

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 15 May 2018****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development**

B/359 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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 Gambling Regulatory Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of permits issued, since 2017 to date, indicating in each case the (a) names of the applicants (b) place of operation and (c) nature thereof?

B/360 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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 extension of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airports of Mauritius Limited, information as to the (a) scope of works (b) estimated cost and (c) start and completion dates thereof?

B/361 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 public funds, he will state the immediate measures that will be taken, if any, to prevent further wastage thereof, following the adverse comments made by the Director of Audit in her last report, indicating if consideration will be given for proposed amendments to be brought to the existing legislation to increase the accountability of those responsible therefor?

B/362 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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 project for the upgrading and widening of Avenue Berthaud, in Quatre Bornes, by the National Development Unit, as announced in the 2017/2018 Budget Speech, he will state the work progress thereof, indicating the amount of funds earmarked therefor and spent as at to date?

B/363 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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 Bank of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if it proposes to review its monetary policy, following the observation of the International Monetary Fund in its last Report under Article IV Consultations and in its public special issue to the effect that the Bank lacks clear monetary policy objective?

B/364 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Baboo)

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 Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Processes/Practices for Granting Loans Secured on Immovable Property and Sale by Levy, he will state where matters stand as to the recommendations thereof which had not been implemented as at April 2017?

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/365 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 paid parking on public roads, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to the total revenue collected in terms of charges and fines, respectively, for each of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017?

B/366 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 public roads, he will state (a) where matters stand as to the proposed setting up of a Road Safety Academy and (b) if consideration will be given for the installation of cameras for fining purposes in case of indiscipline and recklessness?

B/367 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 Urban Terminal Project, he will state the (a) total space area that will be available thereat, indicating the extent thereof that will be allotted for each of the amenities that will be provided thereat (b) type of Public Private Partnership formula being envisaged and (c) basis for the allocation of slots reserved for street vendors/hawkers?

B/368 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 Labourdonnais Street, in Port Louis, he will state if consideration will be given for enhanced security measures to be provided thereat, especially, at the junctions thereof, in view of the seriousness of the road accidents occurring thereat?

B/369 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

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

Whether, in regard to food security, he will state the amount of funds committed by his Ministry to achieve same, in each of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017?

B/370 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

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

Whether, in regard to vegetables, he will state the total value of importation thereof for each of the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?

B/371 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the planters, he will state the total value of the losses thereof following the floods that occurred in January and February 2018?

B/372 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Hurreeram)

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

Whether, in regard to palliative care, he will state if consideration will be given for the elaboration and implementation of a structured and patient-centered programme together with an effective pain policy for (a) cancer patients (b) chronically ill patients and (c) patients suffering from incurable diseases in advanced and terminal stages, with a view to reducing unnecessary suffering, improve their quality of life and ensure their well being and dignity?

B/373 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Hurreeram)

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

Whether, in regard to the incidence of cancer and mortality due to cancer, he will state if consideration will be given for the advisability of commissioning a research on the efficacy of current interventions based on behavioural and lifestyle changes and early detection with a view to translating these findings into effective health strategies and initiatives for the reduction thereof?

B/374 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the housing units, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Limited, information as to the number thereof projected for construction since 2015 to date, indicating the number thereof which have been constructed and delivered, indicating in each case the (a) location (b) number and (c) value thereof?

B/375 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

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

Whether, in regard to the Safe City Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the estimated total cost thereof (b) the names of the private limited companies involved therein, if any, indicating the amount of money disbursed in relation thereto (c) if Government has borrowed any sum of money and/or guaranteed any loan in relation thereto and (d) the specifications of the equipment concerned therewith?

B/376 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Baboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the independence and the 26th anniversary of the Republic of Mauritius, he will table details of the expenses incurred in relation thereto by his Ministry, as at to date?

B/377 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 *Moto Écoles*, he will state if Government will consider subsidizing the tariffs charged for the courses dispensed thereat?

B/378 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Baboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the holding of events by his Ministry, he will state if consideration will be given for the setting up of a company for the management and organization thereof?

- B/379 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –*
- Whether, in regard to the motorcycles, he will state the procedure and mode of payment to obtain a valid driving licence therefor?**
- B/380 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)
- To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –*
- Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin-Rose Hill, information as to if it is in presence of any representation from the *Force Vive “Kollectif Sov Promenade Roland Armand”* in respect of the Environment Impact Assessment Report in relation thereto and, if so, indicate the (a) measures recommended by the Council for the abatement of pollution, especially, noise pollution, during the implementation thereof and (b) number of meetings held by the Council with the said *Force Vive*?**
- B/381 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –*
- Whether, in regard to vegetables, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Agricultural Marketing Board, a list of the persons issued with permits for the importation thereof following the recent heavy rainfalls, indicating in each case the (a) names and addresses of the permit holders (b) date on which they submitted their application and (c) type and quantity of vegetables each permit holder is allowed to import, indicating the total amount thereof supplied as at to date?**
- B/382 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)
- To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –*
- Whether, in regard to the Agalega Island, she will state if consideration will be given for a visit thereat to be organized, following the request made by the Leader of Opposition to that effect and, if so, when?**

B/383 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 medical supplies, he will state the measures being taken and procedures being followed by each hospital for the procurement thereof?

B/384 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Executive Director of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority (ICTA), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the ICTA, information as to the name of the incumbent thereof, indicating the (a) terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (b) date of assumption of duty?

B/385 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Police Women Constables, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof who have complained of sexual harassment in their workplace over the past five years, indicating the number of cases in which disciplinary and/or legal actions have been taken?

B/386 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to drugs related offences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as the number of foreign nationals who are presently serving sentences therefor in Mauritius, indicating the (a) nationality thereof and (b) number thereof who have been repatriated in their country of origin to serve their respective sentences?

