

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 28 March 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/1 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre '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 State owned enterprises, he will state if consideration is being given for a review of the list thereof which are exempt bodies for procurement purposes and, if so, give the list thereof, indicating the reasons therefor in each case?

B/2 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre '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 Procurement Policy Office, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) names of the Director and of the two persons appointed for the administration thereof, indicating in each case, the duration of the contract of appointment thereof and (b) number of potential bidders or suppliers that the Policy Office has suspended or debarred from participation in public procurement over the past two years, indicating in each case, the grounds on which the suspension or debarment, as the case may be, has been effected?

B/3 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre '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 procurement contracts awarded by the public and by the parastatal bodies respectively, since 31 December 2015 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Review Panel, a list thereof in respect of which unsatisfied bidders have asked for a review of the procurement proceedings, indicating the outcome thereof in each case?

B/4 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre '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 Central Procurement Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) if there has been any change in the composition thereof and, if so, indicate the new composition thereof and indicating in each case, the (i) qualifications held and (ii) terms and conditions of appointment thereof, including the benefits accruing thereto and duration of contract and (b) criteria used for the choice of the members of the different Bid Evaluation Committees thereof?

B/5 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 the proposed introduction of an Anti-Defection Bill, as stated at paragraph 256 of the Presidential Address delivered on 27 January 2015, he will state the expected date of introduction and debate thereof in the Assembly?

B/6 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

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 Independent Review Panel, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the names of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and of the two other members thereof, indicating in each case, the (a) qualifications held and (b) terms and conditions of appointment thereof, including the benefits accruing thereto?

B/7 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 electoral reforms, he will state where matters stand?

B/8 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (**Mr Rutnah**)

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 Constituency No. 7, Piton and Rivière du Rempart, he will give a list of the projects which the National Development Unit has (a) implemented thereat since January to December 2016 and (b) earmarked for implementation thereat in 2017, indicating the amount budgeted therefor in each case?

B/9 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

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 Corporation Ltd., he will (a) state if he has received a letter dated 24 January 2017 from Mr R. B., Head Corporate Planning and Development/Money Laundering Reporting Officer thereof reporting alleged massive fraud thereat and, if so, indicate if same is being investigated into, indicating the outcome thereof and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (i) the number of loans and the quantum thereof granted since January 2015 to December 2016 and (ii) if the Fraud Committee presided by Mr R.B. has been dismantled and, if so, when and by whom?

B/10 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, in regard to the unemployed, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Statistics Mauritius, information as to the number and rate thereof as at December 2016?

B/11 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, in regard to the stock markets, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Stock Exchange of Mauritius, information as to the quantum of the portfolio outflow of foreign investors in terms of stocks and the corresponding monetary value thereof in the years 2015 and 2016, respectively?

B/12 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, in regard to the Plaisance City Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to if the implementation thereof is progressing according to schedule and, if not, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/13 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jhuboo**)

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 state the future role thereof following the announcement to the effect that public companies from Réunion Island have been consulted for the elaboration of a national Master Plan, indicating if this new entity will become the future authority on planning issues and, if so, indicate the role of the Ministry of Housing and Lands in that respect, if any?

B/14 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

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 Ms A. B., a visually impaired LLB holder, he will state the reasons why her application to be considered anew for the 2016 intake under the Service to Mauritius Programme was not retained?

B/15 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

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 gathering held at Clarisse House on or about 23 December 2016, he will state who organized same and under whose instructions, indicating the (a) cost thereof and (b) name of the catering service provider therefor?

B/16 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

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 resignation of the former Prime Minister and the appointment of his good self as Prime Minister on 23 January 2017, he will state if legal advice was sought and obtained in respect thereof and, if so, indicate from whom and give details thereof?

B/17 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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 Fast Track Steering Committee set up at the level of his Office to speed up investment by the private sector, he will state the number of meetings held as at to date, indicating the status of each of the projects presently under the consideration thereof?

