PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION B/1052

B/1052 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands 
(Mr Guimbeau)

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

Whether, in regard to the lease of L'Ilot Gabriel and L'Ile Plate, he will state if 
the islands were subject to an assessment by the Government Valuer’s Office 
before the signing of the lease and, if so, will he state the assessed value in 
each case?

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REPLY

Mr Speaker, Sir,

Ilot Gabriel, which is a Nature Reserve under the Forests and Reserves Act, is of an extent 
of 42.2 Ha. The lease agreement for the islet was duly signed by the Director of Ocean Blue Island 
Co. Ltd and the Acting Conservator of Forests on the 30 March 2007 and was transcribed by the 
Registrar General Office on 4 April 2007.

2. As per conditions of the lease agreement, Ocean Blue Island Co. Ltd is allowed to use only 
an area of 10 000 m² on Ilot Gabriel for eco-touristic and recreational purposes, whereas the 
remaining of the Islet should be under conservation.

3. Based on the fact that only 10 000 m² of the islet would be used for eco-touristic and 
recreational purposes and Ocean Blue Island Co. Ltd would re-instate its environment, the Chief 
Government Valuer has on 31 January 2007 assessed the annual rental payable by Ocean Blue 
Island Co. Ltd to be Rs 60,000.

4. As regards Flat Island, which is also a Nature Reserve under the Forests and Reserves Act 
and is of an extent of 253.25 Ha (2 532 500 m²), it has been leased to Discover Mauritius Ltd, a 
Government owned private company, for the purpose of developing an ecotouristic project on the 
islet while reinstating and preserving its natural environment.

5. As per the lease agreement, Discover Mauritius Ltd shall be allowed to use only 135,000 

m² on Flat Island for eco-touristic and recreational purposes, whereas the remaining of the islet 
would be under conservation.

6. On 9 February 2007, Government took note that Flat Island would be leased to Discover 
Mauritius Ltd at the rate of Rs. 60 000 per annum with effect from 1 July 2007.