

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 24 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/1240 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 contracts awarded by the Security Division of the Prime Minister's Office to DNS International Ltd., and DNS Consultancy Services, since 2015 to date, he will state the (a) aggregate value thereof, indicating the amount already paid thereto (b) procurement method used for the award thereof and (c) equipment purchased, giving details thereof?

B/1241 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)

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 mandatory re-registration of SIM cards in line with the regulatory framework of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA) Regulations 2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to (a) the rationale thereof (b) if it applies to all SIM cards, including postpaid and corporate customers and (c) if this regulatory requirement will also provide for a linkage between the Passport and Immigration Office system and mobile operators for the deactivation of SIM cards of tourists on their departure from Mauritius?

B/1242 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/1243 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 inquiry initiated into the death of late Mr S. K., following the findings of the Judicial enquiry, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the outcome thereof?

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/1244 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to HIV-AIDS, he will state where matters stand as to the availability of HIV Self-Test or Directly Assisted HIV Self-Test on the market, following the amendments brought to the HIV and AIDS Act, indicating the (a) recommended selling price thereof, if any and (b) list of companies which have been granted permit to import and commercialize same?

B/1245 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 Medical practitioners and Nursing Officers, he will state the number thereof having submitted their resignation, respectively, since 2019 to date, indicating (a) their respective grades (b) number of actual vacant posts grade-wise and (c) if any recruitment excise has been initiated for the filling of the vacancies?

B/1246 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 and Family Welfare, since January 2023 to date, he will state the number thereof, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/1247 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Doolub)

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

Whether, in regard to the outstanding achievements of Team Mauritius during the recent Indian Ocean Islands Games held in Madagascar, he will provide details as to the reward to be extended to the medalists?

B/1248 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 *Contribution Sociale Généralisée*, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) total amount thereof collected since the introduction thereof to date (b) categories of benefits paid out therefrom, indicating the (i) total amount disbursed for their payment, giving a breakdown thereof and (ii) corresponding remaining amount, if any, thereafter?

- B/1249 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 implementation of the use of medicinal cannabis, he will state where matters stand?
- B/1250 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 Central Bank of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the amount of outstanding loan contracted in US Dollar as at date?
- B/1251 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –*
- Whether, in regard to the Victoria Urban Terminal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to (a) the number of fire incidents that occurred thereat since 2022 to date, indicating (i) the cause thereof and (ii) compensation, if any, paid to the occupiers of the stalls affected therefrom and (b) if the building is in possession of a valid fire certificate?
- B/1252 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 *Contribution Sociale Generalisée*, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the quantum of funds (a) disbursed therefrom as at date and (b) presently available therein?

B/1253 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 fire extinguishers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service, information as to when the last verification thereof was effected for companies, indicating the number thereof not holding a valid certificate therefor and the actions taken, if any?

B/1254 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the incident which occurred on the football ground of Cap Malheureux on 11 October 2023 whereby a 17 year old student was injured and had to be admitted in the Intensive Care Unit, he will state if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1255 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 cancer, he will state (a) the number of patients thereof undergoing treatment in public health institutions, since January 2023 to date, indicating the type of therapy prescribed therefor and (b) where matters stand as to the construction of a Radiotherapy department at the New Cancer Center, indicating the expected date of completion thereof?

B/1256 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

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

Whether, in regard to the Honourable the Attorney General and former Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security, he will table a list of the overseas missions undertaken, since January 2020 to date, indicating the (a) countries visited and purpose thereof (b) composition of the accompanying delegation and (c) overall costs incurred, including air tickets, *per diem* and other allowances?

B/1257 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/1258 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 introduction of a *carte de santé* for the senior citizens of Mauritius as part of the National Integrated Care for Older People (ICOPE) Strategic Plan, he will state where matters stand, indicating if the Yearly Age-Well Screening programme for the senior citizens has already started, and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1259 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Wochit)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in view of the forthcoming dry season and recurrent water supply cuts in the northern part of the island, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the measures being put in place to ensure a regular water supply thereat?

B/1260 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, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/1261 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives –

Whether, in regard to the schemes extended to co-operative societies since July 2022 to date, he will give a list thereof, indicating, in each case, the amount disbursed?

