

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 08 October 2019****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development**

B/927 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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the date of recruitment of Mrs N. S. thereat, indicating the (a) procedure followed therefor (b) post occupied and present posting and (c) terms and conditions of employment?

B/928 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 MauBank, he will state the amount of money invested by Government therein as at to date, indicating the total amount of non-performing loans having been written off?

B/929 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Revenue Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if it has signed or proposes to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Pension Fund regarding the sharing of records on the National Pension Fund contributions?

B/930 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 toxic loan of about Rs 1.7 billion accumulated in the books of the former Mauritius Post Co-operative Bank, he will state the amount thereof recovered following the arrangements made with the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd. for the recovery thereof?

B/931 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 Muslim Family Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the composition thereof, indicating the terms and conditions of appointment of the Chairperson and members thereof and (b) where matters stand as to the proposed prescription of rules governing muslim marriages and the dissolution thereof?

B/932 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of the *Kreol Morisien* language in the National Assembly, he will state where matters stand?

B/933 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 flooding problem in Ville Noire, since 2017 to date, he will state the measures taken by the National Development Unit in relation thereto?

B/934 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 the Technical Committee set up to consider the priority ranking of employees under the Insolvency Act and the Code Civil Mauricien in cases of liquidation of companies, chaired by the Registrar of Companies, he will state if it has submitted its Report and, if so, indicate the recommendations thereof and the actions Government proposes to take in relation thereto?

B/935 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Perraud**)

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 Morcellement Raffray, in Terre Rouge, he will state where matters stand as to the construction of drains thereat by the National Development Unit?

B/936 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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 Résidence Lumière, Camp Firinga, at Pointe Aux Sables, he will state where matters stand as to the construction of drains and amenities to avert flooding thereat, indicating the number of households that are currently at risk?

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/937 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will state if the problems encountered by the Moorar family in relation thereto along the rail track, at the Nelson Mandela Street, Barkly, Beau Bassin, have been attended to?

B/938 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 Super Cash Back Gold policies of the former BAI Co. (Mtius) Ltd. and Bramer Asset Management Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Property Fund Ltd. (NPFL), information as to (a) the number of policy holders who have not been repaid as at to date, indicating the (i) reasons therefor and (ii) outstanding quantum thereof and (b) number of court cases lodged against the NPFL by the policy holders?

B/939 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in regard to the fees payable by foreigners married to Mauritians for medical treatment in public health institutions, he will state if consideration will be given for a waiver thereof pending the determination of their application for the acquisition of Mauritian citizenship?

B/940 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, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will state the total number of trees that have been felled and total number of green spaces that have been eradicated in the wake of the implementation thereof, indicating the number of trees that have been planted and number of green spaces that have been created as at to date in replacement thereof?

B/941 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, having regard to the quantity of prohibited dangerous drugs recently seized by the Mauritius Revenue Authority and the Anti-Drug Smuggling Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons responsible for the financing of the importation thereof having been arrested as at to date, if any?

B/942 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 Côte d'Or National Sports Complex, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Multipurpose Infrastructure Ltd., a list of the international events booked to be held thereat?

B/943 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, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the level crossing of the Metro Express line along Monseigneur Leen Street, in Port Louis, he will state if an impact assessment thereof on the Ward IV region has been effected and, if so, indicate the findings thereof and the remedial measures taken, if any, to mitigate related traffic congestion during peak times?

B/944 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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 Police, information as to the number of foreign students having been arrested in connection therewith, since January 2015 to December 2018 on a yearly basis and since January 2019 to date?

B/945 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to cases of violence/assault involving secondary school students, she will state the number of reported cases thereof, since November 2018 to date?

B/946 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Police Officer who is seen, in a video broadcast on the social media, playing cards within the precincts of the Cargo Handling Corporation, in or about the month of September 2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated in relation thereto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof and the sanctions, if any, taken against the said officer?

B/947 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Heritage City Project, he will (a) give a breakdown of the total expenses incurred as at to date in connection therewith and (b) state if an inquiry has been carried out in relation to the appointment of Stree Consulting as consultant therefor and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof and, if not, why not?

B/948 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 Police Sergeant 20 A. C. and Police Constable 1548 I., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if they have been transferred from the National Security Service (Counter Terrorism Unit) and if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/949 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the investors in the Super Cash Back Gold policies of the former BAI Co. (Mtius) Ltd. and the Bramer Asset Managemet Ltd. who have not been repaid in full, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Property Fund Ltd., information as to the number thereof, indicating (a) the aggregate value not repaid (b) the reasons for non-payment and (c) if consideration will be given for the full repayment thereof?

B/950 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 National Security Service, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of Police Officers who have been transferred therefrom, since April last to date?

B/951 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 launching of Active Mauritius by the Mauritius Sports Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to the legal status thereof, if any, indicating the (a) composition of the Managing Committee thereof (b) source of funds and amount disbursed since the launching thereof and (c) list of activities to be organized as at end 2019?

