Mauritius National Assembly

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Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 09 June 2020

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

B/74 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to Mr N. K. B., G.O.S.K., Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service, he will state if his good self had given approval thereto to serve as non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of SBM Bank Mauritius Ltd. and, if so, indicate the period he served thereat?

B/75 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Information and Communication Technologies Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if consideration will be given for a review of the salaries and fringe benefits of the Executive Directors and Director thereof in the wake of the financial difficulties amid the COVID-19 Pandemic?
B/76 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Luchmun Roy)

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

Whether, in regard to the social media, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Information and Communication Technologies Authority and the Cybercrime Unit, information as to the number of reported cases of fake news and disinformation posted thereat during the curfew period, indicating the outcome of the inquiries carried out thereinto and (b) state if consideration will be given for the introduction of amendments to the ICT Act for the imposition of hefty fines and jail sentences in relation thereto?

B/77 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether, in regard to police custody deaths in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof since December 2019 to date, indicating the outcome of the inquiry in each case, including the (a) cause of death and (b) if any Police Officer has been suspended in connection therewith?

B/78 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

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

Whether, in regard to the post of Director General of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of incumbents thereof since January 2015 to date, indicating the (i) number thereof having held office in a substantive capacity and (ii) reasons for the said turnover and (b) state if consideration will be given for a review of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation Act in relation to the appointment of the General Director and, if not, why not?
B/79  The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to fatal road accidents, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof for each of the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and since January 2020 to date?

B/80  The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)

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

Whether, in regard to alleged cases of police brutality towards members of the S. family on 24 March 2020 in Residence Vallijee, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto, indicating the number of Police Officers involved therein and actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/81  The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the release of inmates during the curfew period, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the number thereof, indicating the (a) dates and conditions of release thereof and (b) number thereof having been re-arrested, indicating the reasons therefor?
B/82 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the Face Recognition Technology component of the Safe City Project, he will state if measures are being taken to provide checks and balances in relation to the use by Government agencies, including the Police Force, of the data collected through same and for the implementation of a legal framework accordingly?

B/83 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to fatal road accidents, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof since January 2019 to date, indicating where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out in the case of the death of Mrs B. N. M. in a fatal road accident in November 2019 along the said road?

B/84 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Xavier-Luc Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to Police custody deaths in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof since November 2019 to date, indicating in each case, the outcome of the inquiries carried out thereinto as at to date, including the cause of death?
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B/85 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Luchmun Roy)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the vaccination of newborn babies and children in the Area Health Centres, he will state if special (a) sanitary and social distancing measures have been taken thereat and (b) measures are being taken to arrange for the vaccination of newborn babies and children who have missed the administration thereof, indicating if consideration will be given for the use of mobile health caravans reaching out thereto for the said purpose?

B/86 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Luchmun Roy)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the hotels converted as Quarantine Centres, he will state the number of persons who stayed thereat, indicating the (a) facilities provided thereto and (b) damages caused thereat as a result thereof?

B/87 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Doolub)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training –

Whether, in regard to the workers of the private sector whose employment have been terminated since the implementation of the curfew period to date, he will state the number thereof, indicating if the employers thereof have benefitted from the Wage Assistance Scheme and, if so, indicate the actions being envisaged against the said employers, if any?
B/88  The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning –

Whether, in regard to the squatters in Pointe aux Sables, Cité Tole, Curepipe and Riambel whose houses were recently pulled down, he will state the reasons for the said pulling down during the curfew period, indicating if consideration will be given for an inquiry to be conducted to identify those who qualify for the allocation of social housing?

B/89  The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Ms Foo Kune)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to medical outpatient appointments and surgical procedures in public health institutions which were stalled amid the COVID-19 lockdown, he will state the number thereof pending in each specialty, indicating the measures taken to clear the backlog?

B/90  The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Ms Foo Kune)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Hydroxychloroquine, he will state the present stock thereof, indicating the quantity thereof (a) purchased, indicating the (i) dates of purchase and (ii) cost thereof and (b) received as donation from the Indian Government, indicating the date thereof?

B/91  The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

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

Whether, in regard to the Côte d’Or National Sports Complex, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Multisports Infrastructure Ltd., information as to the (a) initial budgeted cost (b) actual cost (c) expected completion cost thereof, indicating the reasons for the variation cost and table copy thereof and, if not, why not (d) expected completion date thereof and (e) if fees will be charged for the use thereof and, if so, give details thereof?
B/92 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

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

Whether, in regard to the CEB (FiberNet) Co. Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board (CEB), information as to the (a) total investment made therein by the CEB, since the inception of the said company to date and (b) total sale of wholesale fiber connectivity services for the period 14 November 2018 to date by the said company?