B/387 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Youth Employment Programme, he will state the number of persons who have, since 2015 to date (a) been enrolled thereunder, indicating if they are included in the employment rate and (b) secured permanent employment following completion of their term of employment thereunder?

B/388 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the issue of skills mismatch on the job market, she will state where matters stand as to the actions initiated to deal therewith, since November 2016 to date?

B/389 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to Mr F. J. M. S., he will state the date of appointment thereof in his Ministry, indicating (a) the post occupied (b) the terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (c) if Police clearance was sought and obtained prior to the appointment thereof?

B/390 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to State land leased for the implementation of projects, he will state if there are cases wherein the lessees have breached the lease conditions and, if so, indicate the number thereof, further indicating in each case (a) the promoters concerned therewith (b) the nature of the project (c) the conditions breached and (d) if consideration will be given for the cancellation of the lease?

B/391 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the ex-EDC houses containing asbestos, he will state the number thereof, which are still occupied, indicating the (a) location thereof constituency-wise and (b) measures that will be taken to do away therewith?

B/392 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 drug related offences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the number of detainees presently in prisons in connection therewith, indicating the percentage thereof in each of the reform institutions?

B/393 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the drug addicts, he will state the number of (a) public health institutions and centres that presently provide services to cure convicted persons of their drug addiction and (b) *addictologues* presently employed by his Ministry?

B/394 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 solid waste, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed construction of a new compost plant for the disposal thereof?

- B/395 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 contract awarded to Messrs Voltas Green Ltd. for the setting up of a 12.2 MW PV Solar Plant, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the mode of transmission of the power generated therefrom?**
- B/396 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 Village of Poudre d’Or, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to if (a) consideration will be given for the provision of a taxi stand thereat and, if so, when and, if not, why not and (b) decision has been taken for the issue of about 20 additional taxi licences for operation thereat over and above the 17 existing permits therefor for a population of 4,100 thereat?**
- B/397 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 Police Officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof who have committed suicide over the past five years, indicating the (a) respective posting thereof and (b) follow-up and counseling policies in place, if any, to accompany the families of the deceased officers?**
- B/398 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 Police Officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof who have been (a) dismissed since October 2015 to date, indicating in each case, the (i) reasons therefor and (ii) respective posting thereof and (b) suspended since December 2016 to date, indicating in each case, the (i) reasons therefor and (ii) respective posting thereof?**

B/399 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 National Anti-Doping Organisation, he will state where matters stand as to the introduction in the House of proposed amendments in relation thereto, as requested by the African Continental Office?

B/400 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 recent statement made by the Honourable Prime Minister during the Passing-Out Ceremony on 05 May 2018 to the effect that some Police Officers are attempting to sabotage the fight against drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if due diligence is being carried out to identify the Police Officers suspected of involvement therein for urgent actions to be taken against them?

B/401 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 Police Officers Solidarity Union, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of times he has had meetings therewith to discuss the complaints of the Police Officers, indicating the reasons for his absence at the last meeting therewith?

B/402 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Ms Sewocksingh)

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

Whether, in regard to ware potatoes, he will state (a) if there has been any delay in the current plantation thereof as compared to the past three years on a monthly basis and (b) the cost of production thereof for the past five years?

B/403 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

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

Whether, in regard to land under food cultivation, he will state the extent of fallow land thereof, since 2018 to date?

B/404 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 Ian Palach Bus Station in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported accidents and incidents having occurred thereat over the past 12 months?

B/405 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the garden party held on 11 March 2018 at the Botanical Garden in Curepipe by the Municipal Council of Curepipe, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to the (a) cost thereof and (b) name of the catering service provider therefor, indicating the date on which the services thereof were retained?

B/406 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Tarolah)**

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a Village Hall of Bramsthan, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Flacq, information as to where matters stand?

B/407 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 testing of drivers driving under the influence of synthetic drugs, he will state if appropriate equipment will be procured therefor and, if so, when?

B/408 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the ex-CHA houses units sold to the inhabitants of Richelieu, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to number thereof who have benefitted from each of the schemes available thereto to effect the upgrading thereof?

B/409 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 fishermen, he will state if any training is offered thereto prior to obtaining the Fisherman Registration Card and, if so, give details thereof?

B/410 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 proposed construction of a Marina at Les Salines, Port Louis, he will state where matters stand?

B/411 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 Copyright Act, he will state if consideration will be given for the introduction of proposed amendments thereto to prescribe tariffs to be applied by the Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA) to users of musical works and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/412 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the football pitch situated near the Police Station in Pailles, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to who is responsible for the management thereof?

B/413 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to Professor Jean Pierre Magnan whose services were retained in relation to the rehabilitation works that are being carried out following the embankment failure at the Terre Rouge/Verdun Link Road, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the terms and conditions of appointment thereof?

B/414 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to the development of the ocean economy, he will state if his Ministry has prepared a Marine Spatial Plan therefor and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/415 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, in regard to the job market, she will state the fields in which there is mismatch in the acquired and required skills, indicating the actions taken in relation thereto?

B/416 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, in regard to the Chitrakoot Government School, she will state where matters stand as to the proposed relocation thereof outside the land slide prone area?

B/417 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, in regard to the primary schools, she will state if the history of the Mauritian population is being taught to the students thereof?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
Clerk of the National Assembly

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and Economic Development**

A/5 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 21st Commonwealth Games held in Gold Coast, Australia, he will state if his Ministry has allocated any special budget for the preparation of the 54 athletes who participated therein and, if so, indicate the amount allocated to each participant?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
Clerk of the National Assembly

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