

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 14 November 2017****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development**

B/717 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to Landscape (Mauritius) Ltd., he will (a) state the reduction in the cost of human resources following the merger of the several organisations thereinto and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom and (i) table copy of the structure thereof and (ii) give the list of the projects earmarked for implementation, indicating the timeline therefor?

B/ 718 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Housing Company Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) composition of the Board thereof and (b) over the past two years, the (i) value of housing loans sanctioned and (ii) total value of housing units constructed for the middle class group?

B/719 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Commission against Corruption, information as to if an employee of the Competition Commission or any other person has made allegations of corruption offences committed by the Executive Director of the Competition Commission in the exercise of his functions thereat and, if so, indicate if an inquiry has been initiated in relation thereto?

B/720 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to Mr R. K. V., Senior Adviser at the Prime Minister's Office and Board Member of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will state if he is in presence of a petition lodged by a journalist of the Corporation against the latter and, if so, indicate the actions taken in relation thereto, if any, and the outcome thereof?

B/721 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to Mr R. M., Senior Adviser at the Prime Minister's Office, he will state if he has been appointed as member of the Board of the State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd. and, if so, indicate the date and terms and conditions of appointment thereof, including the benefits drawn and give a list of all parastatal bodies and State-owned companies of which he is a member, indicating in each case the benefits drawn?

B/722 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Henry**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to Trois Boutiques, Cité Paul Langlois and Ville Noire, in Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he will state if measures have been taken to provide drains to prevent flooding thereat during heavy rainfalls?

B/723 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Ramano**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed Freedom of Information Bill, he will state the expected date of introduction thereof in the House?

B/724 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to Bel Ombre, he will state where matters stand as to the carrying out of drain works thereat by the National Development Unit, indicating if the consultant appointed therefor has completed the study in relation thereto?

B/725 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Africa-Asia Air Corridor, he will, for each of the years 2015, 2016 and since January 2017 to date (a) state the aggregate quantum of subsidy granted to Air Mauritius Ltd. and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius Ltd. information as to the number of passengers travelling by Air Mauritius Ltd. flights from Africa, country-wise?

B/726 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(**Mr Ramano**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs,
External Communications and National Development Unit,
Minister of Finance and Economic Development –*

Whether, in regard to the bitcoin crypto currency, he will state if the introduction thereof in Mauritius is being envisaged and, if so, indicate the expected date of introduction in the Assembly of legislation in relation thereto?

B/727 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West
and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs,
External Communications and National Development Unit,
Minister of Finance and Economic Development –*

Whether, in regard to the Committee of Parliamentarians on Chagos Archipelago, he will state the (a) number of meetings thereof convened since his assumption of office as Prime Minister and (b) latest stand thereof on the efforts to retrieve our sovereignty on the Chagos Archipelago?

B/728 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and
Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

*To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs,
External Communications and National Development Unit,
Minister of Finance and Economic Development –*

Whether, in regard to verbal and physical assaults perpetrated against women, he will state if consideration will be given for the existing legislation to be reviewed with a view to increasing the severity of the sentencing thereof having regard to the increase in the number of reported cases thereof?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development

B/729 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to Pont Fer, Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if the construction of a Grade Separator thereat is being envisaged and, if so, indicate (a) the rationale therefor (b) the scope thereof (c) the estimated cost thereof (d) the proposed procurement procedure envisaged therefor and (e) if compulsory acquisition of land or otherwise will be required therefor and, if so, indicate the extent and total associated cost thereof?

B/730 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the A1 and A3 motorways, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if the construction of a link road between the two is being envisaged and, if so, indicate (a) the rationale therefor (b) the scope thereof (c) the proposed procurement procedure envisaged therefor and (d) if compulsory acquisition of land or otherwise will be required therefor and, if so, indicate the extent and total associated cost thereof?

