

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 17 October 2023

**Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of
Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues,
Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity**

B/1138 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and
Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home
Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues,
Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

Whether, in regard to the negotiations initiated with the United
Kingdom on the exercise of sovereignty of Mauritius over the
Chagos Archipelago, he will state where matters stand?

B/1139 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port
Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home
Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues,
Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –*

Whether, in regard to the Agalega island, he will state
(a) when the ongoing projects will be completed and operational
and (b) if consideration will now be given for a visit consisting of
Members of the National Assembly for Constituency No. 3,
Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East to be organized thereat
and, if so, when?

B/1140 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether in regard to the seizure of suspected illicit drugs, of around 7kg of cocaine, made by the Police on 11 September 2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the (a) Commissioner of Police as to the (i) outcome of the inquiry initiated therein (ii) number of persons arrested and released on bail thereafter and (b) Forensic Science Laboratory the findings of the report of analysis of the suspected illicit drugs seized?

B/1141 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to late C. P. who died on 05 May 2020 whilst in police custody, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated therein?

B/1142 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis
Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the fight against drug, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if consideration will be given for providing officers of the Anti-Drug Smuggling Unit with Rapid Testing Methods and Kits for drug abuse with a view to carrying out on the spot detection as recommended by the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime?

B/1143 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the airport development in Rodrigues, he will state where matters stand as regards to the financing thereof by the World Bank and the European Union, indicating the (a) timeframe for the implementation thereof and (b) socio-economic benefits for Rodrigues?

B/1144 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether he will state where matters stand as to the negotiations between the United Kingdom, United States of America and Mauritius on the exercise of sovereignty of Mauritius over the Chagos Archipelago and the resettlement programme of the Chagossian community?

B/1145 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the new air traffic control tower at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airports of Mauritius Co. Ltd., information as to the (a) amount paid to date to the consultants and contractors selected therefor and (b) expected date of commissioning thereof?

B/1146 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the National Security Adviser, he will state the (a) the scheme of service thereof and (b) criteria for the appointment thereof?

B/1147 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the alleged cases of Police Officers having wrongly conducted police inquiries prior to referring their report to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of such cases reported by accused parties to the Independent Police Complaints Commission for investigation since its setting up to date and table details thereof?

B/1148 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Doolub)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the resettlement of the Chagossians on the Chagos Archipelago islands, he will state where matters stand?

B/1149 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Police Medical Unit (Medico legal), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, since January 2020 to date, information as to the (a) composition thereof, indicating the (i) respective grades of the officers and (ii) duties assigned thereto (b) number of autopsies carried out and (c) number of autopsies that were counter examined?

B/1150 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the report of the court of investigation set up to look into the grounding of the MV Wakashio, he will state the findings of the Inter-Ministerial Committee set up to examine the recommendations contained therein, indicating (a) where matters stand as to implementation thereof and (b) if he will table copy thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1151 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether he will state if he is in presence of any report on the supposedly construction of a strategic military base on the island of Agalega by the Government of India, following the construction of an airstrip and a jetty thereat and, if so, further state the stand of the Government of Mauritius thereon?

B/1152 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to drug trafficking, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons convicted for the offence thereof during the last five years?

B/1153 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to Mauri-facilities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) number of recruitments made from January 2022 to date, giving details thereof, constituency-wise and (b) funds disbursed for the (i) operation cost (ii) management fees and (iii) salary of employees thereof?

B/1154 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the recent upsurge of violence in the Middle-East, he will state the stand of the Government of Mauritius thereon?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity

B/1155 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail –

Whether, in regard to the Taxi Operators Welfare Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) amount of money collected as at to date, indicating the mechanism put in place for ensuring transparency of fund management and (b) salaries and other benefits drawn by the chairperson and board members thereof?

B/1156 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

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

Whether he will state if he is in presence of complaints made in regard to the appointment of Mr J. I., as Honorary Consul of Mauritius in Japan and, if so, indicate if he proposes to consider reviewing the decision for the appointment thereof and, if not, why not?

