

**MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Questions of which notice has been given**

**Requiring an Oral Answer**

**Sitting of Tuesday 07 May 2024**

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

B/270            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 Police raid carried out at rave parties since May 2023 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) quantity of drugs seized, indicating the nature and market value thereof and (b) number of persons arrested in connection therewith, indicating if the police have objected to the grant of bail thereto?

B/271            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 Police Officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof on a yearly basis since 2015 to 2023 and from January 2024 to date (a) recruited and (b) promoted gradewise?

B/272            The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes  
(Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to the death of late Mr S. K., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether the inquiry initiated thereinto has been completed?

B/273            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 inquiry initiated into the case of a ballot paper of Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West found during the recount exercise for Constituency No. 19, Stanley and Rose Hill held on 01 February 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

B/274            The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the Port Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if it has been inundated following heavy rainfall, on or about Sunday 21 April 2024 and, if so, indicate the (a) damages caused thereto and (b) immediate and long-term remedial measures being envisaged in relation thereto?

B/275            The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix  
(Mr Assirvaden)

*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 State land allocated to Eco Deer Park Association near the Grand Bassin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police and any other relevant institutions, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/276            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 drug related offences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of arrests effected in relation thereto for the period 2014 to date?

B/277            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 late Mr A. I. T. L., 23 years old, whose body has been found on 05 April 2024 at Chemin Brûlé in Pailles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the Pailles Police Station is in presence of any representation disputing the cause of death following the post mortem examination carried by the Police Medical Officer and, if so, indicate the actions envisaged in relation thereto?

B/278 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 Agaléga island, he will state if any project for the construction of some 15 chalets to develop tourism activities was previously envisaged thereat and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

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/279 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

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

Whether, in regard to flooding resulting from the heavy rainfall of 21 April 2024 in Camp Berthelot at Chebel Branch Road, he will state the remedial actions envisaged therefor?

B/280 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 works for the upgrading of the bridge along the main road in Vallée des Prêtres with a view to mitigating flooding in Morcellement Ramlugun, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/281 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the illegal construction on River St Louis at Cardinal No. 5, Morcellement Raffray, Pailles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Conservator of Forests, information as to the actions taken for the removal thereof?

B/282            The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in regard to the Leave Scheme in the Public Service, he will state if his Ministry is in presence of representations from trade union representatives as to the issues encountered thereon together with proposals for the improvement thereof and, if so, indicate the actions taken in relation thereto?

B/283            The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the case of Forestry Service v/s B. W. M., in connection with the illegal construction of poultry pen at Cardinal No. 5, Morcellement Raffray in Pailles, wherein judgement was delivered on 22 May 2008 ordering the demolition of the illegally built structures, he will state the actions taken in relation thereto?

B/284            The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*

Whether, in regard to the cases of flooding which occurred during the passage of cyclone Belal on 15 January 2024 and heavy rainfall of 21 April 2024, he will, state if consideration will be given for the affected families thereof, namely in Canal Dayot, Sable Noir, Richelieu, Debarcadere in Pointe aux Sables and other affected areas in Constituency No.1 Grand River North West and Port Louis West to be exempted from payment of their electricity and water bills for the said months and, if so, indicate the procedures to be followed to benefit therefrom and, if not, why not?

B/285            The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Drains Infrastructure Construction Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain and table a list of the tenders launched for implementation of works by the Company since its incorporation to date, indicating, in each case, the (a) name of the bidders and the bidding price therefor, indicating the name of the successful bidder and (b) status of the project awarded thereto?

B/286            The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Xavier-Luc Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Côte d’Or Stadium, he will state the total amount of losses incurred by the Mauritius Multisports Infrastructure Limited since its incorporation to date, indicating how same are being financed?

B/287            The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Ittoo**)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

Whether, in regard to public health, he will state the measures taken to strengthen communicable diseases surveillance in Mauritius?

B/288            The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*

Whether, in regard to the inhabitants impacted by flooding since January 2024 to date, he will state if consideration will be given for exceptionally lowering the utility bills thereof due to higher consumptions resulting from the necessary cleaning processes?

- B/289            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 Silver Bank Limited, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to if it is under conservatorship and, if so, indicate if (a) a selective tender exercise was carried out for the appointment of a Conservator and (b) any loan was granted thereto by the Bank of Mauritius and, if so, give details thereof?
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- B/290            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 the damaged roads at Morcellement De Chazal and its adjoining areas in Albion Village in Constituency No. 20, Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Development Unit, information as to if a survey has been carried out to assess the extent thereof, indicating if immediate remedial works are being envisaged and, if not, why not?
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- B/291            The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*
- Whether, in regard to emergency evacuation of critically ill patients from Rodrigues to Mauritius, he will state if there is any protocol established therefor and, if not, indicate if consideration will be given for the establishment of a protocol with a view to ensuring the smooth evacuation thereof?
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- B/292            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 Pailles Smart City, on the premises of the former Domaine Les Pailles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation Ltd., information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating the (a) quantum of fund invested by (i) Government and (ii) other shareholders and (b) number of villas sold as at to date?

B/293            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 football match between Mangalkhan SC  
and Grand Rivière Noire West Coast (D2) played on Saturday 27  
April 2024 at Germain Comarmond Stadium, he will, for the  
benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Football  
Association, information as to if a medical unit was present thereat  
and, if not, the reasons therefor?

