

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 18 May 2021****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity**

B/376 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Mr Nuckcheddy)

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 presence of Honourable M. E. J. in a restricted zone of the port, on 05 January 2021, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/377 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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 Air Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Administrators thereof, information as to the (a) number of times the Watershed Meeting thereof was postponed, indicating the reasons therefor (b) number of aircrafts and other assets sold, if any, as at to date, giving details thereof and (c) quantum of fees paid to the administrators as at to date?

B/378 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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 horse racing, he will state the measures taken to combat money laundering in relation thereto, following the recommendations contained in the Report of the Commission of Inquiry on Horse Racing in Mauritius which was set up in September 2014?

B/379 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 horse racing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if alleged attempts to rig some races during the International Racing Day in December 2019 and the first race meeting of the 2020 season have been reported and, if so, indicate if inquiries have been initiated in relation thereto and the outcome thereof?

B/380 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 he will state if he is aware that the recent research findings based on the Organised Crime Index across the Southern African continent which shows that Mauritius ranks first in regard to heroine trade and synthetic drugs trade, respectively, and, if so, indicate the policies and immediate measures being envisaged to deal therewith?

B/381 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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 entry in Mauritius of foreign nationals hailing from countries which are severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic virus, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the criteria applied amidst the prevailing border closure, indicating the status of the said protocol?

B/382 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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 Mrs S. R-C., he will state when she was appointed as Senior Adviser at his Office, indicating (a) the terms and conditions of appointment thereof, including the salary, other benefits and allowances drawn and (b) other positions held in Government, Government-owned companies and parastatals, indicating the salaries or allowances drawn, if any?

B/383 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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 Dr A. S., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated after his refusal to be quarantined after positive cases were registered at Melbees Nursery School and who was later tested positive, indicating if legal actions have been initiated against him?

B/384 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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 seizure of approximately 269 kg of drugs at Pointe aux Cannoniers on 02 May 2021, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) whether there is any connection with previous seizures (b) how these drugs landed in Mauritius, indicating if there is a possible loophole in our surveillance system at the port, airport and coastal areas and, if so, indicate how he proposes to remedy same?

B/385 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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 Government's proposed trip to the Chagos Archipelagos by boat, he will state where matters stand?

B/386 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 the Information and Communications Technologies Act, he will state if the introduction in the Assembly of proposed amendments thereto is being envisaged and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/387 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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 sign language, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to why measures have not been taken as at to date for the inclusion thereof during news programmes, Covid-19 pandemic press conferences and local emergency broadcasts?

- B/388 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)
- 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 repatriation exercise of the Rodriguans stranded in mainland Mauritius, he will state the reasons for the suspension thereof, indicating the expected resumption date thereof?**
- B/389 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)
- 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 port area of the Port Louis Harbour, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to the number of cameras of the CCTV Surveillance System thereat which are (a) operational and (b) damaged and/or not operational, indicating the maintenance and related costs thereof?**
- B/390 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 the Ministerial Committee set up to look into the development of a roadmap for the teaching of the Kreol morisien at upper secondary level, he will state the progress of work thereof?**
- B/391 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Bodha**)
- 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 infrastructural works being carried out in Agalega, he will state the (a) scope of works (b) costs involved (c) completion date and (d) future use of the amenities being put in place?**

B/392 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

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 Air Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Administrators thereof, information as to if the sale of some aircrafts thereof is being envisaged and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/393 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

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 illicit drugs trafficking, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of persons prosecuted therefor over the past five years, indicating the number of convictions secured and the number of custodial and non-custodial sentences given and (b) if revised guidelines to strengthen the enforcement capabilities in the fight thereof has been issued and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

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

B/394 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Mr Nuckcheddy)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed installation of new traffic lights at the northern entrance of Laventure, he will state where matters stand?

B/395 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Mr Nuckcheddy)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the upgrading works project at the Flacq Market, he will state the work progress thereof?

B/396 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Property Fund Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the total number of assets thereof, indicating if same are being put for sale and, if so, indicate (a) the reasons therefor (b) if an evaluation of each of the assets has been carried out and, if so, give details thereof and (c) the process by which these assets will be sold?

B/397 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the recommendation based on the preliminary findings of the International Monetary Fund staff expressed in the recent End-of-Mission press release to the effect that the central bank should relinquish ownership of the Mauritius Investment Corporation and that the financing thereof should be provided through the budgetary process, he will state if consideration is being given thereto?

