

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 17 April 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/189 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 Government publicity, he will give a list of the newspapers the services of which have been retained for the publication thereof over the past three years, indicating the amount of money paid out thereto?

B/190 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 the Corporate Social Responsibility Fund of the Airport of Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the amount of funds disbursed therefrom, since January 2017 to date, giving a list of the beneficiaries thereof?

B/191 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 African Union Convention on Preventing and Combatting Corruption, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed ratification thereof?

B/192 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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 VIP lounge facilities of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will state if the policy for the granting of access thereto by his Office has been reviewed and, if so, indicate the (a) new terms and conditions thereof (b) date of coming into operation thereof and (c) persons who are entitled thereto?

B/193 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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 VIP lounge facilities of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will state the names of the passengers who benefitted therefrom upon request from the Office of the President, since June 2015 to 15 March 2018, indicating in each case the (a) dates thereof (b) name of the person who submitted the request (c) capacity in which they were granted such facilities and (d) names and status of the greeters therefor?

B/194 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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 one Mr P. R. M. G., a French national, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Economic Development Board, information as to if the latter has been issued with an occupation permit and (b) state if he is aware that the latter has been convicted twice by a French court of justice for swindling to the detriment of *Pole Emploi*, a French public institution, and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the revocation of the occupation permit?

B/195 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 Constituency No. 20, Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière, he will give a list of the projects implemented by the National Development Unit thereat, since March 2016 to date indicating the (a) ongoing projects, further indicating the (i) location and (ii) progress of work thereof and (b) number thereof earmarked for implementation over the period July 2018 to December 2019?

B/196 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 Mr P. B., Director General of the State Investment Company, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation Ltd., information as to the (a) date of recruitment thereof (b) remuneration paid thereto, including the benefits drawn and (c) past record of employment thereof thereat and at the Casinos de Maurice?

B/197 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Lepoigneur)

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 recent participation of the Minister of Youth and Sports at the Commonwealth Games held in Gold Coast, Australia, from 04 to 15 April 2018, he will state the amount of funds disbursed in relation thereto in terms of (a) costs of airfares (b) *per diem* (c) entertainment allowance (d) cost of hiring chauffeur-driven cars, if any and (e) any other associated costs?

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/198 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the South Africa Far East Cable, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of breakdown thereof in 2017 which caused the slowing down of the operators' services, indicating the (a) respective periods thereof (b) reasons therefor and (c) proposed arrival date of the third submarine cable?

B/199 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Information Communication Technology Incubators Programme set up under the aegis of the Mauritius Telecoms and the National Computer Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if it is operational and, if not, since when and why not?

B/200 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Information Communications Technologies Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the organizational structure thereof, indicating the number of existing vacancies, if any, at senior management level thereat?

B/201 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Information Communication Technology sector, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the reasons of the drop thereof in its (a) contribution to the Gross Domestic Product and (b) exports, including, re-exports of goods and services for Mauritius?

B/202 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 Licensing Office of the Traffic Branch at the Line Barracks, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he is aware of the absence of air conditioning system at the International Driving Licence Section, processing office and the waiting area thereof, and, if so, indicate if urgent remedial measures will be taken in relation thereto?

B/203 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 International Driving Licence, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if consideration will be given for the extension of the validity period thereof from one year to three years and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/204 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Insurance (Industry) Compensation Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) names of the members of the Managing Committee thereof, indicating the terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (b) total amount of money (i) collected and (ii) paid to the beneficiaries thereof, since November 2016 to date?

B/205 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Immigration Square Urban Terminal Project, he will state the (a) infrastructural amenities/projects included therein, indicating the number of street vendors/hawkers to be accommodated thereat (b) cost thereof, indicating the mode of financing and (c) work progress thereof?

B/206 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to our lagoons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Beach Authority, information as to the number of reported cases of drowning thereat, since January 2018 to date?

B/207 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 Rivière du Poste Water Treatment Plant Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/208 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 Comité d'Organisation des Jeux des Iles (COJI) 2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) names of the Board Members thereof, indicating in each case the total remuneration drawn since assumption of office to date and (b) monthly salary and benefits of the Chief Executive Officer and of the General Secretary thereof?

B/209 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 Club Maurice Company, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) names of the Board Members thereof and (b) amount of funds raised since January 2016 to date, indicating the names of the beneficiaries thereof?

B/210 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the Rights Management Society, newly renamed as the Mauritius Society of Authors, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, for 2015, 2016 and 2017 respectively (a) information as to the names of the Board Members thereof, indicating the total amount of money paid to each Member thereof in terms of Board and Committee fees and (b) the list of committees thereof, indicating the respective terms and references thereof?

B/211 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Beau Bassin Post Office, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Post Office Ltd., information as to the number of staff attached thereat, grade-wise, indicating if there are delays in the delivery of mails in the said region and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/212 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the construction of social low income housing units under any grant funding from the Government of India, since 2015 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) respective location thereof (b) cost thereof (c) expected selling price per housing unit (d) expected completion date thereof and (e) intended beneficiaries thereof?

B/213 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 Committee set up to consider the reform of the universal pension, he will state (a) the number of meetings held and (b) if the Committee has submitted any report or recommendations as at to date?

B/214 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 child prostitution, she will state (a) if a survey has been carried out to ascertain the extent of the proliferation thereof and (b) the actions taken by her Ministry to address the issue since 2015 to date?

B/215 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Hurreeram**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Building and Land Use Permit, she will state if consideration will be given for the advisability of reviewing the protocol for the processing of applications for the issue thereof to include a coordination mechanism to ensure that the constructions are planned and conducted in a holistic manner, encompassing topography, environment, security and safety, in the light of climate change and of the impact thereof and of growing environmental concerns?