- B/1157 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –*
- Whether, in regard to the restriction on the movement of livestock from Rodrigues to Mauritius, he will state where matters stand, indicating when same will be lifted for the benefits of the breeders of Rodrigues?
- B/1158 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –*
- Whether, in regard to advisors attached to his Ministry, he will give the list thereof, indicating in each case the (a) date of appointment and duration of contract of employment (b) duties assigned thereto and (c) salaries and other benefits drawn?
- B/1159 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*
- Whether, in regard to the new ENT Hospital at Vacoas, he will state (a) when it will become operational and (b) if it is proposed to set up a new surgical paediatric unit thereat and, if so, when?
- B/1160 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the Gambling Regulatory Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if the Authority has recently issued a casino/gambling licence to Mr L. S. along St Jean Road near the Metro Express Station and, if so, when, indicating the conditions attached thereto, if any?

B/1161 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail –

Whether, in regard to the request made by the Triolet Bus Service Ltd., to operate a new bus route from Cap Malheureux to Port Louis via Vingt-Pieds Road, Super U and La Croisette, he will state where matters stand?

B/1162 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and
Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and
Community Development –*

Whether, in regard to landslide hazard, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Geotechnical Unit, information as to if a survey has been carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/1163 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family
Welfare –*

Whether, in regard to the alleged case of physical abuse of a 7-month baby in a Child Day Care Centre in Beau Champ, she will state if an inquiry has been carried thereinto and, if so, indicate the findings thereof?

B/1164 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine
Magnien (Mr Doolub)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and
Community Development –*

Whether, in regard to the National Flood Management programme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, since January 2020 to date, information as to the number of drain projects (a) completed and (b) in progress, indicating the total amount disbursed to date?

B/1165 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to medications in the public hospitals, he will state if he has been made aware of a shortage of regular and common medications/vaccines used in daily practice recently and, if so, indicate the (a) medicines and vaccination concerned and (b) reasons for the shortage thereof?

B/1166 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Yeung Sik Yuen)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –

Whether, in regard to the National Empowerment Foundation, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the date of appointment of the new Chief Executive Officer thereof, indicating the remunerations drawn?

B/1167 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the price structure of Mogas and Gasoil, she will state if consideration will be given for the review thereof to reduce the retail price thereof?

B/1168 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the monkeys found at Jin Fei, he will state the number thereof still alive, indicating (a) the actions envisaged in relation thereto (b) details as to the amount to be paid to Biosphere, if any and (c) the outcome of any inquiry carried out thereinto by the authorities falling under the aegis of his Ministry, indicating the action envisaged in relation thereto?

B/1169 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Ittoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the introduction of Wheat Flour Fortification, he will state where matters stand, indicating the benefits accruing to consumers?

B/1170 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to State lands in the region of Anse La Raie Youth Centre, he will state if (a) same has been the subject of a Land Use re-planning exercise and, if so, indicate (i) the exact location and extent of land involved and (ii) table copy of the Master Plan, if any and (b) any application has been received for a project thereat and, if so, give details of the letter of intent issued therefor, if any?

B/1171 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the sewerage connection network in the region of Terrasson, Pointe aux Sables, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to where matters stand, indicating if he is aware of the leakage of waste water on the main road at Pointe aux Sables and, if so, indicate the remedial action being envisaged, if any?

B/1172 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to ration rice, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the (a) quantity thereof ordered and delivered during the last six months, indicating the (i) buying and selling price thereof and (ii) amount subsidized by government and (b) actual available stock thereof?

B/1173 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the development, construction and operation of a modern Urban Terminal at Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?

B/1174 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)

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

Whether, in regard to recruitment of Mauritian citizens for social media content moderation, he will state the (a) number thereof and (b) criteria used therefor?

B/1175 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the Free Trade Agreement with China which come into force on 01 January 2021, he will state the total value of goods and services exported and imported, respectively, by Mauritius thereunder to date, giving a breakdown thereof?

B/1176 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to corexsolar international, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, since 2020 to date, information as to the number of contracts awarded thereto by the Board, indicating the value of each contract?

