

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 21 March 2006

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/1 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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 incident which occurred on or about 29 January last at New Grove during the course of which a lady was allegedly sexually assaulted in public, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether an inquiry was carried out in the matter and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/2 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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 suicide on 22 February 2006 of PC R. C., posted at the Special Mobile Force (a) he will state if he has taken cognizance of the letter written by the deceased before his death and (b) he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether an inquiry has been carried out in the matter and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/3 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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 the number of crimes resulting in death recorded since July 2005 and the outcome of the inquiry in each of the cases?

B/4 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 he will state if the Constituency Clerk of a Honourable Member of the National Assembly for Constituency No. 12 has been arrested recently and, if so, will he give (a) his name and (b) the reasons for his arrest?

B/5 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the competent authorities, information as to the circumstances surrounding the death, on or about 09 March 2006 of the detainee J. P. I. at the Central Prisons, Beau Bassin?

B/6 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, in regard to duty free car facilities to which the Commissioner, appointed under the Dangerous Drugs Act, was entitled during the period October 2000 to October 2005, he will state whether such facilities are granted once every five years as per the established practice and, if not, why not?

B/7 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mrs Dookun-Luchoomun)

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 death on or about 09 March 2006 of a detainee at the Central Prisons, Beau Bassin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to whether the absence of the detainee from his cell was noted by the Prisons Officers and, if so, what measures were taken by the Prisons' Authorities in relation thereto?

B/8 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

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 (a) one Mr J. P. I. was recently arrested and remanded to police cell and, if so, the reasons thereof and (b) he died in police custody or whilst in prison and, if so, when and the cause of his death?

B/9 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 whether DCP Reesaul has been transferred from the SMF?

B/10 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, in regard to his recent trip to Washington, he will (a) give the names of the members of the delegation who accompanied him (b) the total expenditure incurred and (c) the outcome thereof?

B/11 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, in regard to the fire outbreak which occurred at Government House on 17 February 2006, he will state (a) what action was taken by the Police when the fire broke out (b) whether an inquiry has been carried out thereon and, if so, its outcome and (c) the security measures being taken?

B/12 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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 competent authorities, information as to the circumstances in which one Mr J. P. I. was found dead in his prison cell, indicating whether an inquiry has been carried out in the matter?

B/13 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police information as to whether an inquiry has been made in the case of an alleged sexual assault on Mrs M. L. S., on or about 29 January 2006, to establish the reasons as to why she was not examined by a Police Medical Officer as soon as she reported to the Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/14 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, ascertain from the relevant authorities if the Director of Public Prosecutions was convened to a meeting by the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice and Human Rights in the latter's office?

B/15 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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 consider the advisability of amending the relevant legislation with a view to raising (a) the recruitment age limit of civil servants from 35 to 40 years and (b) the retirement age limit from 60 to 65, on the understanding that those who want to retire at 60 or before will still have the option to do so?

B/16 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

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 where matters stand in regard to the alleged case of murder of Mr R. M. at La Tour Koenig?

B/17 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

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 alleged case of under evaluation of passports, passport personalization system and consumables, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand regarding the police inquiry?

B/18 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 state if it is proposed to introduce legislation to provide for the establishment of a Press Complaints Commission?

**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/19 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether he will state if there will be any change in the admission criteria for the 2007 intake for Form I students and, if so, will he make a statement thereon?

B/20 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 Chikungunya disease, he will state the number of (a) suspected cases reported (i) at each hospital, community health centre or elsewhere (ii) by private medical practitioners and (b) cases tested positive?

B/21 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 H5N1 Bird-Flu, he will state what additional measures have been taken, indicating the present status regarding the purchase of the TAMIFLU?

B/22 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 will state if there is any project for renovation works at the Grand River South East Government School and, if so, whether the works have started, indicating (a) the name of the contractor (b) the progress achieved so far and (c) the expected date of completion?

B/23 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 Bel Air SSS, he will state if, subsequent to the site visit of 16 November 2005 in connection with flooding, any remedial works have been initiated?

B/24 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the employment project recently launched at the CAB office in Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he will state the number of persons who have subsequently been employed?

B/25 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether he will give the number of persons registered as unemployed at the Employment Service of his Ministry as at the end of February 2006 and the number of persons placed in employment by the Service during the months of January and February 2006?

B/26 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether he will state the reasons for which the Occupational Safety and Health Act (No. 28 of 2005) has not so far been proclaimed?

