

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 12 December 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/1706 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 access in the restricted area of the port
without valid authorization, he will, for the benefit of the House,
obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the
number of reported cases thereof for the period January to
May 2021, indicating if inquiries were initiated thereinto and, if so,
where matters stand?

B/1707 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 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/1708 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 the implementation thereof and (b) if he will now table copy thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1709 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 of 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/1710 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 successive bomb threats received in more than 30 educational institutions on Thursday 16 November 2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto in order to trace the sender of the threatening emails and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/1711 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 he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if Mr A. M. Senior Administrator and Senior Cabin Operations of Air Mauritius is under any Police investigation following a statement made against him by Mr N. J. for an alleged criminal offence perpetrated on or about 24 November 2023 and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1712 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 procurement of a turnkey middleware solution for SIM card registration, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Information and Communication Technologies Authority, information as to the start and closing dates of the bidding exercise therefor, indicating the (i) number of bids received (ii) name of the successful bidder (iii) date of the award of the contract and value thereof and (iv) the date the system was installed at the Government Online Centre and (b) table the technical specifications thereof?

B/1713 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 regard to the official overseas missions undertaken by the former Prime Minister for the period 2005 to 2014, he will state the (a) countries of transit, indicating the duration thereof (b) composition of the accompanying delegation, indicating the capacity in which they travelled and (c) name of the hotels selected for accommodation by the former Prime Minister?

B/1714 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Dr Gungapersad)

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 alcoholic drinks procured by the Prime Minister's Office for the periods January 2015 to December 2019 and from January 2022 to date, he will state the cost incurred for the purchase thereof, giving a detailed breakdown thereof?

B/1715 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 Judgment delivered on 28 April 2023 by the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, he will state where matters stand as to (a) the vindication and safeguarding of our territorial sovereignty with regard to our entitlement to the outer continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles in the Northern Chagos Archipelago region and (b) soliciting the expertise of the United Nations Commission on the Continental Shelf (CLCS) on the legal entitlement of both Mauritius and the Maldives to an outer continental shelf lying beyond 200 nautical miles of both countries respective coasts?

B/1716 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 procurement of Molnupiravir (Molcovir) tablets under the Emergency Procurement during the Covid-19 pandemic, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Commission against Corruption, information as to where matters stand regarding the inquiry carried out thereinto, indicating the (a) number of arrests effected to date and (b) formal charges lodged in Court, if any?

B/1717 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Anquetil)

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 incident whereby a 4 year old girl was attacked by a rottweiler whilst being on her way to school in Henrietta on Monday 20 November 2023 around 0845 a.m., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, where matters stand?

B/1718 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Anquetil)

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 thefts perpetrated in the regions of Vacoas and Floréal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, for the last three years, information as to the number of (a) reported alleged cases thereof and (b) arrests effected?

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/1719 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of drains at Residence Richelieu, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/1720 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 the construction of the new ophthalmology hospital in Réduit, he will state the expected completion date thereof?

B/1721 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 Para-Athlete R. M. who has qualified for the Paris Paralympic Games 2024, he will state if his Ministry will provide him with an adequate high performance wheelchair in view of his preparation and participation in the said Games and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1722 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 sugar cane, he will state the measures being envisaged to assist planters to complete the harvesting thereof for the current crop season, giving details thereof?

B/1723 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam National Hospital, he will state the actions taken to address the inadequate parking facilities thereat?

B/1724 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 security services in public health institutions, he will state the name of the companies having been currently awarded the contract therefor, indicating the (a) contract value and (b) terms and conditions thereof?

B/1725 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 announced in the Budget Speech of 2023-2024 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/1726 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 72 students who successfully completed their National Certificate of Education Extended Programme in 2022 and promoted in Grade 10 in January 2023, she will state the percentage pass rate thereof subject-wise?

B/1727 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the organisation of cultural events, mainly musical concerts with local and international artists, he will state if he is aware of major constraints being faced by promoters following the cancellation of scheduled events recently and, if so indicate the actions envisaged to address same?

B/1728 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the *Prime à l'Emploi* Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if the prorated bonus for the year 2023 will be paid to the beneficiaries thereof?

B/1729 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 programme on *Accompagnement des familles* to educate couples on family matters, she will state where matters stand?

