

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 18 April 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/257 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

*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 has been made aware of the public statements recently made by various social workers as well as the comments made by the Lord Mayor of Port Louis concerning the proliferation of drugs and HIV/AIDS in the region of Port Louis and, if so, will he state what remedial measures will be taken?

B/258 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

*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, with regard to the annual tripartite negotiations for the determination of wage compensation, he will state if Government intends to do away with the existing arrangements and, if so, whether consultations have been held with the trade union federations and other workers' organizations?

B/259 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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 Government has received any request from any organization to amend the law to do away with the offence of consumption of cannabis sativa (gandia) and, if so, will he state Government's stand on the matter?

B/260 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 information as to whether the Indian Company "Oil and Natural Gas Corporation" has recently carried out any research in our territorial waters and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/261 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 state if it is the policy of Government to allow Ministers proceeding on mission overseas to be accompanied by their bodyguard?

B/262 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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 the number of thefts in religious places that have been reported to have taken place during the past 12 months, indicating what remedial measures are being taken?

B/263 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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 can state if the report of the delegation having visited South Africa in view of the possible setting up of a Land Restitution Commission in Mauritius recommends the setting up of a Land Restitution Commission in Mauritius and, if so, whether Government intends to implement the recommendation?

B/264 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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 postal letters/packets sent from India to addressees in Mauritius and containing dangerous drugs have been seized and, if so, when and the value of the drugs seized?

B/265 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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 Prisons, information as to (a) the number of stamped post office envelopes and/or parcels originating from India and addressed to prisoners or detainees which have been received at the prisons during the last 6 months and (b) if any drug has been found contained in the postal letters/packets and (c) the remedial measures being taken?

B/266 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 detainee V. M., he will state, if an inquiry has been carried out to determine the circumstances which led to his release from the Central Prisons, Beau Bassin, four months after the date on which he was due to be released?

B/267 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, information as to whether a civil servant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Cooperation, made a statement against the Secretary for Foreign Affairs at the Pope Hennessy Police Station and, if so, the reasons thereof?

B/268 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

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 any data is available on the number of motorcycles which are driven without an insurance cover?

B/269 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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 there is an increase in the number of crimes across the country and a breakdown in the law and order situation and, if so, will he state (a) the measures which will be taken to reverse the trend and (b) Government policy in respect of crime prevention?

B/270 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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 setting up a High Powered Committee with a view to propose the measures to be taken in case of an outbreak of the H5N1 Bird-Flu in the region?

B/271 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 he will state what arrangements were made for the welcome of the Chagossiens by their relatives on their return on Monday 10 April 2006?

B/272 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 reform of the electoral system, he will state when will the High Powered Committee, which he proposes to set up, hold its first meeting?

B/273 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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 Dora Marie Thérèse Mamodsene, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons why the Mauritian passport issued to her in 1994 has not been renewed?

B/274 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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 any survey has been or is being carried out by Government to assess the problem of brain drain in Mauritius?

B/275 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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 set up an independent and permanent Think Tank with a full-fledged team of professionals with the objective of carrying out research and advising the Government on all issues, in particular those relating to economic and social matters?

B/276 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Guttee)

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 use his good offices to impress upon the Commissioner of Police the need to set up a Police post at the Pereybère public beach to ensure the safety of the tourists and the public thereat?

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

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 relevant authorities, information as to the circumstances in which one Ajay Seetohul escaped from jail and was later found dead in the region of Gros Cailloux?

B/278 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 relevant authorities, information as to why the request from the Chagossiens community in relation to the celebration of a mass by the Bishop of Port Louis prior to their departure at the departing quay and the welcoming back of their relatives on the arrival quay was not acceded to?

B/279 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 he will state if, following the recent visit effected by the Chagossiens on the Chagos islands, a request will be made to the US Government for the upgrading and rehabilitation of important sites of historical and sentimental value to the Chagossien community?

B/280 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 Air Mauritius Ltd, information as to whether any recruitment has been made at its London Office since July 2005 and, if so, the name/s of the recruit/s and the terms and conditions of employment attached to the post/s?

B/281 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, a copy of the report of the last Hajj mission it undertook and consider the advisability of tabling same?

B/282 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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 prisoner Ajay Seetohul, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to (a) the date and time the prisons authorities discovered that he was missing from the Central Prisons, Beau Bassin (b) if a personal diary belonging to him has been secured and, if so, if mention has been made therein regarding a certain amount of money, indicating the amount and (c) if an inquiry has been carried out following the discovery of his dead body to ascertain whether there has been any foul play?