B/1262 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 table the particulars of the 22 applications for leasehold received at the Ministry therefor since December 2015 to date?

B/1263 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/1264 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to emigration, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Statistics Mauritius, information as to the number thereof, since 2019 to date, on a yearly basis, indicating the respective (a) age group and (b) employment sectors concerned therewith?

B/1265 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

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

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

B/1266 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/1267 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 cardiac patients awaiting surgery, he will state the number thereof, indicating (a) their respective age and gender and (b) the waiting time therefor, further indicating the measures envisaged to reduce same?

B/1268 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 waste to energy projects submitted to the Mauritius Renewable Energy Agency (MARENA), since 2020 to date, to assess the feasibility and competitiveness thereof?

B/1269 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to Mauri-facilities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Landscape (Mauritius) Ltd., 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/1270 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 state where matters stand?

B/1271 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 Handball, he will state the actions taken by his Ministry following allegations of non-compliance of the Code of Ethics by some members of the Mauritian Team on 02 September 2023 during the 11th Indian Ocean Island Games, held in Madagascar and, if not, why not?

B/1272 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 Silver Bank Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to if (a) the Capital Adequacy Ratio thereof is being met and (b) complaints have been received from clients regarding the non-refund of deposits and, if so, the remedial measures taken to address same?

B/1273 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

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

Whether, in regard to the fire outbreaks at the Victoria Urban Terminal in 2023, he will state (a) if his Ministry is in presence of any report as to the reasons thereof and possible shortfalls regarding security measures thereat and (b) the measures being envisaged to avert the recurrence thereof?

B/1274 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Fire Rescue Service, a list of all Ministries and Departments of the public service not holding a valid Fire Certificate as at date and table copy thereof?

B/1275 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

To ask Dr 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 delivered during the last four months for Mauritius and Rodrigues, respectively, indicating the (i) monthly breakdown thereof and (ii) buying and selling price thereof (b) actual stock thereof and (c) amount subsidized therefor for the last six months?

B/1276 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/1277 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 lines of credit and other borrowings, since 2015 to date, giving a breakdown thereof, indicating the interests and management/service charges being paid therefor?

B/1278 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether he will state if the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade was notified by its Indian counterpart regarding the assistance to be extended by the Indian Government for the setting up of an Indian Institute of Technology in Mauritius and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1279 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Doolub)

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

Whether, in regard to tourist arrivals, he will state the (a) number thereof for the period 01 January to 30 September 2023 as compared to the corresponding period in 2022, giving a breakdown thereof from the leading markets and (b) income generated therefrom for the period 01 January to 30 September 2023?

B/1280 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/1281 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/1282 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 landscaping works along motorways, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the 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?

B/1283 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 Atrium Building situated at Rose Hill, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin Rose Hill, information as to if any demolition order has been received therefor and, if so, when same will be effected, indicating the traffic diversion plan put in place during the demolition works?

B/1284 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of social housing units at Hermitage in Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the New Social Living Development Co. Ltd., information as to the (a) number thereof being constructed (b) names of the contractors, consultants and project managers selected therefor, if any and (c) surface area and locations earmarked to be used as green spaces and parks, giving details thereof?

B/1285 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 out thereinto and, if so, indicate the findings thereof?

B/1286 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Social Inclusion Foundation, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and for the period from January 2023 to date, information as to the aggregate amount (a) received from the Mauritius Revenue Authority and other sources and (b) disbursed, indicating in each case the (i) name of the beneficiary and amount received and (ii) criteria used for disbursement thereof?

B/1287 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to hay fever, he will state if his Ministry has conducted a survey to assess the high incidence thereof in the population and, if so, indicate (a) if consideration will be given for the setting up of a committee to assess the multi factorial health consequences thereof and (b) the measures being envisaged to address the allergic disorder thereof?

B/1288 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Metro Express Ltd., information as to the (a) quantum of funds disbursed for the implementation thereof as at to date, giving a breakdown thereof (b) quantum of outstanding loans contracted from Government (c) quantum and terms of payment of outstanding loans contracted with the Exim Bank of India and (d) final estimated cost thereof?

