

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 24 February 2015****Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit**

B/54 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Independent Commission Against Corruption, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) composition of the present Board thereof and (b) procedure followed for the termination of office of the members of the previous Board thereof?

B/55 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the National Human Rights Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of applications received for an inquiry to be carried out as to whether there exist sufficient fresh and compelling evidence to refer the conviction to the Court of Appeal for review, since 2013 to date, indicating in each case the outcome thereof?

B/56 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to each of the overseas missions undertaken by the former Prime Minister, since July 2005 to December 2014, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case, the (a) countries visited (b) composition of the delegation, including the names of the accompanying journalists, if any (c) duration thereof (d) total amount of money spent in terms of (i) air ticket (ii) *per diem* and (iii) other allowances, if any, and (e) name of the hotels in which he stayed?

B/57 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Commission of Inquiry set up to look into all the aspects of horseracing in Mauritius, he will state if it has now completed its works and submitted a report thereto and (a) if so, indicate (i) when and (ii) the main recommendations thereof and (b) if not, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (i) reasons therefor and (ii) cost incurred by the Commission for the inquiry?

B/58 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, following the searches carried out at the residence of the former Prime Minister, respectively at Desforges Street, in Port Louis, and at Riverwalk, in Vacoas, from Friday 06 to Sunday 08 February 2015, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police (a) a list of the exhibits secured thereat, indicating in each case, the quantum of money seized and (b) information as to the charges that have been lodged against him as at to date?

B/59 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, a list of the officers thereof who have, since 10 December 2014 to date, been subject to (a) permutations (b) demotions and (c) promotions, indicating, in each case, the reasons therefor?

B/60 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if, on 09 January 2015, a case was reported at the Vacoas Police Station regarding vehicle bearing registration number 6271 Oct 08 owned by the Tourism Authority and, if so, indicate (a) who was driving the vehicle at the material time and in which capacity and (b) the outcome of the inquiry carried out thereinto?

B/61 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in the light of the announced policy of Government to proceed by way of interview for recruitment in the parastatal bodies and other institutions wherein the State is a majority shareholder, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the parastatal bodies and other institutions falling under the aegis of his Ministry, information as to the vacancies existing thereat which will be advertised and those which will not, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/62 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to money deposited as surety by suspects in criminal cases, he will state if he has been made aware that same are not refunded within reasonable delays once the cases are over and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the reasons therefor and (b) if remedial measures will be taken in relation thereto?

B/63 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (**Mr Rutnah**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the death of Mr A. K. R. whilst in Police custody at the Rivière du Rempart Police Station, on 30 July 2011, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, in relation to the said Police Station, information as to the number of officers who (a) were on duty thereat during that night, indicating the name of the Chief Inspector of Police who was on duty thereat at the material time and (b) have been subject of transfers following this incident, indicating in each case, the (i) date of transfer and (ii) reasons therefor?

B/64 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (**Mr Rutnah**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Supreme Court, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Master and Registrar, information as to the number of judgments pending thereat in respect of cases which have been heard (a) ten years ago (b) five years ago and (c) three years ago, respectively?

B/65 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the judiciary, in order to keep a check and balance on judicial conduct, he will state if Government proposes to (a) set up a Judicial Complaints Commission (b) introduce video camera recording of all court proceedings and (c) amend section 74(1) of the District and Intermediate Court (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act 1888 to make it mandatory for all court proceedings to be recorded by technological or other scientific means?

B/66 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the flood prone areas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Development Unit, information as to if, in collaboration with Greek experts, it had commissioned a report in relation thereto in 2013 and, if so, indicate (a) if Camp Carol, Grand Bay and Pereybere were among the regions identified for the carrying out of urgent drain and related infrastructure works and (b) the urgent remedial measures that are being taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/67 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a new and modern Divisional Headquarters at Abercrombie, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, (a) a list of the offices that will be housed therein and (b) information as to (i) if the present occupiers of the existing Police quarters at Abercrombie will have been vacated and, if not, why not and (ii) where matters stand as to the proposed construction, indicating the expected start and completion dates thereof?

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other
than the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues
and National Development Unit**

B/68 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to Mr D. S., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Football Association, information as to the terms and conditions of his recruitment?

B/69 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the 9th Indian Ocean Island Games which will be held in Réunion Island in August 2015, he will state the proposed training programme in Mauritius and abroad, in respect of each sports discipline participating therein, indicating the budget allocated by his Ministry and the Club Maurice Company respectively thereto?