B/731 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the A1 and M1 motorways, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if the construction of a link road between the two is being envisaged and, if so, indicate (a) the rationale therefor (b) the scope thereof (c) the proposed procurement procedure envisaged therefor and (d) if compulsory acquisition of land or otherwise will be required therefor and, if so, indicate the extent and total associated cost thereof?

B/732 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the newly installed engines of 4x15MW capacity at the St Louis Power Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the (a) sound test results thereof as per the bid documents and (b) quantum of NOX & SOX toxic gas emissions therefrom during the operation thereof?

B/733 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the Project for the Procurement and Installation of a New Meteorological Radar System at Trou aux Cerfs, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/734 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will state the number of Mauritian contractors to whom Larsen & Turbo has subcontracted works thereunder?

B/735 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the Trou Fanfaron Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the causes of the fire which broke out thereat, on or about Monday 14 August 2017 and (b) where matters stand as to the proposed construction thereof as an integrated project with the new development being envisaged in the city of Port Louis, including the location and the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/736 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the Central Market, he will state if consideration will be given for the renovation thereof and for the implementation of effective sanitary measures thereat?

B/737 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether he will state if he is in presence of representations from the President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in relation to the increasing number of profanation of tombstones at the Western Cemetery, at Les Salines, Port Louis, and at the Bois Marchand Cemetery and, if so, indicate if urgent remedial measures have been taken in relation thereto?

B/738 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the World Parliamentarian Forum held in Bali, on or about 07 September 2017, he will state if his Ministry had received invitations for participation therein and, if so, indicate the actions taken at the level of his Ministry and the outcome thereof?

B/739 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jhuboo**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, 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 if it has adopted an Emergency Response Plan to reinstate electricity supply in the advent of major disasters, natural or otherwise?

B/740 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the treatment of cancer patients, he will state where matters stand as to the purchase of two linear accelerators for the Queen Victoria Hospital, as announced in the 2017-2018 Budget Speech?

B/741 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Multisport Infrastructure Ltd., he will state the amount of money injected by Government thereto as at to date?

B/742 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the High Level Sports Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom (a) information as to the composition of the Board thereof, indicating the name of the Chairperson and (b) the list of athletes currently receiving financial assistance therefrom, indicating the (i) respective category thereof and (ii) conditions attached thereto?

B/743 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Henry**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the Plaine Magnien Market, he will state when consideration will be given for the provision of a roof thereto?

B/744 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Henry**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to Mahebourg and Ville Noire, he will state if consideration will be given for each of these villages to be administered by its own Village Council?

B/745 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Henry**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the Mahebourg Waterfront and Bato Roche, Rémy Ollier, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed construction of artificial beaches thereat?

B/746 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the recent cultural activity organized for the Divali celebration at the Plaza by the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the (a) total amount spent thereon (b) amount of sponsorship received and from whom and (c) cost and procedure followed for the hiring of services/procurement of goods in relation to the marquises, podium, lighting and sound equipment, fire crackers, cakes, transport, private security services and artists and animators who performed therefor?

B/747 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the formula applicable for the calculation and distribution of the accruals out of the Bagasse Transfer Price Fund, he will state if consideration will be given for proposed amendments to be introduced in the National Assembly to the Sugar Industry Efficiency Act for a review thereof to provide for a fair and reasonable price to small planters?

B/748 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the renewal of the Power Purchase Agreement with Alteo Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if the formula applicable for the calculation and distribution of the accruals out of the Bagasse Transfer Price Fund shall be reviewed so as to provide for a fair and reasonable price to small planters?

B/749 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the renewal of the Power Purchase Agreement with Alteo Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the terms and conditions upon which the existing agreement is being renewed?

B/750 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Oyster Farm of Mahebourg-Bambous Virieux, he will state (a) the name of the promoter/company involved therein, indicating the shareholding of each director (b) if any deed concession has been signed (c) the extent of sea leased and rental value thereof (d) if it has been issued with an Environment Impact Assessment Licence and (e) the estimated impact thereof on the fishermen thereat?

