

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 14 November 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/1441 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and
Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

*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 Force, he will, for the benefit of
the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as
to the number of (a) officers promoted since January 2020 to date,
from the grade of Police Constable to Police Sergeant and (b)
Police Officers recruited since June 2023 to date?

B/1442 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 new digital identity card, he will, for the
benefit of the House, obtain information as to if provision has been
made for the use thereof for the authentication of voters
electronically in the next General Election and, if so, indicate the
type of equipment to be used to read the card?

B/1443 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 application made to a Judge in Chambers for an Order to intercept, withhold or disclose audio and other telecommunication messages, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof for each of the years 2019 to 2022 and for the period January 2023 to date, indicating in each case the purpose and outcome thereof?

B/1444 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 the incidents which occurred during a concert at Trou-d'Eau-Douce on 05 November 2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the name of the organiser of the concert thereat, indicating if all relevant permits were obtained therefor (b) the security measures provided thereat (c) the number of persons injured as a result thereof and (d) if an enquiry has been initiated thereinto?

B/1445 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Ittoo)

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 medicinal cannabinoids, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if any Police Medical Officer has prescribed the use thereof as at to date and, if so, indicate (a) the number thereof and (b) follow up thereon as a result thereof, if any?

B/1446 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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the cost incurred to acquire the broadcasting rights for the free-to-air package for the FIFA World Cup 2023, giving details thereof and (b) if negotiations for the retransmission on television of the UEFA Euro 2024 to be held in Germany have been initiated thereinto and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1447 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 electoral cooperation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Office of the Electoral Commissioner, information as to if a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed recently by the Electoral Commissioner of Mauritius with his Indian counterpart thereon and, if so, give details thereof and table copy thereof?

B/1448 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in the light of the Judgment in the Appeal before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in the case of Surendra Dayal v Pravind Kumar Jugnauth & others and following the dismissal and/or withdrawal of the 14 electoral petitions lodged since the 2019 General Election, he will state the measures he proposes to take following the comments and recriminations made on the reputation and credibility enjoyed by the Office of the Electoral Commissioner and the Electoral Supervisory Commission with a view to repairing the damage caused to the public trust and confidence therein?

B/1449 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 now table copy thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1450 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 drugs, he will state the additional measures taken to address the proliferation thereof amongst the youth?

B/1451 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Ms Ramyad)

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 arrest Mr B. L. on 04 November 2022 for an alleged case of possession of drugs, 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 thereinto?

B/1452 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 Ms H. O. R., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the date of arrival thereof in Mauritius (b) the purpose of her visit and (c) if she has applied for a residence permit, indicating the date of (i) application and (ii) approval therefor, further indicating the grounds therefor?

B/1453 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 foreign workers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the number thereof whose work permit have expired and are currently staying illegally in the country, indicating the measures taken for their tracking and repatriation?

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/1454 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of a health track at Pailles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?

B/1455 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 Mauritius Sports Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as the programme of activities organized to encourage the population to engage in physical activities since the launching of the Active Mauritius strategy?

B/1456 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to in-patients maternal deaths in Rodrigues, he will state if he has been made aware of an increase in the number thereof since January 2022 to date and, if so, indicate (a) the number thereof and (b) if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto to determine the causes thereof?

- B/1457 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*
- Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of the Rivière des Anguilles Dam, he will state the number of consultants appointed therefor as at date, indicating the total amount of money paid thereto in each case?
- B/1458 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 works for the levelling of ground at the Vale and the Pointe Aux Cannoniers public beach, he will state in each case the (a) costs and (b) terms and conditions of the contract awarded therefor?
- B/1459 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)
- To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –*
- Whether, in regard to the lease of State land in Réduit and Moka since January 2023 to date, he will table a list of the beneficiaries thereof?
- B/1460 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*
- Whether he will state if he has been made aware of leakage of waste water on the main road at Pointe aux Sables and, if so, indicate if officers of his Ministry effected a site thereat and made any health risk analysis related thereto?
- B/1461 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 motor vehicles acquired by the Bank of Mauritius for use by the Governor and Deputy Governors thereof since 2019 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to the (a) make and description thereof (b) costs thereof, indicating the purchase price and insurance premium paid in relation thereto and (c) procurement method used therefor?

B/1462 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/1463 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether he will state if consideration will be given for the setting up of a General Practitioner Scheme aligned with innovative Artificial Intelligence technologies with a view to (a) ensuring a better treatment of patients and (b) establishing a link through the use thereof with public hospitals and private clinics?

B/1464 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to flood-prone areas in Constituency No. 20, Beau-Bassin and Petite Rivière, namely, Phases 1 and 2 at Morcellement Les Vues d'Albion and Splendid View, respectively, in Albion, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the construction of new drains thereat, indicating (a) if the alignment of a cut-off drain upstream of the impacted regions has been finalized and (b) expected starting date of works thereat?