B/93 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to when water will be supplied to the inhabitants thereof on a 24/7 basis, indicating the number of complaints registered on the hotline in relation thereto, since September 2019 to date, indicating the cost incurred in relation to water supply through water tankers (a) hired from private operators, giving the list thereof and (b) owned by the Authority?

B/94 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the unemployed, he will state the estimated number thereof, industry-wise, amid the COVID-19 Pandemic?

B/95 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail –

Whether, in regard to Phase II of the Metro Express Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Metro Express Ltd., information as to (a) the amount of funds disbursed as at to date and (b) if any financial assistance has been provided to Larsen and Toubro Ltd. during the curfew period and, if so, give details thereof, indicating the source of funding?
B/96 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West *(Mr Armance)*

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –*

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of the Intercontinental Slavery Museum, he will state where matters stand?

B/97 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West *(Mr Armance)*

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –*

Whether, in regard to the *redevances des artistes*, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Society of Authors, information as to the quantum of funds collected and disbursed for the year 2019 and since January 2020 to date and payable to the artists, indicating the (a) schedule of payments thereof and (b) rate applicable, indicating (i) when same was last reviewed and (ii) if consideration will be given for a review of the 65 cents payable?

B/98 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West *(Mr Armance)*

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will state if a survey has been carried out thereat to identify the places where the installation of bus shelters are required and, if so, indicate the timeframe set for the installation thereof?

B/99 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal *(Mr Ittoo)*

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

Whether, in regard to youth activities, he will state if any Action Plan is being envisaged in relation thereto post-COVID-19 lockdown?
B/100 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –

Whether, in regard to the additional amount of unecological materials generated in terms of masks and gloves amid the COVID-19 Pandemic, he will state if an assessment thereof has been made and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the setting up of a waste management plan accordingly?

B/101 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to infrastructural works, he will give the lists of the on-going contracts and of those which are awaiting commencement of execution, indicating in each case the (a) contract value thereof and (b) expected impact thereon of the COVID-19 curfew period and aftermath thereof?

B/102 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the Upgrading of Drain and Road Surfacing Project at Des Roches Street in Ward 4, in Port Louis, to be executed by the National Development Unit, he will state the (a) contract value and (b) contractual start and completion dates thereof?

B/103 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –

Whether, in regard to the Independent Power Producers using coal for electricity production, he will, in each case (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to (i) the total tonnage of coal used since 2015 to date on a yearly basis and (ii) if coal ash was discharged in conformity with the EIA license held and (b) table copy of the Environment Impact Assessment license?
B/104 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Tour)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the basic commodities, he will state the measures taken to protect the rights of the consumers in relation to the control of the prices and supplies thereof amid the COVID-19 Pandemic?

B/105 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Tour)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed widening of the Marjolain Bridge in Cité la Cure by the National Development Unit, he will state where matters stand?

B/106 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Tour)

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

Whether, in regard to the Athlete Assistance Scheme, he will (a) state the eligibility criteria for an elite athlete to benefit thereunder and (b) give the list of the athletes eligible thereunder?

B/107 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)

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

Whether, in regard to the Pailles–Guibies Sewerage Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating the estimated impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on the implementation schedule and delivery thereof?
B/108  The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Mr Nuckcheddy)

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

Whether, in regard to the Bagatelle Dam Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to (a) the date of issue of the Letter of Acceptance therefor (b) if same was completed within the timeframe set in the Letter of Acceptance (c) if the handed over dam was fit for purpose at the time of handing over and (d) if the contractor had any past experience in similar projects?

B/109  The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether in regard to the coaches attached to his Ministry on an informal basis, he will (a) give the list thereof, indicating in each case the (i) sports discipline in which coaching is being given (ii) remuneration drawn and (iii) conditions of work and (b) state if (i) they have received their remuneration during the curfew period and, if not, why not and (ii) any change in the conditions of work thereof is being envisaged post-curfew period and, if so, give details thereof?

B/110  The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to Air Mauritius Ltd., he will state (a) the quantum of money owed by the said company to Government (b) the aggregate amount of the debts thereof guaranteed by Government and (c) if his Ministry is in presence of any application from the said company for financial assistance from Government prior to going into voluntary administration?
B/111 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in regard to the flu clinics, he will state the procedures followed and procurement method used for the setting up thereof amid the COVID-19 Pandemic?

