

**PQ B/927**

**The Honorable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Gunness)**

***To ask the Honorable Minister of Housing and lands***

**Whether, in regard to le Val Nature Park, he will state (a) the name of the lessee (b) the terms and conditions of the lease and (c) the amount due, if any, by the lessee, as at to date.**

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**REPLY**

Mr. Speaker, Sir

With your permission, I am replying to the PQ

I am informed by Prime Partners Ltd, Corporate Secretary of le Val Development Ltd that Le Val Nature Park is owned by Le Val Development Ltd.

In regards to Para. (a), I am informed that the name of the lessee is The Nature Park Development Ltd, represented by Mr. Bissoon Mungroo of Royal Road, Montagne Blanche.

In regards to Para (b), I am informed that it is a lease between two companies entered into in August 1994 for the purpose of park management, tourism, bird sanctuary, aquaculture, flower cultivation, water cress cultivation and the exploitation of the water resources of the Park, except for the setting up of a mineral water bottling plant. The lease is for a period of fifteen years, renewable by mutual consent for two further periods of ten years.

In regards to Para (c) I am informed that there were several court cases on the issue of rent, and following mutual arrangements made, both parties have agreed to withdraw all court cases.

I am further informed that the amount due by the lessee as at 27 July 2007 is R3.425M and that Mr. Bissoon Mungroo is now effecting a regular monthly payment of Rs 250,000 ( being Rs 75,000 as rental and Rs 175,000 to settle the amount in arrears).

Mr. Bissoon Mungroo has further made a standing order in favour of Le Val Development Ltd for an amount of Rs 100,000 monthly with effect from June 2007.