**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/283 The Honourable Third Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mrs Dookhun-Luchoomun)

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

**Whether he will state if the promoters of the Anahita IRS
Project have benefited from any fiscal or other
exemptions and, if so, will he give details thereof?**

B/284 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

**Whether he will state if, recently, a new Sector Policy
Letter for the wastewater sector has been approved by
Government and, if so, indicate (a) the rate of wastewater
charges applicable and (b) when the rate for domestic
purposes will be decreased?**

B/285 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

**Whether, in regard to the construction of the football
pitch at Cité Malherbes, he will (a) state (i) when the works
started (ii) the expected date of completion (iii) the cost of
the project (iv) the name of the contractor and (v) the
amount earmarked and (b) consider the advisability of
tabling a copy of the progress report ?**

B/286 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dowarkasing)

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

Whether, in regard to the landfill at Mare Chicose, he will state if an Environmental Impact Assessment or any other report has recently been submitted to Government and, if so, when, indicating what action has been initiated as a result thereof?

B/287 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will state if Mr Ali Mansoor has been appointed Financial Secretary and, if so, will he give the date, terms and conditions of his appointment?

B/288 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 Mauritius Sugar Terminal Corporation, information as to whether the offices of the General Manager and the Chairman have recently been renovated and, if so, (a) whether tender procedures were followed (b) the name of the selected contractor and (c) the amount of expenditure involved?

B/289 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Hanoomanjee)

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

Whether he will state if it is proposed to relocate the Health Centre situated on the main road at Bassin, Quatre Bornes to another site?

B/290 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the ongoing negotiations for a new Economic Partnership Agreement with the European Union, he will state (a) where the negotiations have reached (b) whether the negotiations will be concluded before 2008 and, if not, what measures the ACP intends to take to ensure that there is no trade disruption when the present agreement comes to an end in 2008 (c) whether the new Economic Partnership Agreement will be compatible with the WTO rules and, if so, how?

B/291 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in regard to the new Agreement with the European Union, he will state (a) if the Agreement will be a Regional Economic Partnership Agreement (REPA) for the various regions or a single Economic Partnership Agreement for the whole of the ACP (b) in case the new agreement will be a Regional Partnership Agreement (REPA) in which regional grouping is Mauritius presently engaged for the negotiations with the European Union and the reasons therefor and (c) the structure, orientation

and objectives on which the Economic Partnership Agreements are being negotiated?

B/292 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether he will state if the relevant legislation will be amended in order to have the confessions of persons accused in criminal matters recorded before a magistrate and, if not, why not?

B/293 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Dayal)

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

Whether, in view of the increasing number of fast food eateries and outlets being opened in Mauritius, he will state (a) what steps are being taken to inform the public about the dangers of consuming fatty foods and, in particular the risk of obesity (b) if data is available on the number of persons being at risk of becoming obese and (c) if he will consider issuing health warnings to the public about fatty foods?

B/294 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd, information as to whether following the recent increase in the salaries of its top management, the Corporation would consider favourably the request of the trade unions for a salary revision of other employees at par with the increase in the salaries at the top management?

B/295 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipality of Port Louis, information as to whether it had received a request from the members of the Paroisse de Ste Croix for the provision of a sound system on the occasion of the blessing of the cross and the four statues on 09 April 2006 and, if so, will he state whether the request was acceded to and, if not, why not?

B/296 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Dr Husnoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if the dumping ground at Roche Bois constitutes a health hazard to the inhabitants in the immediate vicinity thereof, indicating the measures that are being taken thereat to prevent it from becoming a breeding ground for the Chikungunya vector and the frequency at which these measures are being carried out, stating if similar actions are being taken at the different landfills throughout the island?

B/297 The Honourable Second Member for Riviere des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment & National Development Unit

Whether, in regard to the construction of a football ground at Bois Chéri in Constituency No. 13, he will state where matters stand indicating (a) if there has been any delay in the completion of the project and, if so, indicate the reasons thereof and (b) the expected date of completion and its handing over to the relevant authorities for use by the inhabitants of the region?

B/298 The Honourable Second Member for Riviere des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of introducing Sex Education in both Primary and Secondary Schools?

B/299 The Honourable Second Member for Riviere des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mardemootoo)

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

Whether he will state if he recently effected a site visit to the Souillac Hospital and, if so, will he state the measures, if any, he proposes to take following that visit?

B/300 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Shopping Paradise Co. Ltd., information as to (a) the name of the biggest supplier of toiletries, liquors and chocolate (b) the value of the contracts and (c) the place where the contracts have been finalized and signed?

