August 2005 todate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the number of employees who have benefited therefrom in each category, indicating the name of the institution/s which has/have been selected to provide the training?

B/316 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Dr Mungur)

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

Whether, in regard to road humps, he will state (a) the total number island wise as at todate (b) the number of humps between (i) La Louise and Pierrefonds (ii) Gros Cailloux and Richelieu and (iii) along Route du Jardin, Curepipe and (c) if all of them are norm driven with respect to vision, width of road, height and inclination?

B/317 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Dr Mungur)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether, in regard to the library of the Moka/Flacq District Council, situated at Central Flacq, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to (a) when it was inaugurated (b) its size together with the sitting amenities available thereat and (c) if arrangements will be made for a librarian to be posted thereat and, if so, when?

B/318 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Guttee)

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

Whether she is aware that due to the frequent rise in the price of household commodities, different prices are being claimed for the same commodity in the different parts of the country and, if so, will she state the remedial measures that have been or will be taken?

B/319 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Guttee**)

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

Whether he is aware that the Ex-Club Road in Grand Baie is in a bad state and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/320 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to whether it has refused to allocate the award of a contract to Lahmeyer International GmbH for consultancy services?

B/321 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to the payment of a salary compensation for loss of purchasing power in the year 2005-2006, he will state the number of workers in the private sector who are being paid a salary compensation higher than Rs 135?

B/322 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Naidu**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Waste to Energy Project at La Chaumière, he will state if he has received any representations in connection therewith and, if so, will he give details thereof?

B/323 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether he is aware that LPG from cooking gas cyclinders are being used in cars as motor fuel and, if so, will he state if Government proposes to stop this practice, indicating the measures that will be taken?

B/324 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Industrial and Vocational Training Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if it is experiencing financial difficulties and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/325 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun**)

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

Whether, in regard to the University of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the number of academic staff employed thereat (b) the actual expenditure for their salaries (c) the annual expenditure for allowances for lectures delivered outside normal working hours?

B/326 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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

Whether he will state if there was any incident recently at the Medco Clairfonds and, if so, will he state the reasons therefor?

B/327 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether he will state if an agreement has been reached between his Ministry and the suppliers of cooking gas with regard to an increase in the profit margin?

B/328 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Deerpalsing)**

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Economic Development:-

Whether, in regard to IRS projects, he will state (a) the number of villas sold todate (b) the revenue generated by the sale of the villas and (c) the amount of foreign currency deposited in Mauritian banks in respect of the sale of these villas?

B/329 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

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

Whether he will state if Government proposes to introduce into the House a Clean Air Bill and a Clean Water Bill?

B/330 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he has been made aware of a petition signed by the President of Quran House, also known as Masjid Boundary, and the neighbouring residents concerning a complaint about the cleaning of the pavement and the drain on Boundary Street and, if so, will he state the remedial measures that will be taken?

B/331 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Deerpalsing**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro Industry and Fisheries:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sugar Authority, details of the operating expenses for each of the financial years 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006?

B/332 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether he will state if he has recently visited the Island of Rodrigues to organize a *caravane de l'entreprenariat* and, if so, state the objectives and the outcome thereof?

B/333 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether, in regard to masts installed in mainland Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues, he will state the number thereof, including mobile phone masts and television and radio transmitters?

B/334 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Speville**)

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

Whether he will state Government policy in regard to Non-ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) for mainland Mauritius and the Island of Rodrigues?

B/335 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the supply of drugs in hospitals and health centres, he will state if he is aware of the prevailing situation in connection therewith and, if so, will he indicate the actions he proposes to take to ensure a regular supply of drugs to patients?

B/336 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce and Co-operatives:-

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Film Development Company, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the names, date of appointment and terms and conditions of employment of its Director-General and (b) whether he is aware if there is any conflict between the Chairperson and the Director-General and, if so, indicating (i) since when and (ii) the remedial measures taken, if any?

B/337 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Fourth Indian Ocean Games, he will state the actions taken to ensure the participation of Mauritius in terms of (a) performance in the different disciplines (b) preparation of the teams (c) training per games (d) participation of Mauritian supporters and the media, including live coverage by the MBC/TV (e) financial support to federations and athletes and (f) medical check-up and follow-up of athletes?

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A/8 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the community centres at Cité Martial and Camp Yolloff, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund, a detailed breakdown of expenses incurred since July 2005 to date, indicating the names of the beneficiaries?

A/9 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Lauthan**)

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

Whether, in regard to each of the projects undertaken by the National Development Unit in Constituencies No. 2 and No. 3 for the period 2001 to 2005, he will table a detailed list thereof, indicating (a) the amount of money spent and (b) the date of termination?

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