B/27 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether he will give the number of companies referred to the Termination of Contracts of Service Board since July 2005 and the number of persons who have been laid off by these companies?

B/28 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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 fuel effected on 04 January 2006, he will give the reasons as to why the percentage increase applied was 20%?

B/29 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chikungunya disease, he will state what measures have been or will be taken to ensure that there is no abuse in the selling price of mosquito repellants and related items?

B/30 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether he will state if regular visits and speeches are made by Members of Parliament at different secondary schools since the beginning of the year and, if so, will he state the policy of his Ministry regarding same?

B/31 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 public secondary schools are classified as Regional Schools and National Schools and, if so, will he state the difference between the two categories and state the criteria for admission in Form I in a National School?

B/32 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 what new incentives or schemes have been set up to boost up the small and medium entrepreneurial sector since July 2005, indicating the

number of small and medium enterprises that have been set up since then?

B/33 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mrs Martin)

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

Whether he is aware that flooding alongside Goorun Lane, Convent Road, Curepipe occurred following the heavy rainfalls brought by cyclone Diwa and, if so, will he state whether drains will be constructed thereat and, if not, why not?

B/34 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the Land Restitution Commission, he will state (a) the progress achieved so far (b) if consultations with all the stakeholders have been completed and (c) if the report of the Land Restitution Committee has been made public?

B/35 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to Le Morne, he will give the dates on which Dr Abungu submitted his interim and final reports and his recommendations and whether the core and buffer zones have been defined?

B/36 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the DBM Ltd., (a) the amount disbursed todate in regard to (i) the SME Consultancy Services Scheme and (ii) SME Empowerment Fund (b) the number of SMEs which have called at the Bank's branch of Goodlands, Rose Belle and Flacq since October 2005 and (c) where matters stand regarding the review of the procurement system with regard to SMEs?

B/37 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 IRS Projects, he will table a list thereof approved by Government, indicating in each case the social measures beneficial to the local community attached to each of them?

B/38 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, state if on Friday 03 February 2006 during a speech he delivered at the Sport Gala Night he described the representatives of sports federations as 'pigeons voyageurs'?

B/39 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the 2007 Indian Ocean Games which will be held in the Republic of Madagascar, he will state

(a) if the meeting of the CIJ took place between 24 and 27 February 2006 (b) if the inclusion of badminton as the 16th game item was on the agenda of the CIJ meeting and the outcome of the meeting (c) what is the official stand of Mauritius on the badminton issue and (d) his stand on the initiative taken by the Secretary General of the African Badminton Federation in this respect?

B/40 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe (a) the amount spent for the Divali and Christmas celebrations respectively for the last 5 years and (b) the reasons as to why there has been no distribution of toys to children of vulnerable groups on the occasion of Christmas in 2005?

B/41 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chikungunya disease, he will state the number of people affected todate, indicating what precautionary measures have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease?

B/42 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether he will state the present composition of the Board of the Small Planters Welfare Fund?

B/43 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in the wake of the price cut coming into force this year in the context of the EU Sugar Reforms, he will give details of the support needs to be provided in 2006 by the European Union to Mauritius for the sugar reforms?

B/44 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to whether it has ordered a second consignment of AMUL milk for the local market?

B/45 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Rose Belle Sugar Estate, information as to whether it has recently placed a sum of Rs 50m on fixed deposit at the First City Bank?

B/46 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Rose Belle Sugar Estate, information as to whether samples of herbicides purchased from Kripsen & Co.

have been sent to the MSIRI and other laboratories for analysis regarding quality?

B/47 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will state if he is aware that the equipment at the Occupational Therapy Department found on the premises of the ENT Hospital at Vacoas are out of service and obsolete and, if so, will he arrange for the equipment to be replaced and, if not, why not?

B/48 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to link roads, he will state (a) if the project for the construction of a link road between La Laura-Malinga and Crève Coeur, leading to Terre Rouge has been abandoned and, if so, the reasons thereof (b) if it is now proposed to construct a new link road from Verdun to Terre Rouge through Nouvelle Découverte and Montagne Longue and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/49 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 will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, the following information in regard to the post of Director, Human Resources (a) if it has been filled and, if not, why not (b) the number of applications received and (c) the qualifications and experience required for the post?

B/50 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Cuttaree)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation:-

Whether he will use his good offices with a view to ascertaining the reasons why the African Union has decided to locate the headquarters of the African Court of Justice in Tanzania instead of Mauritius?