B/294            The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes  
(Mr Xavier-Luc Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed hosting of the Africa and Asia  
Pacific Choir Games 2025 in Mauritius at the Côte d'Or Stadium,  
he will state the amount of funds earmarked as subsidy therefor?

B/295            The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite  
Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

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

Whether, in regard to cases of flooding following the heavy rainfall  
of 21 April 2024 in several regions of Constituency  
No. 20, Beau-Bassin and Petite-Rivière, he will state the remedial  
actions envisaged therefor?

B/296            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 sports and recreational activities for  
vulnerable persons, he will state the activities and/or incentives  
offered by his Ministry to facilitate participation thereto?



B/297            The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the protocol amending the convention between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income and capital gains signed on 07 March 2024, he will state if (a) any study has been carried out on the likely impact thereof on the global business sector of Mauritius and (b) consultations were held with relevant stakeholders prior to the signature thereof?

B/298            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, in regard to online courses delivered to students through the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, she will state when the content thereof was last updated?

B/299            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 adoption of a resolution proposed by the United States and cosponsored by China on Steering Artificial Intelligence (AI) towards Global Good, Faster Realisation of Sustainable Development by the United Nations General Assembly on 21 March 2024, he will state if Mauritius (a) voted in favour thereof and (b) was informed that US officials proposed to announce a bilateral dialogue aiming to manage the risk and safety challenges posed by advanced forms of AI?

B/300            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 trainee doctors, he will (a) give a list thereof having completed their medical training apprenticeship and awaiting examinations conducted by the Medical Council and (b) state when (i) the last examinations were conducted and (ii) the next one is expected to be held?

B/301            The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)

*To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

Whether, in regard to inpatients referred from Rodrigues by specialists for further treatment in Mauritius, he will state the reasons as to why these patients have to go through the normal process instead of being referred directly as inpatient, indicating if consideration will be given for a fast tracking system for such type of referral?

B/302            The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the annual procurement of goods and services, capital works and major contracts for Zones Directorates, she will state the measures taken to ensure timely implementation of the contracts thereof?

B/303            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 the houses which collapsed during the heavy downpour of Sunday 21 April 2024 along Ruisseau du Pouce in Tranquebar, he will state if an inquiry has been initiated by his Ministry in order to situate the responsibilities thereof and, if so, indicate the findings thereof?

B/304            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 the concrete wall fencing the offices of her Ministry at Corneille Street in Barkly which fell down during the passage of cyclone Belal on 15 January 2024, she will state if she has taken cognizance of a letter of complaint dated 19 February 2024 from the inhabitants, addressed to the National Development Unit and copied to her Ministry and, if so, if same has been given due consideration, indicating (a) the works undertaken as at date (b) if any meeting has been held with the inhabitants and all authorities concerned therewith and (c) when same will be rebuilt and by whom and, if not, why not?

B/305            The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and  
Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to dwelling houses situated in flood prone areas, he will state if any survey has been carried out to identify the number thereof found unfit for human habitation and, if so, indicate the (a) number and location thereof and (b) measures taken to (i) relocate and (ii) compensate owners and occupiers thereof?

B/306            The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes  
(Mr Xavier-Luc Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of urgent drain works along Old Moka Road in order to alleviate flooding of St Jean Cemetery and adjoining areas, he will state where matters stand?

B/307            The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

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

Whether, in regard to the existing drains in Constituency No. 20, Beau-Bassin and Petite Rivière, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain a list thereof having benefitted, since January 2024 to date, from (a) cleaning services, indicating the dates and frequencies thereof and (b) maintenance work, indicating the nature and dates thereof?

B/308            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 Government Analyst Division of his Ministry, he will give details pertaining to the quality standards attributed thereto?

B/309            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 Bank of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to why the annual report and those of its subsidiaries for the year 2023 have not yet been submitted?

B/310            The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of drains at St Jean, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to the (a) cost budgeted therefor and revised budgeted cost, if any and (b) amount paid or payable to the consultants therefor?

B/311            The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*

Whether he will state if he has been made aware of disruptions in water supply in the region of Montebello in Pailles since Sunday 21 April 2024 and, if so, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to when the water supply will be restored thereat?

B/312            The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the two main roads leading to Albion which become inaccessible during heavy rainfall, he will state the remedial actions envisaged therefor?

B/313            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 arbitral proceedings brought by Patel Engineering Ltd., against the Republic of Mauritius, he will state the total amount of legal fees and interest incurred by the State, giving a list of the respective amount paid to lawyers?

B/314            The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière  
(Mr Quirin)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*

Whether, in regard to Morcellement De Chazal at Albion, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as the water project being currently executed thereat, indicating (a) the cost and duration thereof (b) the name of the contractor and date of award thereof and (c) if full road reinstatement is included in the project costs and the damaged roads such as Barracuda street will be reinstated and, if not, why not?

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*Acting Clerk of the National Assembly*

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A/20            The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*

Whether, in regard to the 22 KV feeder Château d'Eau from Nicolay Substation, he will state if consideration will be given for the rerouting of the main line with a view to facilitating access for repair and maintenance thereof?

A/21            The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the flood-prone areas in Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East, he will give a list thereof, indicating in each case the remedial measures that will be taken to address same?

Urmeelah Devi Ramchurn (Ms)  
*Acting Clerk of the National Assembly*

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