B/1465 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 women's centres, she will state if a new policy for the operation thereof has been devised and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1466 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 photos of a post-mortem examination taken in the mortuary room of the Jeetoo Hospital and made public on or about 19 October 2023, he will state if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/1467 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to the end of year school holidays, she will state the actions being taken by her Ministry in terms of activities and entertainment for children admitted in Shelters?

B/1468 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/1469 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 2021 World Bank Group Country Report, he will state if has taken cognizance of the comments made for Mauritius on the growth trajectory, export competitiveness, ageing population and fiscal deficits resulting in rising levels of public debt to GDP and, if so, indicate the measures Government has taken to address same?

B/1470 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the 50 defective ventilators delivered by Pack & Blister, he will state where matters stand as to the refund of the amount disbursed for the acquisition thereof?

B/1471 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 a complaint of an alleged case of illegal trafficking of monkeys against Mr S. J., he will state where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/1472 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 prevalence of diabetes and pre-diabetes among the Mauritian population, he will state the measures taken to reduce the incidence thereof?

B/1473 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to Metro Express Ltd., he will state if the financial statement thereof is now available and, if so, table copy thereof?

B/1474 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the Harry Latour Stadium, he will state (a) the reasons as to the closure thereof, indicating since when (b) when the last renovation work was carried out thereat, giving details thereof and the total amount spent therefor and (c) the renovation plan thereof, if any, being envisaged by his Ministry and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

- B/1475 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*
- Whether, in regard to water supply, he will state (a) the amount of money invested for the upgrading of reservoirs and (b) the actions taken and measures envisaged to improve the resilience of the infrastructure thereof?
- B/1476 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 Lotto Plus, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the reasons for the introduction of a new formula which has resulted in the increase of the weekly draws?
- B/1477 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 the preparation of the National Land Development Strategy initiated in 2019, he will state the reasons for the delay for the finalisation thereof?
- B/1478 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 renewable energy sector, he will state the measures being taken to foster innovation and investment therein with a view to ensuring sustainable and eco-friendly energy future for the country?
- B/1479 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –*
- Whether, in regard to flood Mitigation at Ruisseau du Pouce in the vicinity of Tranquebar, Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the construction of elevated river banks and removal of debris thereat?

B/1480 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the Council for Vocational Legal Education, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of candidates who sat for the 2023 (a) barristers (b) Attorney and (c) Notary Public examinations thereof, indicating in each case the number thereof having (i) passed and (ii) obtained a resit?

B/1481 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to warehouses for the storage of medicines and allied products by his Ministry, he will state the number thereof (a) available and (b) rented, if any, giving details of the (i) lease agreement thereof and (ii) amount paid therefor since January 2023 to date?

B/1482 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/1483 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 Bank of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to when the Governor and the Deputy Governors thereof were last allocated with a new car, indicating in each case the (a) the cost thereof (b) type and model and (c) date of acquisition?

B/1484 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Power Purchase Agreement signed between CEB and Corexsolar International for the purchase of electricity from Renewable Energy Hybrid Facilities, in particular in relation to 2 projects of SPV 30 mw, he will state if the company fulfilled all of the conditions precedents set forth in Clause 3.1.2 of the Power Purchase Agreement within the period of 9 months as from the 'Long Stop Date' and, if not, why not, indicating the actions envisaged in relation thereto?

B/1485 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent flooding in the region of Mare Tabac, he will state if an assessment thereof has been made and if so, indicate the measures he proposes to take in relation thereto?

B/1486 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the La Vigie Flic en Flac link road, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if his Ministry has a project for the upgrading of the roundabout at La Marie to the South through Petrin and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1487 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to Social Security Offices, she will state if the infrastructure thereof is adequately equipped to ease access thereto for persons with disabilities and senior citizens?

B/1488 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 Sports Act, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed amendments to be brought thereto, indicating if there have been further consultations, if any, with National Sports Federations thereon and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1489 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to the budgetary measure to make it compulsory for all companies with more than 250 employees to provide the necessary childcare facilities in the workplace, he will state where matters stand?

B/1490 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

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

Whether, in regard to the free pre-primary education, she will state where matters stand as to the implementation and the defining of the modalities for the Grant-in-Aid scheme thereof?

B/1491 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 rats, he will state if any study has been carried out to assess the damage resulting from the proliferation thereof other than causing septic pneumonia, epidemic jaundice and other related diseases and, if so, indicate the measures taken for the elimination thereof, further indicating if trapping, poisoning, gassing and fumigation are being resorted to?

B/1492 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Free Travel Schemes, he will state the amount of money paid to bus operators and the Metro Express Ltd., over the past two years, indicating if the mode of payment thereof will be reviewed and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/1493 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether she will state if she has received representations from the managers of private secondary institutions with regard to the new grant formula and, if so, indicate the actions being envisaged in relation thereto?

