MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given
Requiring an Oral Answer
Sitting of Tuesday 31 March 2015

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

B/200 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 Police Station situated at Coignet, in Rose Hill, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he has effected a site visit thereat and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for an upgrading of the working conditions of the Police Officers attached thereto?

B/201 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Hurreeram)

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

Whether, in regard to the alleged cases of arms trade as revealed by Mrs K. A., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether it is proposed to call Mrs K. A. to provide further statements in support of the said allegations?
B/202 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 Trou Fanfaron Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he is aware of the derelict state thereof and of unhygienic conditions prevailing thereat and, if so, indicate if urgent remedial measures will be taken in relation thereto, indicating if the relocation thereof is being contemplated and if so, where to?

B/203 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sesungkur)

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 for the Democratisation of the Economy set up by the previous Government, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to, since 2009 to 2014 (a) the composition thereof (b) the total remuneration paid to the Chairperson thereof, including fringe benefits, and (c) if it has submitted any report?

B/204 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 the Melrose Prison, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the (a) Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of entry of mobile phones and of drugs thereat and (b) Human Rights Commission, information as to if complaints of the prevalence of inhumane conditions of detention thereat have been reported thereto?
B/205 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 the Police Officers who are allegedly involved in criminal cases, either as victims or as accused parties, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if consideration will be given for the cases to be referred to the State Law Office for advice (a) prior to the drafting of the provisional charge and (b) as to the stand to be taken concerning applications for bail?

B/206 The Honourable Fifth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the Water Drainage Project in respect of the region of Canal Dayot and of Sable Noir, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Development Unit, information as to where matters stand as to the (a) proposal for additional works to be carried out in relation thereto and (b) expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/207 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 14, Savanne and Black River, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Development Unit and table a list of the future projects earmarked for implementation thereat?
B/208 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 the incident which occurred, on or about Wednesday 12 November 2014, at Nouvelle France, in which tear gas was used, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto, indicating if any arrest has been effected in connection therewith?

B/209 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Tarolah)

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

Whether, in regard to larceny, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of cases thereof reported at the Bel Air Rivière Sèche Police Station, since January 2015 to date, indicating the preventive measures, if any, taken in relation thereto?

B/210 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 accident within our territorial waters, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, since January 2010 to date, indicating in each case, the number of death having occurred as a result 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/211  The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Jhugroo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the purchase of cars by the State Land Development Company Limited, since 2006 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, the list thereof, indicating in each case, the (a) make and model thereof (b) date of purchase thereof (c) cost thereof (d) purpose therefor and (e) registration number thereof, indicating if personalized numbers were purchased from the National Transport Authority and, if so, indicate in each case, the (i) reasons therefor and (ii) amount of money paid therefor?

B/212  The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the new terminal of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airport Terminal Operations Ltd., information as to (a) if it is a design and built project contract and, if so, indicate the time taken for the execution of the design thereof (b) if galvanized metal frames were used (c) the thickness of the metal roofing (d) the type of curtain wall glass fixed (e) the amount of variation costs claimed and paid and (f) table copy of the contract in relation thereto and, if not, why not?

B/213  The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will state if his Ministry will consider probing into the ACONEX website with the permission of the Officer-in-Charge of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport for an audit trail and follow-up of the documents filed in relation to the construction thereof and table copy thereof with a view to throwing light on the opacity or transparency of the project?
B/214  The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of the second runway of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airport Terminal Operations Ltd., information as to the (a) name of the contractor therefor (b) cost of the project thereof and (c) variation costs thereof, if any (d) if works have been executed in compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract and (e) who certified the recommendations for payment in relation thereto?

B/215  The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Dr Joomaye)

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

Whether, in regard to the mediclinics, he will state the number thereof in operation over the period October to December 2014, indicating in each case, on a daily basis, the (a) average number of patients who attended thereat and (b) number of staff on duty, including doctors and nurses, who attended to the patients?

B/216  The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Dr Joomaye)

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

Whether, in regard to the mediclinics, he will state if Government is proposing to recruit doctors and/or nurses to work specifically thereat and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, indicate the organizational set-up that is being contemplated in relation to the extension of the hours of service on a 24 hour basis?