B/1177 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the commercial pleasure craft licences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Authority, information as to the current number thereof, indicating the number thereof delivered since January 2023 to date, giving the names thereof?

B/1178 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of solar and/or wind energy projects submitted to the Mauritius Renewable Energy Agency (MARENA), since 2020 to date, to assess the feasibility and competitiveness thereof, indicating, in each case, the (a) recommendations made (b) number thereof selected and (c) names of the companies to which the contracts were awarded?

B/1179 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the Petrol Pricing Mechanism, she will state if consideration will be given for a review thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1180 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) present balance thereof, indicating the sources of revenue apart from the levy on Mogas and Gasoil and (b) list of projects funded therefrom since July 2022 to date?

B/1181 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the recent cases of death and alleged ill-treatment of infants in some nurseries, she will state the actions taken in connection therewith?

B/1182 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –

Whether, in regard to Mr H. M., Chief Executive Officer of the National Empowerment Foundation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the date of his appointment, indicating (a) the terms and conditions of the contract of appointment and qualifications held (b) if any due diligence has been carried out prior to his employment thereto and (c) the reason for the termination of contract of the previous Chief Executive Officer thereof?

B/1183 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Yeung Sik Yuen)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail –

Whether, in regard to the bus servicing the Forum of Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to if consideration will be given for an increase in the frequency thereof on the market fair days held on Wednesdays and Saturdays?

B/1184 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the recurrent cuts in water supply in the regions of Triolet, Morcellement St Andre, Pointe aux Piments and Baie Du Tombeau, in Constituency No. 5, Pamplemousses and Triolet, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the prompt remedial actions being envisaged to address same?

B/1185 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –

Whether, in regard to the last Indian Ocean Island Games, held in Madagascar, he will state if a technical analysis has been made so far to identify the reasons for the performance of Mauritian team sports participating thereto and, if so, table copy thereof, indicating the actions taken by his Ministry thereon and, if not, why not?

B/1186 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to Mr R. M., General Manager of the Central Water Authority he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the date of his appointment, indicating (a) the terms and conditions of contract of employment (b) the monthly pay packet, including all allowances drawn and yearly gratuity and (c) if he has been allocated with an official car and, if so, indicate the (i) type (ii) make (iii) date of purchase and (iv) registration number thereof?

B/1187 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –

Whether following the recent death of infant G. C. in a nursery allegedly operating illegally, she will state, if the Ministry now proposes to revisit the conditions for registration of the Child Day Care Centres as recommended in the second Report of the Public Account Committee and, if so, when?

B/1188 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to Mogas and Gasoil, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to (a) the reasons for the cancellation of the last tender exercise for the procurement thereof and (b) if the contract for the supply thereof was allocated to Mercantile and Maritime Group (MMG) without any bidding exercise and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/1189 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritian long-tailed macaques, he will state if any enquiry has been conducted to ascertain whether they are being illegally trapped and illegally captured from the wild for export and, if so, the outcome thereof, indicating the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/1190 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms –

Whether he will table a list of all Ministries and Departments of the public service not holding a valid Fire Certificate as at date?

B/1191 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), she will state the (a) number of reported cases thereof since September 2014 to date (b) awareness campaign put in place to promote safe sleep practices and SIDS awareness to date and (c) actions being envisaged in relation thereto in the long term?

B/1192 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of a Study on Termination of Pregnancy, he will state the detailed parameters and scope thereof?

B/1193 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

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

Whether, in regard to the Solicitor General, he will state the number of boards of which he is a member, indicating the (a) allowances drawn and (b) number of overseas missions undertaken as a member thereof, further indicating the costs thereof, including air tickets and *per diem*?

B/1194 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the outbreak of NIPAH virus in India, he will state the preparedness plan put in place for the detection thereof, indicating if any cases thereof, has been detected in Mauritius and, if so (a) give details thereof and (b) treatment available therefor?

B/1195 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the proposed reforms of the Municipal Councils, he will state where matters stand?