B/751 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Ms Sewocksingh**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment –

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of the concept of ‘parrainage’ in the context of the implementation of the Marshall Plan Against Poverty, as announced at paragraph 173 of the Budget Speech 2015-2016, he will state where matters stand?

B/752 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Ms Sewocksingh**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the sale of liquor and cigarettes to minors, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of contraventions booked over the past two years in Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, therefor, indicating the actions taken against the Liquor and Tobacco Licensees involved therein?

B/753 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to State land, he will state the number of plots thereof granted in Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, since 2015 to date, indicating the names of the (a) beneficiaries thereof and (b) applicants therefor who are on the waiting list?

B/754 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to hearing aids, he will state the (a) name of the suppliers thereof (b) country of origin thereof (c) number of defects thereof reported, indicating the number thereof having been refunded, if any and (d) number of people on the waiting list to be allocated therewith, indicating since when?

B/755 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the *Service d'Aide Medicale Urgence*, he will state the number of ambulances thereof operating on a 24 hour basis available at each hospital?

B/756 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the CT Scans, he will state the number thereof presently available in each regional hospital, indicating if they are operational and, if not, indicate (a) since when and (b) the remedial measures taken, in each case?

B/757 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a new and modern Divisional Headquarters at Abercrombie, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand, indicating (a) if all the quarters occupied by Police Officers or as offices have been vacated and, if not, why not and (b) the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/758 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the Dr Hyderkhan Medi-Clinic in Plaine Verte, he will state the services presently available thereat, indicating if consideration will be given for the posting of specialist doctors thereat and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/759 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Lepoigneur**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the allocation of NHDC houses to minors at Mont Choisy and Trou aux Biches, he will state if consideration is being given for the setting up of a Commission of Inquiry to look thereinto and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/760 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Lepoigneur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the proposed renovation of the existing sports complexes and construction of a multipurpose gymnasium at Cote d'Or in the wake of the forthcoming *Jeux des Iles de l'Océan Indien 2019*, he will state where matters stand?

B/761 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Lepoigneur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the 18 million rupees budgeted for year 2017-2018 for the preparation of the athletes for the *Jeux des Iles de l’Océan Indien* 2019, he will state the amount thereof that has been disbursed, indicating the federations which have benefitted therefrom?

B/762 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Lepoigneur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to a complaint dated 29 August 2017 to the District Council of Black River regarding the illegal construction of a residential building in Morcellement Raffray, in Albion, wherein a stop order was served but disregarded by the promoter thereof, he will state the action that will be taken in relation thereto?

B/763 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

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

Whether, in regard to the shelters, she will state the number of children placed thereat over the period June to December 2016, indicating the actions, if any, taken as at to date for the reintegration thereof into family cells?

B/764 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

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

Whether, in regard to the Child Day Care Centers, she will state the number thereof which operated without license over the period 2013 to December 2016, indicating the actions taken, if any, for the regularization thereof?

B/765 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a market fair at Chemin Grenier, he will state where matters stand, including, if (a) acquisition of land therefor has now been completed and (b) the traffic impact assessment report in relation thereto has now been submitted?

B/766 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to Cité Case Noyale and Cité Bel Ombre, he will state why the residents thereof have not yet been able to acquire the land on which stand their respective dwelling?

B/767 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the people residing at Carré d'As, in Rivière Noire, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed relocation thereof, indicating (a) the number of households concerned therewith (b) the agreement reached with the private land owners for the financing thereof and (c) if his Ministry has now obtained the necessary clearances in relation to the proposed access to the site where the families will be relocated?

B/768 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, 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 if it has advertised a post of Corporate Secretary and, if so, indicate where matters stand, including, the (a) number of applications received and (b) qualifications required therefor?