B/217  The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Rutnah)

To ask the Honourable Minister the Attorney-General –

Whether, in regard to his Office, the Office of the Solicitor General and that of the Director of Public Prosecutions respectively, he will, for the period 2005 to date, state and obtain the list of State Counsel attached thereto and who (a) sit on the Board of parastatal bodies and (b) act as legal advisers of parastatal bodies, indicating in each case the (i) date of appointment and (ii) remuneration drawn?
The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Mr Rutnah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the office of Consul of Mauritius in Italy, he will state the names of the office holders thereof over the period 2005 to date, indicating in each case, the (a) terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (b) town of residence thereof during the tenure of office?

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

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

Whether he will state if he will consider the urgent rehabilitation of the Ligne Berthaud Avenue which links Trèfles to Quatre Bornes?

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 Plaines Wilhems Sewerage Project awarded to the Joint Venture C. F. Thymian Holding Gbr and Sotravic, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) original contract price for Lot 1A (b) revised contract value thereof and (c) amount of money paid, if any, for the delay in the implementation thereof, indicating the amount of the penalty fee paid, if any?

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 Plaine Sophie Wind Farm Project estimated to produce some 30 MW electricity, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to (a) the name of the contractor therefor (b) the date of award of the contract (c) the contractual completion date thereof, indicating if there is any delay in the implementation thereof and, if so, indicate the (i) penalty fee applicable and (ii) expected completion date thereof and (d) if the Independent Power producer has satisfactorily submitted proof of his financial capability?
B/222 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 Mauritius Sports Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of handymen attached thereto, indicating the conditions of employment thereof?

B/223 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 Advisers/Press Attachés appointed by his Ministry, he will give a list thereof indicating, in each case, the (a) qualifications held and (b) terms and conditions of appointment thereof?

B/224 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Science Research –

Whether, in regard to the prevocational sector, she will state if the Dual Mode System is being implemented for academic year 2015 and, if so, indicate the modalities attached thereto and, if not, why not?

B/225 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Tarolah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment –

Whether, in regard to the National Empowerment Foundation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of request/application received thereat, since 2010 to date for (a) Corrugated Iron Sheet housing units and (b) Corrugated Cum Iron Sheet housing units, indicating the (i) number of request entertained and (ii) name of the supplier thereof in each case?
B/226 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Tarolah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Information Technology and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the post of Urdu Producer at the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) if the vacancy which arose after the demise of late H. P has been filled and, if so, indicate (i) when and (ii) if the post was advertised and, if not, why not, indicating who is presently responsible for the Urdu programmes?

B/227 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 sewage projects in the Bassin/Palma regions in Constituency No. 14, Savanne and Black River, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand as to the reinstatement of the public roads damaged as a result thereof?

B/228 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sesungkur)

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

Whether, in regard to the 2014 Cane Harvest Season, he will state if (a) there has been (i) a fall in sugar production and (ii) delay in the harvesting of the sugar cane fields, in particular, those of the small planters and (b) some sugar cane fields have remained un-harvested and, if so, indicate the (i) extent of the sugar cane fields concerned therewith and (ii) quantum of compensation, if any, being contemplated for the small planters who have been prejudiced as a result thereof?

B/229 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sesungkur)

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

Whether, in regard to the plot of land, including the infrastructure therefor, devoted to the ex-paddock at Palmar, he will state (a) if same has been leased to a private company or companies and, if so, indicate the (i) extent thereof (ii) period thereof and (iii) rent payable therefor and (b) how his Ministry proposes to optimize the use thereof, giving details thereof?
B/230 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the Financial Intelligence Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) name of the director thereof, indicating his (i) qualifications and (ii) terms and conditions of employment and (b) reasons for the termination of the employment of the former director thereof?

B/231 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 Mauritius Credit Information Bureau, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to the number of borrowers registered therewith and who have defaulted on the repayment of their loans, indicating the aggregate amount of money defaulted in respect of the (a) individuals and (b) corporate borrowers?

B/232 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the incinerator of the Dr A. G. Jeetoo Hospital, he will state where matters stand as to the remedial measures proposed to be taken by his Ministry in relation to the thick smoke emanating therefrom?

B/233 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, in regard to the recent death of two French tourists at sea in the region of Belle Mare, he will state (a) the outcome of the inquiry, if any, carried out thereinto by his Ministry and the actions taken in relation thereto, if any, and (b) if his Ministry proposes to introduce new policies in relation to the nautical sports activities within our lagoons?
B/234 The Honourable Fifth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the ongoing Port Louis Harbour Development Project, he will state the accompanying measures being taken, if any, to help the fishers of (a) Bain des Dames (b) Les Salines (c) Grand River North West (d) Sable Noir (e) Pointe aux Sables (f) Roches Bois and (g) Tombeau Bay?