B/1196 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the incident involving a 9-year-old girl on 22 September 2023 at the Municipal Centre at Route Militaire, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port-Louis, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/1197 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail –

Whether, in regard to the proposed extension of the light rail transport services from Réduit to St Pierre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the Metro Express Ltd., information as to where matters stand?

B/1198 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the pleasure crafts licences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Authority, since December 2019 to date, information as to the number of applications received, indicating the (a) number thereof turned down and reasons therefor and (b) list thereof approved and issued?

B/1199 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to public debt, he will state the (a) current level thereof (i) in absolute terms and (ii) as a percentage of GDP and (b) actions, if any, taken for the reduction thereof?

B/1200 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the vehicles available at the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the current number thereof which are (a) operational and (b) under repairs, respectively, indicating the number of (i) fire-fighting vehicles (ii) utility vehicles (iii) rope rescue vans and (iv) those equipped with aerial ladders at each fire station?

B/1201 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the contract for the award of the last Power Producer Agreement between the Central Electricity Board and corexsolar international, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as the (a) composition of the members of the Bid Evaluation Committee set up therefor and (b) outcome of the Bid Evaluation Committee?

B/1202 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping –

Whether, in regard to the acquisition of the new cargo vessel, Peros Banos, he will state (a) when the voyages thereof between Rodrigues and Mauritius will start and (b) the specification thereof?

B/1203 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to Government borrowing requirements, he will state the domestic and foreign debts contracted in terms of securities, loans and line of credits and other borrowings, since 2015 to date, giving a breakdown thereof, indicating the interests and management/service charges being paid therefor?

B/1204 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the Diesel Rebate Scheme, she will state the number of beneficiaries thereunder?

B/1205 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Ittoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Global Tobacco Epidemic Report 2023 of the World Health Organisation, he will state the level of commitment of Mauritius concerning the MPOWER measures thereof?

B/1206 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –

Whether, in regard to the revamping of La Cure Youth Centre into a Youth hub, he will state where matters stand?

B/1207 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –

Whether, in regard to the construction of a Battery Anode Facility by Next Source Materials in Mauritius, he will state where matters stand?

B/1208 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to hotels projects, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) number of applications for the construction of new ones received and approved, indicating in each case (i) the locations earmarked for the construction thereof (ii) if EIA licences or PER approval have been issued thereto and conditions imposed, if any and (b) name of the promoters therefor?

B/1209 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Doolub)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Dengue Fever, he will state if any surveillance and response plan have been put in place to combat same in view of the upcoming summer season and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1210 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the renovation of the building La Salle des fêtes of the Municipal Council of Vacoas Phoenix located within the premises of the Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) costs incurred in the procurement and installation of a lift thereat (b) date of the commissioning thereof and (c) total costs incurred therefor?

B/1211 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the public officers transferred from the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare, since January 2023 to date, he will state the number thereof, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/1212 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of the New Ramsoondar Prayag State Secondary School at Rivière du Rempart, she will state where matters stand?

B/1213 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the construction of 8000 Social housing units, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the New Social Living Development Co. Ltd., information as to the (a) progress of work on the different construction sites, indicating the proposed completion date thereof (b) names of consultants and Project manager appointed therefor, if any, and fees payable thereto from January 2022 to date?

B/1214 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Anopheles Stephensi mosquito currently spreading across the African continent, he will state (a) the measures put in place to prevent any outbreak of this mosquito vector in Mauritius and (b) if checks are being carried out in our harbor and airport?

B/1215 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the present price structure of petroleum products, he will state if consideration will be given for the review thereof by abolishing certain taxes and reducing the quantum applicable thereon and, if not, why not?

B/1216 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the footbridge of Albion village, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Black River, information as to where matters stand as to the renovation works to be carried out thereat?

B/1217 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to Child Day Care Centres operating without a certificate of registration, she will state the number of inspections carried out, since January 2022 to date, for the detection thereof, indicating the number of closing down notices issued?