B/18 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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 public sector investment, he will state the quantum of the funds disbursed as at to date under the Capital Budget for financial year 2016/2017, indicating (a) if the total sum voted for capital expenditure is expected to be absorbed by the end of this financial year and, if not, why not and (b) the status of each of the projects mentioned in the Public Sector Investment Programme for 2016/2017?

B/19 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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 Major Public Sector Reform Programme announced in the 2016-2017 Budget, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation of each of the twenty measures listed thereunder?

B/20 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 measures concerning the capitalization of interests announced in the 2016-2017 Budget, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to if guidelines have been issued in relation thereto and, if so, indicate if the commercial banks have complied therewith?

B/21 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

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 state if the incumbent of the office of Speaker of the National Assembly is in receipt of a housing allowance and, if so, indicate (a) the quantum thereof and (b) if he is aware that the residence of the incumbent of the office of Speaker of the National Assembly also serves as the official address of a private company, namely, Rum & Sugar Limited and, if so, indicate the measures that will be taken on account thereof, if any?

B/22 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Bhadain)

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 introduction of legislation for the promotion of transparency and access to information, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed Freedom of Information Bill for the introduction thereof in the House, indicating the timeframe set therefor, if any?

B/23 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Bhadain)

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 A. S., he will state if VIP lounge facilities at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport were extended thereto or to representatives thereof, on behalf of Government, over the period January 2015 to date and, if so, indicate the relevant dates on which the said facilities were extended thereto and, in each case, further indicate the names of the person who submitted the said request?

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

- B/24 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 incident in which Police Officers and traders were involved in Port Louis, on or about Friday 23 December 2016, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?
- B /25 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 proposed setting up of an Embassy in Saudi Arabia, he will state where matters stand?
- B/26 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)
To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –
Whether, in regard to the inquiry initiated against Mr V. L., into the Euro loan contracted with the State Bank of Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Commission against Corruption, information as to where matters stand?
- B/27 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms –
Whether, in regard to the Integrity Reporting Agency, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) number of cases reported thereto, indicating the number thereof reported to the Integrity Reporting Board and where matters stand in each case and (b) names of the Chairperson and of the two other members of the Integrity Reporting Board, indicating in each case, the (i) qualifications held and (ii) terms and conditions of appointment thereof?

B/28 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to Ms V. S., Executive Director of the Trust Fund for Specialised Medical Care (Cardiac Centre), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) her date of appointment (b) her monthly gross pay and (c) if he is aware that she participated in a political gathering on Friday 27 January 2017 at the Town Hall of the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes and, if so, indicate the actions taken against her on account thereof, if any?

B/29 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 Saint Louis Power Plant Redevelopment Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/30 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the engineers graduating from the local universities, she will state the benchmarking system that exist therefor, if any?

B/31 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

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

Whether, in regard to petroleum products, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if any new contract for the supply thereof has been signed and, if so, indicate the (a) name of the supplier thereof (b) contract value thereof and (c) duration of the contract therefor?

B /32 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the Super Cash Back Gold policies of the former BAI Co (Mtius) Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Property Fund Ltd., information as to the (a) quantum of money recovered as at to date, indicating the forecasted amount to be recovered (b) amount of money that have been disbursed for the repayment thereof and (c) number of policy holders who have not yet been repaid, indicating (i) when they will be repaid and (ii) the total quantum thereof?

B /33 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Solar Water Heater Scheme, he will state the number of applications received and approved during the last registration exercise, indicating (a) when the next registration exercise will be carried out to benefit thereunder and (b) the budget earmarked therefor?

B/34 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the launching of swimming courses for primary school students, she will state the expected starting date thereof, giving details as regards the coaches involved therein?

B/35 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 Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Mauritius Football Association and the Montpellier Hérault Sport Club, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain and give details thereof, indicating the involvement of his Ministry in relation thereto?

B/36 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 10th Edition of the Indian Ocean Island Games to be held in Mauritius, in 2019, he will state if the disciplines that will form part thereof have been finalized and, if so, give the list thereof?