B/216 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Hurreeram**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the professional syndics the services of which are retained by co-owners of private residential estate or high-rise apartment buildings, he will state if consideration will be given for the advisability of reviewing the legal framework governing the managing and administrative roles and responsibilities thereof with a view to establishing the registration thereof with a view to promoting the integrity, transparency, accountability and professionalism thereof?

B/217 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 Mr J.M.D. B. who was arrested in Reunion Island in an alleged drug-related case, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto?

B/218 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a swimming pool and of a gymnasium in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, she will state where matters stand?

B/219 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Henry**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the measures announced for implementation by his Ministry, as announced in the 2017-2018 Budget Speech, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/220 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 the Traffic Management Scheme elaborated by the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit to address the acute congestion problem in Quatre Bornes, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, especially, with regard to the long term measures identified in relation thereto?

B/221 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 the Berthaud Avenue up to Trèfles Street, in Rose Hill, he will state if consideration (a) is being given for the widening thereof and (b) will be given for the repairs thereof following the damages caused thereto after the recent heavy rainfalls and, if so, when?

B/222 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a swimming pool in Curepipe, as stated in the 2017-2018 budget, he will state where matters stand?

B/223 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 vegetables, he will state the countries from which same are being imported to prevent shortages thereof on the local market, indicating the respective importation cost thereof?

B/224 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to hotel projects in the region of Les Salines, Grande Rivière Noire, he will state the cost of the access roads provided therefor, indicating if there will be any cost sharing between Government and the promoters thereof?

B/225 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 XI Commonwealth Games being held at Gold Coast in Australia, he will state the (a) composition of the delegation which accompanied the athletes, indicating the (a) purpose of the participation of each member thereof and (b) respective amount of *per diem* paid out thereto?

B/226 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to access to the Dream Price Supermarket, Royal Road, in Souillac, he will state if consideration will be given for the advisability of providing a pedestrian crossing thereat?

B/227 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the housing project at Chebel, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to (a) the name of the contractor and (b) if provision has been made for drains, lighting, road markings, street names, and social and sports amenities thereto?

B/228 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the road project for the linking of Gros Cailloux to Sorèze, he will state the (a) name of the consultant/s therefor (b) project value thereof (c) name of the contractor/s thereof (d) duration thereof (e) number of private properties compulsorily acquired, if any, therefor and (f) measures taken to prevent inconveniences during the implementation thereof?

B/229 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 minimum wage, he will state the number of (a) employers who are not adhering thereto (b) contraventions booked as at to date and (c) complaints received whereby employers who were working full time have been forced to work part time following the introduction thereof?

B/230 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 Training and Employment for the Disabled Persons Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the names of the current Chairperson thereof (b) the reasons why a General Manager therefor has not been recruited as at to date and (c) if the Calebasses and Rose Belle branches thereof are operational and, if not, indicate (i) where the training of persons with disabilities of these localities is presently carried out and (ii) where the former staff members thereof have been redeployed?

B/231 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Nine Year Basic Education Programme, she will state the number of students with disabilities who have been admitted to Grade 7 in secondary schools within proximity of their residences for the last intake, indicating (a) regarding Miss P.D., why her application to be admitted to Grade 7 at the State Secondary School, Goodlands was attended to after nearly two and a half months despite the fact that she satisfied the required admission criteria thereto and (b) if the measures taken in the case of Miss P.D., namely, providing adapted transport facilities/refund of transport cost, will be applicable in similar cases?

- B/232 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(**Mr Lepoigneur**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –*
- Whether, in regard to the former Medpoint Clinic, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed rehabilitation thereof into a modern Cancer Center?**
- B/233 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mr Ganoo**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare –*
- Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of a Children’s Bill, she will state where matters stand?**
- B/234 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 fatal road accidents which occurred consequent to drugs consumption, since 2015 to date, he will state (a) the number thereof (b) when the drugs were identified by the Forensic Science Laboratory (c) the actions taken to acquire the appropriate equipment to detect the drugs consumed, if any, and (d) if consideration will be given for the introduction of new legislation in the case of driving under the influence of drugs and, if so, when?**
- B/235 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)
- To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*
- Whether, in regard to the implementation of Sewerage Projects at Bain des Dames, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to where matters stand?**

B/236 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if posters which had been posted island-wise purporting to request the setting up of a Commission of Inquiry with wide terms of reference on Mr A.S. have been torn by Police Officers and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/237 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to cases against Government, he will state the names of the beneficiaries who have obtained compensation from out of court settlement over the past three years?

B/238 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to agricultural land, he will state if application for the conversion thereof has been submitted for the construction of a Nine-Hole Golf Course?

B/239 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 the proposed implementation of a Central Wholesale Market Project in Belle Rive, he will state where matters stand?

B/240 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Adrien Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the Heritage City Project, he will state the total amount of funds disbursed in relation thereto since 01 January 2015 to date?

B/241 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Adrien Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the VIP vehicle fleet at the VIP Car Pool Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police (a) a list thereof, indicating the make, model and purchase price thereof and (b) information as to the amount of money spent on maintenance and repairs thereof since 01 January 2015 to date?

B/242 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Adrien Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the agreement signed between India and Mauritius in relation to Agalega, she will, for the benefit of the House, table the confidentiality clause thereof and, if not, why not?

B/243 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Adrien Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the Empowerment Support Scheme, he will state the number of beneficiaries on payment of a monthly subsistence allowance thereunder, indicating the total amount of funds disbursed since 01 January 2017 to date?

B/244 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to patients undergoing dialysis, he will state the number thereof since 2012 to date?

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