B/112 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the construction of the St François Community Health Centre in Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East, he will state where matters stand?

B/113 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning –

Whether, in regard to social housing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the number of units thereof built and delivered since January 2015 to date?

B/114 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the flu clinics, he will state the (a) date on which the bid exercise/s for the setting up thereof was/were launched (b) name of the successful bidder/s and (c) contract value/s thereof?
B/115 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to personal protective equipment, he will state if, amid the COVID-19 Pandemic, any procurement thereof was effected from local suppliers and, if so, indicate the names of the said suppliers and the corresponding contract value thereof, giving a breakdown of same?

B/116 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the (a) regions thereat benefitting from water supply on a 24/7 basis and since when and (b) number of complaints registered since September 2019 to date at the Authority from the inhabitants thereof with regard to poor supply of water?

B/117 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the public service, he will state the number of existing vacancies, giving details thereof, indicating (a) when same will be advertised and (b) the expected timeframe for the filling thereof?

B/118 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to the shelter in Surinam, commonly known as Lotus, she will state the (a) number of women victims of domestic violence, babies and children sheltered thereat since the coming into operation thereof to date and (b) reasons for the transfer of the nine babies who were sheltered thereat on Thursday 14 May 2020, indicating where they have been placed?
B/119 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to the shelters for victims of domestic
violence and child abuse, she will give the list thereof operating
under the aegis of her Ministry and of the Non-Governmental Organisations to
which her Ministry refers victims, indicating the (a) addresses and dates of
coming into operation thereof and (b) monitoring and follow up actions
undertaken by her Ministry for the rehabilitation of the victims in
all the shelters?

B/120 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis
Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the eventual availability of a COVID-19
vaccine on the international market, he will state the level of
preparedness of Government for the acquisition thereof at the
earliest possible in terms of commitment of funds, contacts with
laboratories and pharmaceutical companies presently involved in
the development and manufacturing thereof?

B/121 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

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

Whether, in regard to the fight against poverty and vulnerability,
he will state if consideration will be given for the database of
vulnerable economic groups generated through the
implementation of the Wage Assistance Scheme and the Self
Employed Assistance Scheme to be used as an effective tool
therefor through the implementation of a centralized financing
system for an optimum use of the financial resources?

B/122 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Land Use
Planning –

Whether, in regard to social housing, he will, for the benefit of
the House, obtain from the National Housing Development
Company Ltd., information as to the number of applicants
awaiting the allocation of a unit thereof?
B/123 The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the Primary School Achievement Certificate, the National Certificate of Education, the Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate, she will state the date of the holding of the examinations thereof for the year 2020 amid the modified school calendar due to the COVID-19 Pandemic?

B/124 The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning –

Whether, in regard to State Land, he will state the number of plots thereof located in Cap Malheureux which have been leased since January 2015 to date, giving the list of the lessees thereof and the corresponding rent payable?

B/125 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –

Whether, in regard to the National Pension Fund, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom and table copies of the last (a) Actuarial Valuation Report and (b) Annual Report thereof?

B/126 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to revenue collected for fiscal year 2019-2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, a breakdown thereof in terms of taxes on income and profits and Solidarity Levy?
B/127 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to Government Debt Servicing for financial year 2019-2020, he will state the quantum of funds disbursed in terms of (a) Capital Repayments (b) Interests and Management/Service Charges and (c) redemption of Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes, respectively, indicating the percentage that these sums represent out of the total Government expenditure for the said financial year?

B/128 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the school year 2020, she will state the date of the holding of the examinations for the National Certificate of Education, the Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate?

B/129 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Xavier-Luc Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rs 60 billion being provided by the Bank of Mauritius to Government, he will state if same is being provided by way of a loan or a grant, indicating how the Bank proposes to find the funds to repay same to the lenders thereof?

B/130 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Xavier-Luc Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the name of the members of the Board of Directors thereof?
The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Agro-Indust, Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to the vegetable planters and cattle breeders, he will state (a) the measures taken or to be taken to restore the confidence thereof in their respective activities and alleviate the hardships encountered following the loss in revenue and the cases of theft, including with violence, amid the COVID-19 Pandemic and (b) if an assessment of the losses incurred and hardships encountered have been carried out?

The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to potatoes, onions, garlic and ginger, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Agricultural Marketing Board, information as to the number of permits issued to individuals and/or companies for the importation thereof over the period January to April 2020, indicating in each case the (a) quantity imported and (b) country of origin thereof?