B/952 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Sports Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if it has entered into a contract with any company in relation to communication matters, since 2015 to date and, if so, indicate (a) the name of the company and the accompanying terms and conditions and names of the directors thereof (b) the amount of money disbursed in each financial year and (c) if a bid was launched prior to the award of the contract and, if so, give details thereof?

B/953 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands, Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to domestic violence, she will state if consideration will be given for the offence of femicide to be added to our criminal law, in line with the recommendations of the United Nations, the World Health Organisation and the European Parliament?

B/954 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 Côte d'Or National Sports Complex, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Multipurpose Infrastructure Ltd., information as to if the bid exercise to increase the seating capacity of the football stadium to 15,000 has been completed and, if so, indicate the (a) expected start and completion dates and (b) costs thereof?

B/955 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 Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) number of (i) dogs which are being sheltered in the compounds thereof, indicating the cost for the caring thereof per day and (ii) reported cases of animal abuse thereat, if any and (b) procedures for euthanasiation thereat?

B/956 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine
Magnien (Mr Henry)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to State land, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed lease of plots thereof to inhabitants of Kenya and of Cité Balance?

B/957 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine
Magnien (Mr Henry)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed implementation of an artificial beach at the Mahebourg Waterfront, he will state where matters stand?

B/958 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine
Magnien (Mr Henry)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands, Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the vehicles of the Mauritius Fire Rescue Service (MFRS) which have failed the respective fitness test, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the MFRS, information as to if they are being utilized in fire and rescue operations?

B/959 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 recent renovation of the Serge Alfred Swimming Pool, he will state the (a) total cost thereof (b) name of contractor (c) reasons why Water Lines 7 and 8 are unusable (d) one responsible for the installation of the two spillways, indicating if remedial measures have been taken and the cost thereof, if any?

B/960 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 Organisation des Jeux des Iles 2019*, he will state if an audit of the income and expenditure thereof, since the inception thereof till the end of the Indian Ocean Island Games 2019, has been carried out and, if so, table copy of the statement of account, indicating the name of the auditor and, if not, why not?

B/961 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 des Anguilles Dam Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the work progress of the contract awarded for geophysical investigations, prior to the implementation thereof?

B/962 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Rivière des Anguilles Swimming Pool Project, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/963 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands, Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the construction project of incinerators at Souillac and Grand Bois, she will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/964 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, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the Motor Vehicle Licence Online Payment System, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to (a) the number of online payments effected, since the implementation thereof to-date and (b) if all insurance companies are connected thereto?

B/965 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Priest Peak Service Reservoir, in Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the (a) starting time of the daily water supply therefrom and (b) when the consumers connected thereto will be supplied water on a 24 hour basis?

B/966 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Basic Invalidity Pension, he will state if consideration will be given for persons suffering from Autism and Trisomy to benefit therefrom for life and, if not, why not?

B/967 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 Mauritius Weightlifting Federation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to why athlete A. M. was not selected for the Junior African Championships, held in Uganda?

B/968 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 ex-athlete M. M., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Weightlifting Federation, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out in relation to the alleged submission of false information to benefit from the Recognition Allowance Scheme?

B/969 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Baboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the vacant posts of Administrative Officer at the University of Technology, Mauritius, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the UTM, information as to if same have been filled and, if so, when?

B/970 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Baboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Waste Water Management Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to where matters stand as to the cases of the engineers thereof who had been suspended, since January 2015 to date?

B/971 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Baboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the excavation works carried out by the Central Water Authority for the laying of pipes or repairs over the past year, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to if the roads/locations where same have been carried out have all been reinstated and, if not, why not?

B/972 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Baboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the setting up of a new Renal Transplant Unit at the Jawaharlall Nehru Hospital, as announced in the Budget Speech 2019-2020, he will state where matters stand?

B/973 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 Acting Head of The Gandhian Basic School, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute, information as to the (a) qualifications and experience held and (b) pay packet of the incumbent?

B/974 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Baloomoody)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Fashion and Design Institute, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if a Director has been recruited thereat and, if not, why not, indicating the name of the Officer-in-Charge thereof, indicating the (a) qualifications and experience held (b) pay packet thereof and (c) procedure followed for the selection thereof?

B/975 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cube Satellite Project, he will state the (a) date of the launching thereof (b) total cost thereof and (c) if same will be instrumental in finding solutions to the flood issues prevailing in the country?

B/976 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Perraud**)

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

Whether, in regard to synthetic drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of overdose thereof, since January 2015 to date, indicating the age group of the victims thereof?

B/977 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Perraud**)

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

Whether, in regard to the *Centres de Refuge* for victims of natural disasters, he will give a list thereof in Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue, indicating the facilities provided to the victims thereat?

B/978 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the Traffic Centre at Plaine Lauzun, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if the renovation thereof is being envisaged?

B/979 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the construction of high-rise buildings housing projects, announced in the Budget Speech 2019/2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to where matters stand as to the feasibility studies carried out in relation thereto?

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