B/1218 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to the Global Innovation Index Report, he will state the date of the last publication thereof by the World Intellectual Property Organization, indicating if the ranking of Mauritius on innovation strategy has fallen by 12 places in comparison to the previous report thereof and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/1219 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

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

Whether, in regard to the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, he will state the stand of the Government of Mauritius thereon?

B/1220 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to Mogas and Gasoil, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to (a) the procurement method resorted to for the purchase thereof for the period 2023-2024, indicating the (i) name of the successful bidder (ii) mode of payment therefor and (iii) country of origin and (b) if any due diligence was carried out on the successful bidder and, if so, by whom, indicating the conclusions thereof?

B/1221 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to an alleged case of brutality on Ms R. I. during her stay at the Brown Sequard Hospital, he will state if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/1222 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the ration rice, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the reasons for the recent shortages thereof on the market and, if so, indicate the mitigating measures envisaged to avoid the recurrence thereof, if any?

B/1223 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the subsidy of Rs 5 per litre of diesel, he will state the (a) eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom and (b) estimated aggregate cost thereof?

B/1224 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Ittoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to the National Flood Management Programme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to the number of drains completed and in progress as at to date, indicating the total amount disbursed?

B/1225 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of Froppier Bridge at junction Camp des Embrevates in Pamplemousses, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the date for the award of the contract, indicating the (a) total project value thereof and (b) expected contractual date of completion and operation?

B/1226 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to Long Grain White Rice, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the actual stock thereof, indicating the (a) number of tons imported, date of arrival, country of origin and price per ton (b) distributor thereof and (c) action taken to avoid any shortage thereof?

B/1227 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the project for the setting up of fertility clinics in each regional hospital, he will state where matters stand?

B/1228 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the price structure of Mogas and Gasoil, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, for the financial year 2022/23, information as to the amount of (a) Value Added Tax and Excise Duty collected and (b) other contributions charged on the consumers, giving a breakdown thereof?

B/1229 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Port Louis water supply zone, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the actual number of water leakages detected thereat, indicating the (a) estimated amount of water lost in cubic meters per day and (b) number of field staff mobilized to repair same?

B/1230 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to the monitoring of drains, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to if a survey on the current structural state thereof has been carried out in view of the forthcoming rainy season and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/1231 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to New Standard Solutions, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the number of contract awarded thereto as at to date, indicating, in each case, the (a) contract value (b) description of works and (c) procedure for the allocation of contract thereto?

B/1232 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the 9-month-old infant who suffered second-degree burns in a nursery allegedly operating illegally in Rose Hill, she will state if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate the actions taken in relation thereto?

B/1233 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

*To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education,
Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –*

Whether, in regard to the School Certificate Examinations, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to the pass mark for each subject therefor for each cohort examined annually since 2014 to date?

B/1234 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Wochit)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning
and Development –*

Whether, in regard to diesel, he will state the measures being envisaged by government to ensure that the different sectors of the economy which rely thereon do not suffer from increased operational costs as a result of the increase in price thereof?

B/1235 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite
Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Nipah virus, he will state the (a) health surveillance measures put in place for the monitoring and detection thereof at the Airport, indicating the screening protocol and medical tests being effected and (b) preparedness plan in the event of detection thereof?

B/1236 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports
and Recreation –*

Whether, in regard to the Trust Fund for Excellence In Sports, he will state the (a) composition of the board and its Chairperson, indicating in each case the date of appointment and allowances paid thereto (b) names of beneficiaries therefrom, indicating their respective sport disciplines and allowances remitted to each from January 2020 to date and (c) amount of funds collected during financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23?

B/1237 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Ittoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to the construction of a new link road from La Vigie to Flic en Flac, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/1238 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

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

Whether, in regard to the escalating conflict between Israel and Hamas, he will state the assistance being provided to the group of Mauritian pilgrims stranded in Bethlehem, Israel?

B/1239 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to landscaping works along motorways, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Road Development Authority, information as to (a) the measures taken to maintain the motorways M1, M2 and M3 and (b) if consideration will be given for the visual upgrading and embellishment thereof?

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