B/1730 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/1731 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed vertical expansion works at the Mare Chicose landfill, he will state if any study has been carried out thereinto and, if so, table copies thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1732 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, he will state if his Ministry has conducted a comparative analysis on spine surgery in public hospitals and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/1733 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 she will state if consideration will be given for amendments to be brought to the Protection from Domestic Violence Act to include ‘recordings-sound-video’ as a recognized form of testimony and, if so, when?

B/1734 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the 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 details as to the wetlands found thereat, indicating the measures taken for the preservation and protection thereof?

B/1735 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 acquisition of modern Tipper lorries for the local authorities for more effective waste collection and disposal, he will state where matters stand?

B/1736 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 procurement of insulin pumps and continuous glucose monitor for Type 1 diabetes patients as announced in the 2023-2024 Budget Speech, he will state where matters stand?

B/1737 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 National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the current financial situation thereof, indicating the measures taken for the repayment of the debts thereof?

B/1738 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether he will state if consideration will be given for the construction of a medi-clinic in the region of Henrietta and Glen Park in view of the new housing units constructed thereat?

B/1739 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 distribution across the island, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the reasons for the laying of the 300 mm water pipes on the ground instead in trenches?

B/1740 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 rehabilitation of perpetrators of domestic violence, she will state the number of perpetrators having been rehabilitated as at date, indicating if any follow up is carried out upon the completion of the programme therefor and, if so, give details thereof, and if not, why not?

B/1741 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to Kreol Morisien, she will state if consideration will be given for the 182 students who took part in the Kreol Morisien Cambridge School Certificate Examinations this year, to be allowed to sit therefor as a main subject for the Higher School Certificate examinations in 2025?

B/1742 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Doolub)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the volume of water in our reservoirs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the (a) current level thereof following the recent rainfalls and (b) measures envisaged to reduce water cuts for the forthcoming festive season in the region of Mahebourg?

B/1743 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the Environment Protection Act, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed amendments to be brought thereto as recommended by the *Assises de l'Environnement*, indicating (a) if the proposed draft Bill has been circulated to stakeholders and Non-Governmental Organisations and, if so, indicate the names and denominations thereof and, if not, why not and (b) when those amendments are expected to be introduced in the National Assembly?

B/1744 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

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

Whether, in regard to fees charged for camping on public beaches, he will state if consideration will be given for the waiving thereof for the forthcoming new year festivities?

B/1745 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Wochit)

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

Whether, in regard to waste, he will state the measures being envisaged for the collaboration by local authorities with other waste management entities for the effective implementation of the segregated collection thereof?

B/1746 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 students having sat for the Grade 10 third term examinations in 2023 in State Secondary Schools, she will state if consideration will be given for an assessment to be carried out to determine the (a) performance thereof subject-wise and (b) number thereof who have obtained five credits or more, including in the 3 core subjects?

B/1747 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 photographic speed cameras, he will state the number thereof installed on our roads, to date, indicating (a) the number presently out of order and (b) if the photographic enforcement processing software is compatible with the different types and models of cameras and if not, why not?

B/1748 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 Community Child Protection Programme in vulnerable areas to sensitise community members on the detection of child abuse, she will state the regions where same are being held?

B/1749 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 Football, he will state the (a) reasons as to why the first leg match Club M v/s Angola for the FIFA World Cup 26™ CAF Qualifiers Group Stage (Group D) played on 21 November 2023 was scheduled at the Côte D'Or Stadium, indicating the (i) the number of seats available thereat (ii) the number of tickets sold and revenue generated therefrom and (b) other alternatives to the Côte d'Or Stadium, if any, for the holding of the said match?

B/1750 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to compulsory acquisition of plots of land for different projects since January 2020 to date, he will state the number thereof where payment for compensation therefor has not yet been effected, if any, and, if so, table a list thereof, indicating in each case since when?

B/1751 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 refurbishment of Montagne Jacquot Wastewater Treatment Plant, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/1752 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 loans advanced by Government to parastatal bodies, private and state-owned companies since July 2022 to date, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case the (a) quantum (b) purpose (c) terms of repayment and (d) conditions thereof?

B/1753 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the Anjalay Coopen stadium, he will state where matters stand as to the conversion thereof for the hosting of concerts thereat?

B/1754 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to road accidents involving motorcycles, he will state if an assessment has been conducted by his Ministry to assess the causes thereof, indicating the measures envisaged to curb the number thereof with a view to enhancing road safety for motorcyclists?

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