B/70 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the Distribution Methadone Centres found in the Plaine Verte and Roche Bois regions, he will state if consideration will be given for the relocation thereof and, if so, when, giving details thereof?

B/71 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 Trust Fund for Specialized Medical Care (Cardiac Centre at Pamplémousses), he will state if the post of Executive Director thereof has been filled and, if so, indicate (a) when (b) the name of the incumbent, giving details of his terms and conditions of employment (c) if the post was advertised and, if so, when and, if not, why not and (d) if the prior approval of the Board thereof was sought and obtained and, if so, when?

B/72 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Sewerage Project at Verger Bissambar, Mont Roches, in Beau Bassin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to the (a) date of (i) launch of the tender (ii) award of the contract (iii) signature of the contract and (iv) handing over of the site therefor (b) name of the contractor therefor (c) contract value thereof (d) expected start and completion dates thereof and (e) number of housing units to be connected?

B/73 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the contract for the transport of petroleum products by Betamax Shipping Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the (a) total amount paid by the Corporation to date in respect thereof and (b) reasons for the termination thereof, indicating the financial implications to the Corporation as a result thereof?

B/74 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the depreciation of the Euro, he will state (a) if any study has been carried out to assess the impact thereof on the Mauritian economy and (b) the remedial actions he proposes to take in relation thereto?

B/75 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the occupation of spaces by Airway Coffee Ltd. at the old and new terminals respectively of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airports of Mauritius Ltd. and Airport Terminal Operations Ltd., information as to when tenders were launched therefor, indicating the (a) mode thereof (b) criteria laid down therefor (c) name of the bidders therefor and (d) if Airway Coffee Ltd. met all the criteria of the tender?

B/76 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the occupation of spaces by Airway Coffee Ltd. at the old and new terminals respectively of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airports of Mauritius Ltd. and Airport Terminal Operations Ltd., information as to the amount of money it owes thereto in each case, indicating (a) since when and (b) if measures have been taken for the recovery thereof and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/77 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Bagatelle Dam Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Water Resources Unit, information as to (a) who took the decision to (i) change the scope of works and (ii) suspend the works, indicating the (iii) value of the variation order issued in respect thereof and (iv) the percentage increase it represents to the initial cost of the project (b) the construction cost of the new project thereof and (c) if the main contract falls outside the purview of the Public Procurement Act?

B/78 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Bagatelle Dam Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Water Resources Unit, information as to the name of the consultancy firm responsible for the detailed design thereof, indicating (a) the cost of the consultancy fees thereof and (b) when the contract thereof was terminated, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/79 The Honourable Fifth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the sewerage network project in the region of Terasson and in the nearby region of Pointe aux Sables, he will state where matters stand regarding the region of Pailles and the vicinity thereof, indicating (a) the reasons why the project is being delayed and (b) if due consideration will be given to ensure the implementation thereof in the near future?

B/80 The Honourable Fifth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the football pitch situated near the Police Station at Pailles, he will state if consideration will be given for same to be vested with the Municipal Council of Port Louis with regard to the maintenance thereof?

B/81 The Honourable Fifth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to the Turkey Rearing Project, he will state if the experimental phase thereof is now complete and, if so, indicate if turkey chicks will be made available to farmers who are interested therein and, if so, when?

B/82 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to *halal* and vegetarian food, he will state where matters stand pertaining to the regulations in relation thereto which had been finalized by his Ministry and the State Law Office, following the working sessions held with the other relevant stakeholders, last year?

B/83 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the ex-CHA and Cité EDC houses, including those located in Constituency No. 14, Savanne and Black River, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof sold to the occupiers thereof, as at to date, indicating the (a) location thereof and (b) number of owners thereof who have not received their respective title deed as at to date, indicating the reasons therefor in each case?

B/84 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the Light Rail Transit System Project, he will state the amount of money successive governments have spent in relation thereto in terms of recruitment of consultants and consultancy services since the implementation thereof in Mauritius has been envisaged?

B/85 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the Light Rail Transit System Project, he will state if the land acquisition exercise therefor has been completed and, if so, indicate the (a) number of houses concerned therewith and (b) cost thereof?

B/86 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to the project for the installation of the Solar Street Lighting System along the Health Track on the Signal Mountain approved for funding by the Maurice Ile Durable Fund, he will state where matters stand, indicating the timeframe for the commissioning thereof?