B/37 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the Ring Road Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if the alignment thereof has been finalized and if any decision has been taken as regards to the construction of a viaduct along Boulevard Victoria in Vallée Pitot and, if so, indicate the estimated cost thereof?

B/38 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the National Insurance Co. Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the financial situation thereof and (b) if it has filed its audited accounts?

B/39 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the technical committee set up to look into the reform of the universal pension, he will state (a) the composition thereof, indicating the terms and conditions of appointment thereof, including the fees payable thereto and (b) if the committee has submitted any report and made recommendations in relation thereto?

- B/40 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)
- To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –*
- Whether, in regard to the office of the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit of *Grand' Baie*, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of officers attached thereto on a yearly basis since (i) 1985 to 1995 and (ii) 2005 to 2014 and (b) if consideration will be given for additional officers to be attached thereto to better cope with combatting illicit drugs in the northern part of the island?**
- B/41 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –*
- Whether, in regard to the health sector, he will state if consideration will be given for the creation and filling of a post of Health Service Commissioner to work on the reform thereof?**
- B/42 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)
- To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*
- Whether, in regard to the Water Sector Reform, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the course of action being undertaken for the short, medium and long terms respectively, following the recent government decision to implement the recommendations of the World Bank in relation thereto?**
- B/43 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –*
- Whether, in regard to the stray dogs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare, information as to (a) if consideration will be given for urgent measures to be taken to address the issue of the presence thereof in residential and commercial areas, within hospital premises and on the public beaches (b) the number of vans and staff attached to the catching exercises thereof, indicating if the acquisition of additional vans and the recruitment of additional staff are being envisaged and (c) if consideration will be given for the advisability of carrying out the catching exercises thereof after sunset?**

B/44 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the street lighting vans/lorries, he will, for the benefit of House, obtain from each of the Municipal/District Councils, information as to (a) the number thereof available, indicating the number thereof which are operational (b) the number of staff attached thereto, indicating the present number of existing vacancies, grade-wise, as at to date and (c) if consideration will be given for the (i) provision of additional street lighting vans/lorries and staffing with a view to attending to street lighting faults in a timely manner and (ii) implementation of roster systems for street lighting faults to be attended on a 24/7 basis?

B/45 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the scholarships/overseas courses, he will state the names of the Medical/Senior Medical and Health Officers having benefitted therefrom since 2010 to date, indicating in each case the (a) course content thereof (b) universities attended (c) field of specialty of the beneficiary thereof (d) mode of selection of the beneficiaries thereof and (e) eligibility criteria laid down to benefit therefrom?

B/46 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the former Phoenix High Security Prison, known as La Bastille Prison, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to if it has been vested into the Police Department and, if so, indicate the (a) number of cells that would be available thereat and (b) expected date of coming into operation thereof?

B/47 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jhuboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed implementation of aqua farming projects, he will state if environmental impact assessments have been carried out in relation thereto, especially, with regard to the local eco-systems and to the tourism industry and, if so, indicate the name of the company which has carried out same?

B/48 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 Chamarel region, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to if provision has been made for an increase of water storage capacity thereat?

B/49 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the persons with disabilities, he will state the measures taken, if any, by his Ministry to ensure that this section of the population gets access to the website contents posted by public and private bodies, respectively?

B/50 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Lepoigneur)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General –

Whether, in regard to the Certificate of Character, he will state where matters stand concerning the proposal that consideration be given for minor offences not to be mentioned therein?

B/51 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 *Jeux des Iles de l’Océan Indien 2019*, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the federations, information as to if they have started preparation for participation therein and, if not, why not?

B/52 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 Mr J. M. B., National Coach for HandiSports, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the reasons for the suspension thereof, indicating the duration thereof?

B/53 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 housing units which have been delivered to the inhabitants of Chebel, in Beau Bassin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., a list of the beneficiaries thereof, indicating in each case the (a) former address thereof (b) date of delivery thereof and (c) application reference thereof?