B/769 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the construction of low cost houses, he will state and/or, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if his Ministry and/or the National Housing Development Corporation Ltd., has received proposals therefor from Garware Infra Projects Ltd. and one Mr Kedar Chapekar or any entity related thereto, indicating in each case, the consideration given thereto, if any?

B/770 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the negotiations for the Trade in Services Agreement, he will state where matters stand?

B/771 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to Residential Care Institutions/Shelters for Children, she will state the number thereof, indicating (a) the number of (i) children residing thereat and (ii) employees thereof and (b) if her Ministry is in presence of complaints in relation to the living and working conditions thereat and, if so, indicate the remedial actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/772 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the Foundry belonging to the Mittal Group situated in the industrial zone of La Tour Koenig, he will state if he is aware of the complaints of the inhabitants living thereat and in the vicinity thereof against air pollution caused thereby, indicating (a) if an Environment Impact Assessment was carried out prior to the operation thereof (b) if his Ministry can ascertain the materials being melted therein and (c) if consideration will be given for the (i) advisability of conducting an Air Quality Analysis thereat and in the vicinity thereof and (ii) relocation thereof?

B/773 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the entrance of Pointe aux Sables/Grand River North West, he will state the initiatives envisaged for traffic decongestion thereat, including where matters stand as to the proposed project for the operation of ferry services from Pointe aux Sables to Port Louis?

B/774 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the Prisons Department, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to (a) the measures taken to ensure that it is properly manned and equipped and (b) where matters stand as to the proposed training of officers to guarantee a targeted and effective rehabilitation of offenders and reintegration thereof in the community?

B/775 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the Robert Edward Hart Botanical Garden, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed upgrading thereof?

B/776 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Ramano**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to Quatre Bornes, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation of the decongestion programme thereof?

B/777 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Oree**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the children wards of public hospitals, he will state if he is aware of the lack of provisions made thereat to accommodate mothers attending young children and toddlers under treatment thereat and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the advisability of redesigning same accordingly?

B/778 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the benefits payable under the Unemployment Hardship Relief Act, he will state (a) since 2015 to 2016, on a yearly basis and, since January 2017 to date, the (i) quantum of funds disbursed therefor (ii) number of beneficiaries thereof and (iii) number of applications rejected and (b) if consideration will be given for an increase in the rate thereof?

B/779 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the offence of consumption of alcohol in public places, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of contraventions booked and prosecuted, since 2015 to date?

B/780 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the recreational centre situated at Pailles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to the reasons for the present abandoned state thereof, indicating if remedial actions will be taken in relation thereto?

B/781 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training –

Whether, in regard to the Workfare Programme, he will state the number of unemployed who are registered thereunder, indicating if they are being paid their respective allowances with delays and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/782 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Mauritius Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) total expenditure incurred in relation thereto and (b) names of the contractors for the supply of goods and services therefor, indicating the respective procurement procedure followed thereof?

B/783 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands–

Whether, in regard to the sea travel ticket, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Outer Islands Development Corporation, information as to the reasons why the price thereof is over Rs 29 000 for Mauritians and only Rs 8,000 for Agaleans?

B/784 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether he will state if St Brandon Island has been leased out and, if so, indicate the (a) name of the leaseholder (b) terms and conditions of the lease and (c) date of coming into operation of the said lease and reasons for the renewal thereof, if any?

B/785 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fisherman Registration Card, he will state the number thereof which have been issued and retrieved, respectively, since January 2015 to date?

B/786 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to Mogas and Gasoil, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the amount of money collected by Government in terms of Excise Duty, Value Added Tax, Road Development Authority Contribution and subsidy for Liquefied Petroleum Gas, flour and rice for the year 2014 and since April 2017 to date, respectively?

B/787 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed Disability Bill, he will state the expected date of introduction thereof in the Assembly, indicating if consideration will be given for copy thereof to be circulated to the stakeholders prior thereto?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
Clerk of the National Assembly

Parliament House
Port Louis

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