B/87 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jhuboo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the Chemin Grenier Market Fair Project, he will state if the construction thereof is being envisaged?

B/88 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to motorcycle racing, he will state if consideration will be given for the setting up of a dedicated track therefor with a view to preventing the organization of illegal motorcycle racing on public roads and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/89 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the bus routes No. 70 and 77 plying towards the Immigration Square, Port Louis, he will state if he is aware that the buses along these routes do not pass along the Velore and Nicolay Roads, thereby causing hardships to passengers who have to alight thereat and, if so, indicate if (a) the remedial measures that will be taken in relation thereto and (b) consideration will be given for the setting up of a bus stop along the Mariamen Temple Street, near the Sunnasee Building?

B/90 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the Business Parks of Mauritius Ltd., he will state if consideration will be given for the setting up of a full fledged inquiry into the management thereof, since the appointment of Mr D. N. as Chief Executive Officer thereof and, if so (a) table copy of the report of the Ministerial Committee presided by the former Minister of Public Infrastructure in relation thereto, especially concerning allocation of land at Ebene, Rose Hill, and (b) consider taking immediate measures regarding the prevailing chaotic situation and the degradation caused to the environment by parking and hawkers at the Ebene Cyber City?

B/91 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the results of the audit exercise carried out by Mr R. J., former Director of Audit, on the management thereof by Mr D. C., former Director General thereof, indicating (a) the names and grades of the officers who have recently been laid off/made to retire and the reasons thereof (b) the status of the overdrafts and accumulated loans due to Government and private institutions and (c) when a full fledged Board will be constituted as per the MBC Act?

B/92 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the procurement of solid waste solid scavenging services for villages SWM1, including carting away of post cyclonic waste – CPB56/13 and solid waste solid scavenging services for villages SWM2, including carting away of post cyclonic waste – CPB57/13, he will state the (a) number of potential bids received and (b) names of the (i) determined substantial responsive bidders and (ii) bidder to whom the contract was awarded, indicating the basis on which the bid was determined?

B/93 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to his Ministry, he will state the number of officers recruited therefor, since January 2014 to date category-wise and grade-wise, indicating if the recruitment procedures were strictly complied with and, if not, indicate the remedial measures that will be taken in relation thereto?

B/94 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Youth Training Centre at Anse La Raie, he will state if renovation works will be carried out thereat, indicating if consideration will be given for the acquisition of additional land in the vicinity thereof for the (a) extension of parking facilities thereat and (b) conversion thereof into a modern Youth Residential Training Centre with all the required amenities?

B/95 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jhuboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the wreckship FV Kha Yang, presently grounded on the shores of the Saint Brandon Archipelago, he will state (a) the ecological consequences of the oil spill and irreversible damages caused to the reef barrier resulting thereof (b) the measures taken, if any, for the removal thereof and the timeframe set therefor (c) if it held the required authorization to fish around the Archipelago and (d) if Government will consider introducing legislation to protect this last pristine piece of the Mauritian territory?

B/96 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Plaine Wilhems Sewerage Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to the expected completion dates of the works in relation to Quatre Bornes, indicating as at todate, the number of (a) roads resurfaced and (b) drains reinstated?

B/97 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether he will state if his Ministry is in presence of an application for the construction of a seven star hotel in Pointe des Lascars and, if so, indicate the (a) name of the promoter thereof (b) proposed room capacity thereof and (c) estimated cost thereof?

B/98 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Redevelopment of the St Louis Power Station Project for the Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 4 x 15 MW Diesel Generating Set, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Review Panel, information as to if it is in presence of an appeal from the Burmeister & Wain Scandinavian Contractors and, if so, if the appeal has been entertained, giving details thereof?

B/99 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Redevelopment of the St Louis Power Station Project for the Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 4 x 15 MW Diesel Generating Set, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if it had been instructed to start negotiations with Burmeister & Wain Scandinavian Contractors, albeit their bid had been rejected by the Central Procurement Board for non-compliance, indicating the number of contracts the CEB has awarded thereto over the past ten years, indicating in each case (a) the contract value thereof (b) the local partner thereof and (c) if they had manufactured the equipment supplied?

B/100 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the Orange Mobile Network, he will state if he is aware of the very bad coverage thereof in Beau Bassin, mainly in Chebel, Maingard, Barkly and Mont Roches and, if so, indicate if remedial measures will be taken in relation thereto?

B/101 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

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

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