B/54 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to pharmaceutical products, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Pharmacy Board, information as to the measures, if any, that have been taken to ensure transparency in the policies, processes and decisions regarding the distribution and supply thereof in order to render the price thereof more affordable?

B/55 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

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

Whether, in regard to the Agalega Island, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of India in 2015?

B/56 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the Air Asia airline, he will state the reasons why it has stopped operating flights along the Mauritius route, indicating (a) the number of tourists from the Asian countries having visited Mauritius through same over the time it carried out its operations along the said route and (b) if any local lobby group had exercised pressures for a cessation of the operation thereof?

B/57 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 the project for the setting up of an oil refinery in Mauritius, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating if (a) some Indian experts recently effected a site visit at Albion in relation thereto and (b) State land has been leased to promoters therefor?

B/58 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 people with disabilities, he will state (a) where matters stand regarding the proposed introduction of a Disability Bill in the House and (b) the procedures and criteria used for the appointment of Medical Practitioners to serve on the Medical Board of his Ministry?

B/59 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to the installation of the new gas tanks at the Saint Louis Power Station, in Les Salines, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if any (a) Evacuation Plan for the inhabitants of Camp Chapelon living in the vicinity of the said station has been prepared and training provided thereto in the event of a major catastrophe or accident and (b) compensation will be paid for damages allegedly caused to private houses, at Bain des Dames, by ground vibrations occasioned in the course of the said installation?

B/60 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Bonnefin Road, in Pailles, he will state if consideration will be given for the lining thereof with adequately covered sidewalks and drains to ensure the safety of the inhabitants thereof, especially, that of the children?

B/61 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to the ex-CHA houses located at Richelieu, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if consideration will be given for same to be urgently replaced, having regard to the decrepit state thereof to ensure the safety of the inhabitants thereof, especially that of the children living therein?

B/62 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 Ms N. H., one of the CEOs of Landscape (Mauritius) Ltd., he will state if she is being attended to by officers of the VIPSU and, if so, indicate the (a) reasons therefor (b) cost thereof (c) time during which she will be enjoying this service and (d) names of other officials of same rank enjoying similar service?

B/63 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project of transforming Mauritius into a Petroleum Hub, he will state (a) if a prior feasibility study has been carried out in relation thereto and, if so, indicate (i) when and (ii) the names of the consultants appointed therefor and (b) how and why the site, commonly referred to as Pointe aux Caves, in Albion, was chosen to house the facilities in connection therewith?

B/64 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Oil Refinery Project, he will state where matters stand as to the letter of reservation issued to the company Near Shores Resources Limited issued on 10 October 2016 for the implementation thereof, indicating the delay prescribed for the submission of the Environment Impact Assessment Report and other relevant documents to the competent authorities as per the terms and conditions thereof?

B/65 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the University of Mauritius, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if any policy has been put in place in the event of a cyclone warning issued by the Meteorological Services and, if so, indicate if same was approved by the Board thereof?

B/66 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 Pointe aux Sables and the vicinity thereof, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the proposed coming into operation of a new bus route linking same to Rose Hill, indicating the timeframe set for the implementation thereof?

B/67 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of the Copyright Bill in the National Assembly, he will state where matters stand, indicating if consideration is being given for a tariff charge as proposed and submitted to the Ministry to be part of the Schedule thereof and, if not, why not?

B/68 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Jinfei Project, at Riche Terre, he will state if (a) a Board has been constituted to manage Government interests therein and, if so, give details thereof (b) land has been allocated to interested parties and, if so, give details thereof and (c) he will give details of the nature of the businesses authorized onsite, indicating the reasons therefor in each case?

B/69 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Harbour Bridge Project, he will state the number of plots of land acquired therefor as at to date, indicating the respective former owners thereof in each case, indicating the number thereof (a) who have accepted the sum proposed by Government as compensation and who have already been paid (b) to whom no proposition has yet been made and (c) whose cases are pending before court or for other reasons, giving details thereof in each case?