The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the repairs of the Phoenix By-pass, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, the (a) total final cost thereof, giving a breakdown thereof (b) duration of the delay that occurred in the completion thereof, if any and (c) expected completion date thereof?

The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the registered fishers of the District of Grand Port, he will table copy of the list thereof?
B/135 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the creation of La Passe of Mahebourg, he will state where matters stand, indicating the expected completion date thereof?

B/136 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Electroencephalogram machines, he will state the number thereof available in each hospital, indicating if same are operational and, if not, indicate if consideration will be given for the installation of at least one such machine in good working order in each public hospital?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
Clerk of the National Assembly

Parliament House
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A/33

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

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

Whether, in regard to the public officers holding office on the Board of all the entities of the State Bank of Mauritius, since January 2015 to date, he will state if they have been duly authorized by the Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service therefor and, if so, indicate when and over which period?

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A/34

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

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

Whether, in regard to the Phoenix/Valentina Roundabout Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the work progress thereof, indicating the (a) cost (b) name of contractor (c) contractual start and completion dates and (d) expected completion date thereof?
A/35
The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether, in regard to the nurseries and kindergartens, she will state the number of checks effected by officers of her Ministry to ensure that appropriate sanitary and precautionary measures are being taken thereat amid the COVID-19 Pandemic with the resumption of the activities thereof, if any and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

A/36
The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether, in regard to the secondary schools, she will state the measures taken by her Ministry to ensure that a sufficient number of dedicated buses be allotted thereto to ensure social distancing therein?

A/37
The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Ms Foo Kune)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the recovered COVID-19 patients, he will state if the mental health thereof have been assessed post COVID-19 to ensure that they be given appropriate psychological help and assistance if required and, if not, why not and, if so, indicate the number thereof who have benefitted from the required help and assistance and the nature thereof?

A/38
The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Ms Foo Kune)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction and Antigen Tests, he will state the cost of the consignments thereof procured as at to date?
A/39 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the infrastructure works undertaken by his Ministry, the Road Development Authority and the National Development Unit which were stalled during the COVID-19 lockdown, he will state the measures taken or to be taken to make up for the accumulated delays, indicating if prolongation costs will be involved?

A/40 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to Phase II of the reconstruction of the Abdool Raman Abdool Government School Project, she will state where matters stand, indicating the (a) cost involved and (b) expected completion date thereof?

A/41 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –

Whether, in regard to the distribution of food packs during the curfew period by her Ministry, she will state the number thereof distributed, constituency-wise?

A/42 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)

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

Whether, in regard to the staff of cruise ships of Mauritian nationality who are presently stranded abroad amid the COVID-19 Pandemic, he will state the (a) number thereof (b) corresponding actual geographical location thereof and (c) measures being taken for the repatriation thereof?
A/43 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning –

Whether, in regard to leases over State Land which have been rescinded or cancelled, he will state, for each of the years 2015 to 2019 and since January 2020 to date, the number thereof, indicating in each case (a) the name of the lessee (b) the location and extent thereof (c) the reasons for the rescission or cancellation and (d) if same has been referred to the police for investigation, indicating the outcome thereof?

A/44 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning –

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 2, Port Louis South Port Louis Central, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the number of applications for the allocation of social housing unit thereat which are pending as at to date, indicating (a) the number of housing units scheduled for construction and delivery in 2020, indicating the selling price thereof and (b) if priority of consideration will be given to applicants who are registered on the Social Register of Mauritius?

A/45 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –

Whether, in regard to the Monthly Subsistence Allowance allocated to eligible households registered on the Social Register of Mauritius, he will state the (a) number of beneficiaries thereof since 2016 to date (b) conditions attached thereto, indicating the quantum for each type of beneficiaries and (c) total sum disbursed in each financial year since the introduction of the said scheme?
A/46  The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the Allocation of Digital Tablets Project to students of the primary and secondary schools, she will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

A/47  The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to the resumption of normal activities in the public service, he will state if he has had meetings online or otherwise with the representatives of the main trade unions in relation thereto?

A/48  The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail –

Whether, in regard to public transport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to the measures being taken, if any, by the said authority to check whether the bus operators and the Metro Express Ltd. are carrying out the sanitization and disinfection of public buses and light rail vehicles in line with the recommendations of the World Health Organisations and, if so, if shortcomings have been reported, indicating the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

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