B/1494 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 SME informal sector, he will state the actions envisaged to align same with the formal sector?

B/1495 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/1496 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 asbestos, he will state the number of reported cases of diseases resulting therefrom, if any, over the past 8 years and, if so, indicate the (a) treatment prescribed therefor and (b) accompanying support, if any, available in public hospitals to those diagnosed therewith?

B/1497 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 the sale of the National Insurance Company Ltd. and Maubank Ltd., he will state where matters stand following the report of the respective Transaction Advisers thereof?

B/1498 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 cleaning and maintenance of existing drains in Constituency No. 15 Vacoas and Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas Phoenix, information as to the (a) list of regions having benefitted therefrom (b) maintenance works being undertaken thereat and (c) total costs thereof?

B/1499 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 project for the renovation of the Fish, Meat and Poultry section of the Central Market of Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to if the discussions initiated thereon with the UNESCO have been completed and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/1500 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

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 stretching from Paradise Cove Boutique Hotel to Anse La Raie Fish Landing Station, he will give a list of the letter of reservation issued therefor to date, if any, indicating in each case the extent and purpose thereof?

B/1501 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the accident at sea involving an off-board and a catamaran which occurred at La Gaulette, on 02 November 2023, causing the death of a woman, he will (a) state if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto by his Ministry to ascertain the causes thereof and (b) obtain information as to if the off-board and the catamaran held the necessary permits to operate in the said region and, if so, indicate in each case (i) the validity period thereof (ii) if the skippers thereof have a valid licence and (iii) the list of security equipment available thereon?

B/1502 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 a licence has been issued to any Horse Racing Organiser (HRO) to organize horse races at the Petit Gamin Racing Track and, if so, indicate (a) since when and to whom (b) if all the necessary clearances have been sought and obtained by the HRO, including fire certificate and operational permit from the Pamplemousses District Council, indicating in each case the date of issue thereof and (c) the number of race days allocated and expected starting date thereof?

B/1503 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the legal fees and costs in the arbitration proceedings and court cases between the State Trading Corporation and Betamax Ltd., in connection with the termination of the contract of affreightment, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the amount thereof claimed and paid by the Corporation, indicating in each case the (a) name of the legal advisers and (b) amount of fees paid thereto?

B/1504 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to the 2023 U.S.-sub-Saharan Africa Trade and Economic Cooperation (AGOA Forum) held recently in Johannesburg, South Africa, he will state if he has had a meeting with the United States Trade Representative and, if so, indicate (a) the outcome thereof as to the renewal of the African Growth and Opportunity Act program and (b) if discussion on the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement also formed part of the agenda?

B/1505 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether, in regard to the Vessel MV Peros Banos, he will state the final cost for the acquisition thereof, indicating the expected date of delivery?

B/1506 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/1507 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 Residence L'Oiseau Community Center in Floréal, she will state (a) the composition of the *Comité de Gestion* thereof and (b) if she has been made aware of the current state of the center and the surroundings thereof?

B/1508 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 Casino de Maurice, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation Management Services Co. Ltd., information as to if an Attendance Bonus for year 2023 will be paid to the employees thereof and, if so, indicate the amount and conditions attached thereto and, if not, why not?

B/1509 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the elevators at the Dr Jeetoo Hospital, he will state the (a) total number thereof and (b) the number thereof which are currently out of order, indicating in each case (i) since when and (ii) the remedial measures that will be taken in relation thereto?

B/1510 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to recruitment and/or promotion of public officers, he will state the number thereof having been cancelled by the Supreme Court since January 2018 to date, giving a detailed list thereof?

B/1511 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the Contribution Sociale Généralisée Disability Allowance of Rs 2,500 allocated to persons suffering from a disability between 40 and 59 per cent as announced in the 2023-2024 Budget, she will state the criteria to benefit therefrom, indicating the (a) type of disabilities concerned therewith and (b) number of beneficiaries thereof since July 2023 to date?

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A/12 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the ongoing activities being held at the Municipal Centre and Sports Complex along Monseigneur Leen Street opposite Marie Reine De La Paix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to if the Council is in presence of a formal complaint regarding disturbances caused to the residents of the locality by excessive high noise levels generated from these two premises until late hours at night and, if so, give details of the actions and mitigating measures being taken by the Council to address same?

A/13 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to drain infrastructure projects being undertaken in the region of the Institute of Islamic & Secular Studies at Le Cornu Vallée des Prêtres, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to the reasons for the delay in the implementation thereof?

A/14 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the State land at Anse La Raie, he will state
(a) if an open advertisement had been made calling for
applications therefor (b) the criteria considered by his Ministry for
the selection of the first five applicants therefor and (c) under
whose recommendation, if any, a letter of reservation was issued
to Luxury Suites Ltd.?

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