B/70 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mr Baboo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the learner licence for motor cycle, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the roads on which the holders thereof are not permitted to drive and (b) if consideration will be given for (i) restricting a specific period for the holders thereof to drive motor cycles unless and until a firm licence is issued thereto and (ii) prohibiting the holders thereof from driving on motorways and other hazardous roads?

B/71 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mr Baboo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Terre Rouge Verdun Link Road, he will state the total estimated cost for the repairs thereof, indicating the (a) quantum thereof spent as at to date and (b) timeframe set for the completion of the repair works?

B/72 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Baboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the power cut of 19 December 2016, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the reasons therefor, indicating the (a) estimated economic loss to the country and (b) measures taken to avoid the recurrence of similar power cuts, if any?

B/73 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Baboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will state the route thereof, indicating when same was communicated to the Local Authorities and to the private land owners concerned therewith, indicating the (a) measures taken to compensate the said land owners and (b) sites identified for the relocation of the public markets that are found on the said route?

B/74 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 A.G. Jeetoo Hospital, he will state if he is aware of the poor housekeeping and maintenance thereof and, if so, indicate the remedial measures that will be taken in relation thereto?

B/75 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to if consideration is being given for the construction of social housing units thereat and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/76 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 Fanfaron and Plaine Verte Police Stations, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of Police Officers posted thereat respectively, indicating the respective rank thereof?

B/77 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 public hospitals, he will state the number of oncologists attached to each of them?

B/78 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Ms Sewocksingh**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Trochetia, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Shipping Corporation Limited, information as to if the (a) trip thereof to Rodrigues in February 2017 was cancelled due to a shortage of marine gas oil and (b) Corporation has a valid agreement for the supply of marine gas oil and, if so, indicate the name of the (i) supplier thereof and (ii) duration of the contract therefor?

B/79 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 drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as the number of reported cases thereof since 2015 to date in Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands?

B/80 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to where matters stand as to (a) the renovation of the Town Hall of Curepipe, indicating the sum allocated therefor and (b) if any cleaning up of the drains in the region of Midlands were carried out prior to the flash flood which occurred on Sunday 12 February 2017?

B/81 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Perraud)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed relocation of the squatters of Marjolain, in residence La Cure, he will state where matters stand?

B/82 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Perraud)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, following the poor performance of the pupils of the Agalega Island who participated in the 2016 Certificate Primary Education Examinations, she will state if the matter has been looked into and measures taken in relation thereto and, if so, give details thereof?

B/83 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Perraud)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cash Grant *in lieu* of School Materials, he will state how the distribution thereof has been carried out in each of the poverty-stricken areas?

B/84 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the quantity and value thereof seized in 2014, 2015, 2016 and since January 2017 to date in the port and airport areas, respectively, including by the Anti-Drugs and Smuggling Unit, indicating the (a) number of suspects arrested in connection with the recent case of seizure thereof on the Cargo MSC Ivana and (b) measures taken or that will be taken to prevent Mauritius from becoming a trafficking hub therefor?

B/85 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will state if prior to the finalization thereof, consultations were held with the workers of the bus industry, indicating the actions taken, if any, to ensure that the implementation thereof will not lead to the laying off of any worker in the said industry?

B/86 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the Creole language, she will state the measures taken, if any, since her assumption of office to ensure that the said language enjoys the rightful status it deserves within our educational system?

B/87 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 cellphones and SIM cards, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the number thereof seized in the prisons over the past year, indicating the security measures that have been taken to prevent the entry thereof and of other forbidden articles thereat?

B/88 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Bhadain**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to the biometric identity card, he will state if all the fingerprints collected for the purpose thereof have been destroyed and/or deleted, indicating if during the processing phase, fingerprints and/or fingerprints minutime have been retained in any database and are in the possession of the State?

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