B/1289 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to food security, he will state if consideration will be given for the review of the policy thereof to be in line with the concept “produce what we eat and eat what we produce” and, if not, why not?

B/1290 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether he will state the strategies government intends to implement to promote alternative energy sources, reduce reliance on diesel and encourage the adoption of more energy-efficient technologies?

B/1291 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to Horse Racing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to if the contract of Mr D. M., Racing Executive Officer and Chairman of Stewards of the Horse Racing Division has been terminated and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/1292 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 the actions taken by her Ministry to regulate the illegal Child Day Care Centres as reported by the Public Accounts Committee in its second Report?

B/1293 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 slope stabilization works along B103 road at Chamarel, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/1294 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 drains, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to if a survey has been carried out to monitor the current structural state thereof in view of the forthcoming rainy season and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/1295 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/1296 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to entry visa to Canada, he will state the reasons for the non-exemption thereof for Mauritian citizens?

B/1297 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/1298 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to phase 4 of the Metro Express Project from Réduit to Cote d’Or, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Metro Express Ltd., information as to where matters stand?

B/1299 The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the recurrent cuts in water supply in the regions of Goodlands, Grand Gaube, Vale and Sottise, in Constituency No. 6, Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the measures being envisaged to address same?

B/1300 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether, in regard to agricultural State lands falling under the purview of his Ministry, he will state the number of leases granted, since 2019 to date, indicating the (a) list of beneficiaries thereof (b) amount paid yearly and (c) total outstanding amount thereof?

B/1301 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 flood mitigation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the bridges reconstructed since 2020 to date, indicating the (a) amount disbursed therefor and (b) number thereof (i) under reconstruction and (ii) proposed to be reconstructed?

B/1302 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/1303 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the refund of Rs 5 per liter of diesel, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain for the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to where matters stand, indicating the conditions attached thereto and mode of reimbursement thereof?

B/1304 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 neonatal deaths in public hospitals, he will state the number thereof since January 2023 to date, indicating the (a) causes thereof and (b) number thereof having passed away with positive blood cultures for MDR Serratia Marcescens?

B/1305 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr 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/1306 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether, in regard to the cleaning and desilting of the canal between M1 and Conti Street in Port-Louis, he will state if the contract has already been awarded therefor, indicating the name of the successful contractor?

B/1307 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 Métro Express phase 4 project from Réduit to Côte D'Or, he will state where matters stand, indicating (a) the name of the contractor thereof and (b) when works will start, indicating the duration and total cost thereof?

B/1308 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

To ask Dr 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/1309 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/1310 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 Ibrahim Abdullah Market Fair, in Cité Martial, Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to if consideration will be given for the provision of additional (a) parking facilities and (b) shelters for vegetable sellers operating outside the market?

B/1311 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training –

Whether, in regard to the January 2024 intake by the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development (MITD), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if the (a) preparatory works for the recruitment of trainees therefor have already been initiated and, if so, give details thereof and (b) Institute of Technical Education and Technology, which has taken over the MITD, is fully prepared to organise the different practical courses to be delivered at the earmarked centres therefor?

B/1312 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to bananas, he will state (a) the quantity thereof (i) produced locally and (ii) imported, since 2015 to date (b) if he is in presence of complaints from local banana growers requesting for a halt on the importation of frozen bananas for processing, indicating the measures he proposes to take thereon?

B/1313 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/1314 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 an operator located in the Discovery House situated at St Jean Street near the Metro Express Station and, if so, indicating if (a) there had been discussions with the business operators and residents of the vicinity therefor and (b) the views of the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes and the Traffic Management Road Safety Unit were sought?

B/1315 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplémousses and Triolet
(Mr Wochit)

*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 Pamplémousses, he
will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road
Development Authority, information as to the reasons for the
extended delay in the construction thereof, indicating if works
have stopped for several months, giving the reasons therefor?

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A/5 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 Mr G. R., Housing Estate and Community Development Officer at the National Housing Development Company Ltd. (NHDC), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if he has been the subject of (a) a declaration at the Police station and at the Independent Commission against Corruption and (b) a suspension by the NHDC and, if so, indicate if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof and table copy of the report, if any?

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