B/235 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 Pailles Police Station, he will state if he will use his good offices to facilitate the handing over thereof to the Municipal Council of Port Louis and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/236 The Honourable Fifth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the opening of a third lane at Roche Bois and Abattoir Road to traffic coming from the North, he will state the additional measures that have been taken to protect the inhabitants of Roches Bois, particularly in the region of the Abattoir and St Martin Streets?

B/237 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to the Truth and Justice Commission, he will state whether the main recommendations contained in the report thereof have been implemented and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, indicate the reasons therefor?
B/238 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Lesjongard)

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

Whether, in regard to the State land situated in the vicinity of the Belle Mare Police Station, he will state if Mr D. G. of Fashion Style is the lessee of two portions thereof and, if so, indicate (a) if the lease was converted from residential to industrial land and, if so, indicate when and (b) the amount of rent payable (i) now and (ii) at the end of the lease?

B/239 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to football betting, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the (a) amount of money remitted as unclaimed funds to the National Solidarity Fund during the period 2003 to 2011, indicating the names of the companies suspended during the said period for non-compliance and (b) if Peerless Ltd. and Empowering People Ltd. were suspended in 2010?

B/240 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the organization of horseracing in Mauritius for the 2015 Turf Season by the Mauritius Turf Club, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to if the approval thereof was made in full compliance with the Code of Corporate Governance and of the Guidelines under the Financial Reporting Act?

B/241 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the policy of his Ministry to bring health services to the doorsteps of the people, he will state if consideration will be given for the advisability of setting up a community health centre/area health centre and/or mediclinic in the village of Ville Noire, situated in Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien?
The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Science Research –

Whether, in regard to the long serving Teachers/Senior Teachers for General Purpose and Oriental Languages respectively who are presently seconded for duty in the Special Education Needs schools, she will state the number thereof in each case, indicating where matters stand as to their appointment to the permanent post of Educator for Special Education Needs?

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 two television channels of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if the privatization thereof is being contemplated and, if so, indicate if (a) a prior study has been carried out in relation thereto and, if so, give details thereof and (b) any timeframe for the implementation thereof has been fixed?

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 catering services for the airlines servicing the Sir Seewoosagur Rammoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the company which has obtained the contract therefor, indicating the (a) contract value thereof (b) terms and conditions of the contract and (c) names of the directors of the company?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the appointment of Mr V. M. as Chairperson of the National Institute for the Co-operative Enterprise Committee, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Committee, information as to his (a) qualifications (b) address and (c) terms and conditions of appointment?
B/246  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 proposed Cancer Hospital Project at the former Medpoint Clinic, he will state (a) the responsibility under which it would be placed (b) the estimated cost thereof in respect of the (i) renovation of the building (ii) purchase of equipment and (iii) furniture, fixtures and other costs (c) if quotations have been launched for the purchase of equipment and, if so, give a list thereof (d) if the personnel for the running thereof has been identified and, if so, give details thereof and (e) the expected date of coming into operation thereof?

B/247  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Oree) 

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

Whether, in regard to the landslide problems at Chitrakoot, he will state the measures that are being taken by Government in relation thereto, indicating if his Ministry has considered a re-lodging plan for the aggrieved households whose houses have been severely damaged as a result thereof?

B/248  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea) 

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

Whether, in regard to the Belle Mare Water Park and Leisure Village, he will state since when it is closed to the public, indicating (a) if the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry set up by Government in relation thereto have been implemented and, if not, why not and (b) when the re-opening thereof to the public is being contemplated?

B/249  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea) 

To ask the Honourable Minister of Civil Service Affairs –

Whether, in regard to the next Pay Research Bureau Report, he will state the expected date of (a) publication and (b) implementation thereof?
B/250 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the 2000 acres of land obtained from the sugar industry, he will state the extent thereof (a) received region-wise and (b) released, giving details as to the (i) name of the beneficiaries thereof (ii) date of release thereof and (iii) project to be implemented and the terms and conditions thereof, indicating the number thereof implemented to date, giving details thereof in each case?

B/251 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed sewerage network project for the sewerage connection of house numbers 20 to 26, at the Alfred Gellé Street, Cité Martial, in Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to where matters stand, indicating the expected start and completion dates thereof?

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