

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION B/1344

The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Hanoomanjee**)

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

Whether, in regard to the fishing vessels registered with his Ministry, he will state if the operators thereof are required to inform the Customs Department and the Mauritius Ports Authority accordingly when leaving for fishing on the banks?

REPLY

Mr Speaker Sir,

(a) I am informed by the Mauritius Revenue Authority that all vessels for outbound trips must obtain a clearance certificate from the Customs Department. In addition, for fishing vessels leaving for trips on the banks a departure clearance is issued by my Ministry and copied to all concerned authorities including the Customs Department and the Mauritius Ports Authority.

(b) Prior to leaving the Port, skippers of vessels have to inform the Mauritius Ports Authority, Immigration Office and National Coast Guard of their departure.