B/301 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Hawoldar)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing & Lands:-

Whether he will state if a portion of public beach next to the Pearl Beach Hotel at Flic en Flac has been deproclaimed and, if so, (a) when and (b) if a tourist development project has been submitted for the said site, indicating the nature of the project and the names of the promoters?

B/302 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether he will state if the Permanent Secretary of his Ministry is in the presence of a letter dated 11 June 2003 from the Headteacher of the Mesnil Government School requesting that an old wooden building be demolished and, if so, will he give the reasons for which (a) action has not been taken thereon (b) no explanation given to the Headteacher or the Parents Teachers Association of the said school?

B/303 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Hawoldar)

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

Whether, in regard to the Pandit Kisto Aryan Vedic Primary School in Vacoas, he will state (a) the criteria used for admission in Standard I and (b) the maximum number of pupils accommodated in each class in Standard I?

B/304 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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

Whether, in regard to the Bus Companies Recovery Account, he will state the amount per litre of fuel levied on the occasion of the price revision of petroleum products respectively on 02 April 2005, 03 October 2005, 04 January 2006 and 03 April 2006?

B/305 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)

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 the Chairman of the Board personally intervenes to prevent disconnection of supply in cases of late payments?

B/306 The Honourable Second Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Boodhoo)

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

Whether, in regard to Integrated Resort Scheme projects, he will give details of the taxes payable by the promoters of such projects?

B/307 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

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

Whether he is aware that different kinds of posters are affixed in almost all villages and towns of the country and that such practice spoils the environment and, if so, will he state measures he proposes to take to discourage such a practice?

B/308 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware of the deplorable state of the Beau Vallon Village Hall and, if so, will he state what remedial measures he intends to take?

B/309 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Varma)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing & Lands:-

Whether he is aware that a request has been forwarded to the Ministry of Housing & Lands by the Grand Port-Savanne District Council for the allotment of a portion of State land found near the France Boyer de la Giroday State Secondary School for the construction of a children's playground and, if so, will he state where matters stand?

B/310 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Deerpalsing)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether he will state if arrangements will be made with the help of corporate sponsors for the provision of bus shelters at the bus stops on the Hillcrest Avenue, Sodnac, Quatre Bornes?

B/311 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, as a matter of priority, funds could be made available for the setting up of the jogging track/*parcours de santé* at Hillcrest Avenue, Sodnac, Quatre Bornes?

B/312 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state if students attending the ANFEN (Adolescent Non Formal Education Network) Centres benefit from free transport and, if so, since when and, if not, why not?

B/313 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

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

Whether he will state if he is considering reviewing the enquiry/court procedures for accused minors particularly those less than 14 years of age?

B/314 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing & Lands:-

Whether he will give the reasons as to why the General Notice No. 1339 in relation to land acquisition for the construction of a footpath and drain along Floréal Road (B5), dated 27 June 2005 has subsequently been cancelled on 20 March 2006 and, if so, why?

B/315 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mrs Labelle)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing & Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the recommendations of the delegation having visited South Africa in view of the possible setting up of a Land Restitution Commission in Mauritius, he will consider the setting up of a Commission to offer those who have a genuine claim to land the

opportunity to come forward with whatever claim they may have as stated in paragraph 5.1 of the report?

B/316 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 Cardiac Centre at Pamplemousses run by the Trust Fund for Specialised Care, he will, (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to (i) the number of cardiac surgery operations effected during each of the last five years (ii) the name of the Chairman together with his responsibilities and the benefits attached to his post and (b) state the additional facilities, in terms of personnel and high-tech equipment, that are given to the Fund to enhance its performance?

B/317 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether he will give a list of companies operating in the seafood sector, indicating (a) the date on which they obtained their investment certificates and (b) the number of local and foreign workers employed by each of them?

B/318 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 he will state if there are pharmaceutical firms operating with an EPZ certificate and, if so, will he give a list thereof, indicating (a) where they are situated and (b) the number of persons employed by each of them?

B/319 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 enterprises which have obtained investment certificates to operate cotton spinning factories, he will give a list thereof, indicating (a) the date they obtained the license and (b) the number of workers employed by each of them?

B/320 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Informatics Ltd, information as to the number of foreign engineers and professionals employed thereat since July 2005, indicating (a) if the vacancies were advertised and, if not, why not and (b) the procedures that have been followed for the filling of the posts?

B/321 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether he has received complaints from some students of the SSR Medical College in regard to practical anatomy sessions and the punishment method used by the lecturers thereat and, if so, will he state if any inquiry has been carried out and the outcome thereof?