B/51 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Cuttaree)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Co-operation:-

Whether he will state what action Government proposes to take or has taken to ensure that textile and apparel be not subjected to the same proposed tariff cuts as other industrial products?

B/52 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the prisoner J. P. I. found dead recently at the Central Prisons, Beau Bassin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, the following information (a) when was that person arrested and the nature of the charge laid (b) if he had previous convictions in respect of offences against persons (c) if his release had been ordered by the Magistrate and, if so, on what conditions and (d) if he had given a statement in respect of the above charge?

B/53 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police the number of persons with clean records presently on remand?

B/54 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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 Beach Authority, information as to the measures proposed to be taken to avoid accidents involving pleasure craft boats and vessels and swimmers?

B/55 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the remains of Dodos recently discovered at Mare aux Songes, he will state (a) if he has effected a site visit thereat (b) if a survey of the number of remains found has been carried out (c) if these remains have been sent abroad for analysis and, if so, the date they are expected to be returned to Mauritius and (d) if he proposes to have these remains declared national heritage?

B/56 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will state if the Permanent Secretary of his Ministry is a member of the Mauritian delegation

participating in the Commonwealth Games and, if so, the reasons thereof?

B/57 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will state the number of squatters whose situation has been regularized since July 2005?

B/58 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Grenade)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if there is any project for renovation works at the 'Donjon' of Grand River North West and, if so, will he state if a selection exercise has been carried out for the appointment of a project manager, indicating if the project manager has been selected?

B/59 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 he will state if consideration is being given for putting energy as an area of concentration in the programming dialogue with the European Union with respect to the determination of funds for the upcoming 10th European Development Fund (EDF)?

B/60 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 he will state how many projects have been identified and/or initiated under the 9th European

Development Fund (EDF) and how many of those projects are still on and, since when?

B/61 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if, as a matter of public policy, consideration will be given to grant construction permits for future commercial construction projects only if these have ensured that a certain percentage of the projected energy consumption is derived from renewable energy sources such as solar energy?

B/62 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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

Whether, in regard to the Baichoo Madhoo Government School, he will state if an inquiry will be carried out to determine the reasons for which works on the recreational ground have not yet been completed and the recreational ground has remained unopened for use for the last few years?

B/63 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the renting of offices by Government, he will state (a) the yearly expenditure under this item and (b) whether any decision has been reached as to the delocalization of some of the services and the construction of buildings to house public offices in less congested areas or regions of the country?

B/64 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to Government's intention to control excessive expenditure in different Ministries, he will state if any mechanism has been set up for such control and what is the forecast on savings that can be expected with these new measures?

B/65 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of setting up a dialysis unit in the Souillac hospital to cater for the needs of the inhabitants of Souillac, Chemin Grenier, Surinam, Rivière des Anguilles and Tyack?

B/66 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether, in regard to the interrogation of suspects by the Police, he will state if same will be video recorded and, if so (a) as from when and (b) what changes would be brought to existing legislation to guarantee the rights of suspects in that respect?

B/67 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware that a number of houses at Cité La Chaux, Mahebourg were flooded during the recent heavy

rainfalls and, if so, will he state what remedial measures are envisaged?

B/68 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he will state the circumstances which led to the death of one S. C. who was operated upon at the Cardiac Centre, Pamplemousses, on or about 24 November 2005, indicating whether an inquiry was carried out to determine the cause of death and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/69 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state if ICT Teachers in primary schools have been provided with a new syllabus and, if so, since when?

B/70 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state the number of seats allocated to Mauritian students at the SSR Medical Centre for the 2006 intake, indicating whether these students were asked to effect payment of entrance fees in US\$?

B/71 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether, in regard to street educators, she will state the number employed by her Ministry as at 01 July 2005 and as at 01 March 2006, indicating their pay day for the months of January and February 2006?

B/72 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state if projects initiated for the upgrading of roads and drains at Cité Mangalkhan have been stopped and, if so, the reasons thereof, indicating when works are likely to resume?

B/73 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 he will state when and how his Ministry proposes to implement the substitution therapy programme in regard to substance abuses?

B/74 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 she will state when the National Detoxication Centre which was going to be run jointly with the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity & Senior Citizens Welfare and Reform Institutions and the NATReSA will start its operation and if substance abusers will be admitted and, if not, why not?

R. R. Dowlutta

Clerk of the National Assembly

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A/1 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether he is aware of the flooding of houses during heavy rainfalls at White House Lane, Coromandel and, if so, will he state what measures will be taken to prevent its recurrence?

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