B/322 The Honourable Fifth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Soodhun)

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

Whether, in regard to the chikungunya disease, he will state if a survey has been carried out to ascertain the number of field workers in the public service who have contracted same and, if so, what has been the outcome thereof, indicating the measures taken to ensure protection of these workers from infection?

B/323 The Honourable First Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Jugnauth)

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

Whether he will state the number of surgical operations carried out at the Cardiac Centre by the Geneva team led by Professor Kalangos and give details of his future collaboration with the Centre?

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

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

Whether, in regard to corneas, he will state (a) the number thereof available at the eye bank todate (b) the number of corneal grafts that has been carried out since July 2005 and (c) the policy of his Ministry in respect of the training of local professionals to carry out such grafts?

B/325 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether Government proposes to ratify the “Convention sur la diversité culturelle” which the UNESCO adopted in October 2005 and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/326 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether he will state if he proposes to exempt students from the full payment of the examination fees of the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate?

B/327 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to the registration of the accounts and identities of the users of cellular phones, he will state where matters stand and whether the deadline imposed for such registration was extended and, if so, why?

B/328 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the NHDC Ltd., information as to whether all the housing units built in Grand Bois have been delivered and, if so, a list of the beneficiaries?

B/329 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a covered market fair and a swimming pool in Rivière des Anguilles, he will state where matters stand?

B/330 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of pavements along the Royal Road at Tyack, he will state why it was not carried out along the whole length of the road, indicating what remedial measures, if any, are envisaged?

B/331 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rucktooa)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of introducing the 'O' Level and the 'A' Level examinations for Mauritian students under the aegis of the University of Mauritius with the collaboration of the Mauritius Institute of Education, the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate and the University of Mauritius?

B/332 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rucktooa)

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

Whether he will consider the advisability of providing a bus service from Grand Gaube to the Sir Seewoosagar Ramgoolam National Hospital via Goodlands?

B/333 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Dr Mungur)

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

Whether he will state the number of patients (a) awaiting for AV Fistula and (b) on central line undergoing dialysis at different regional hospitals?

B/334 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Dr Mungur)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he is aware of the deplorable state of the Flacq market place and, if so, will he say what short term and long term measures will be taken in connection therewith?

B/335 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 he is aware that the road leading from the village of Camp Marcelin to Quatre Cocos is in a deplorable state and, if so, will he say what measures will be taken to rehabilitate the road?

B/336 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

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

Whether, in regard to the Asset Management Programme, he will (a) table a list of the medical equipment utilized in hospitals in each speciality (b) the total amount spent by the Ministry between 2000 and 2005 on these equipments (c) the company/ies responsible for their maintenance between 2000 and 2005 and the amount disbursed and (d) the number of equipments not in use after breakdown between 2000 and 2005?

B/337 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ramloll)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government:-

Whether he will state if consideration will now be given to the construction of drains and handrails alongside Floréal

Road, between the St Paul Junction and the Allée Brillant Junction?

B/338 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloil)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Utilities:-

Whether, in regard to the building presently housing the Post Office at the Railway Square nearby Minissy Office of the Mon Désert Alma Sugar Estate, he will consider (a) its rehabilitation and conversion into a community centre or social hall and (b) carrying out drain works in the vicinity thereof?

B/339 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Dr Ramloil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports:-

Whether he will state if consideration will now be given for the installation of fog lights on the football ground at Providence?

B/340 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Guttee)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands:-

Whether, in regard to the casting of slabs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the NHDC Ltd, information as to the number of persons who during the period July 2005 to March 2006 have (a) applied for financial assistance therefor and (b) who have benefited therefrom?

B/341 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether, in regard to the donation of medication and mosquito repellent by the Indian Government to fight the

chikungunya disease, he will state when the consignment was received, indicating how it has been used?

B/342 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Naidu)

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

Whether he will state the measures taken by his Ministry to ensure that the Bird-Flu flu virus H5N1 is not being brought into the country through the import of breeders?

B/343 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Jhugroo)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the NGO Trust Fund, information as to (a) the number of micro projects approved by the Fund from July 2005 to January 2006 and (b) whether the Fund is reviewing its policy in regard to future micro projects?

B/344 The Honourable Third Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mrs Jeewa-Daureeawoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the free bus transport scheme for students, he is aware that (a) non students are using fake students' passes to benefit from the scheme (b) students are using multiple bus passes to travel from their home to different destinations and (c) bus owners refuse to collect students before 9.00 a.m. and after 3.00 p.m. and, if so, what remedial measures he proposes to take?

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