B/398 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to horse racing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority (a) information as to the date of introduction of the Personal Management Licence (PML), indicating (i) the reasons therefor and (ii) if Mr N. G., Mr N. G. and Mr R. G. have been issued therewith and, if so, indicate when and (b) the list of the PML holders for the 2020 and 2021 racing seasons, together with the respective address and occupation thereof and table same?

B/399 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the proposed Status of Artists Bill, he will state the expected date of introduction thereof in the Assembly?

B/400 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 Athlete Assistance Scheme, he will state if same has been implemented and, if so, since when, indicating (a) the eligibility criteria to benefit thereunder (b) the names of the beneficiaries thereof, discipline-wise and (c) if the terms and conditions thereof have been amended since the implementation thereof to date and, if so, give the reasons therefor?

B/401 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the sewer system, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to (a) the percentage of households connected to sewerage network as at date in the region of Vallée des Prêtres and (b) if he is aware of cases of illegal connection of rainwater from residential/commercial premises to the sewer system thereat leading to overflow of manholes during heavy rainfall and, if so, indicate the measures taken to address same and the outcome thereof?

B/402 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the landslide problem in Chitrakoot, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Geotechnical Unit, information as to where matters stand as to the recommendation for the implementation of (a) landslide management plans in the Japan International Cooperation Agency Report 2015 and (b) residents' awareness exercises and relocation, indicating if a survey has recently been carried out to monitor the evolution thereof?

B/403 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

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

Whether, in regard to the High-level Athletes, he will table the list thereof in receipt of an allowance from his Ministry?

B/404 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas and Phoenix, information as to where matters stand as to the requests made by the inhabitants thereof for the construction of drains along Lataniers Avenue and Watsonia Lane at Morcellement Ber and in the vicinity of La Caverne, Vacoas?

B/405 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to Paillotte, in Vacoas, including Rhugoo, Augum and Bhutoo lanes, respectively, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas and Phoenix, information as to where matters stand as to the requests made by the inhabitants thereof for the conversion into one-way schemes of several roads thereat?

B/406 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a mega 50-storey building by the Mauritius Africa Fund at the earmarked site of the Data Technology Park in Côte D'or, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Landscape (Mauritius) Ltd., information as to the (a) estimated cost of the project and (b) financing mechanism being envisaged for the construction thereof?

B/407 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 Covid-19 pandemic virus variants, he will state since when his Ministry has been conducting tests to ascertain the presence thereof in Mauritius and, if so (a) indicate the number of tests carried out and the laboratories that have been processing same and (b) table copies of all tests results carried out?

B/408 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to plug-in hybrid/electric vehicles, he will state the number thereof in Mauritius over the past five years, indicating the (a) number thereof that have been acquired by the Government of Mauritius (b) facilities available for the charging thereof island-wide and (c) plan being envisaged, if any, to improve access to electric charging on a paying basis?

B/409 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 Covid-19 pandemic, he will state (a) the number of persons having undergone the PCR RT test and Rapid Antigen test, respectively, in public health institutions since March 2020 to 31 April 2021, on a monthly basis and (b) if any laboratory has been subcontracted for quality assurance of the tests carried out at the Central laboratory in the Queen Victoria hospital?

B/410 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the Hajj 2021, he will (a) state if (i) his Ministry is in presence of any official correspondence from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as to the organisation thereof and (ii) Government is proposing to impose specific conditions pertaining thereto and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to the state of preparedness thereof in the event Mauritius is allocated a fixed number of visas therefor?

B/411 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to Israel, he will state if, following the recent attacks by the forces thereof against the Palestinians at the Al Aqsa Mosque, he will consider the termination of the appointment of the Consul General thereof and to recommend to Government to sever all diplomatic ties therewith?

B/412 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Domaine Le Hochet Housing Development Project at Terre Rouge, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Housing Co. Ltd., information as to the (a) start and completion dates thereof (b) value of the capital investment made (c) number of housing units thereof sold and unsold, if any, respectively and (d) selling price of the housing units?

B/413 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Indian and South African variants of the Covid-19 pandemic virus, he will give details on the state of preparedness of the Republic of Mauritius in relation thereto?

B/414 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Yeung Sik Yuen)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to street lighting in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to why the damaged lamps on the poles thereat are not being replaced since the past two months?

B/415 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 cancellation of the examinations of the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate scheduled to be held on 28 April 2021, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examination Syndicate, information as to how special consideration will be applied in the calculation of the final grades in respect of each of the subjects concerned therewith?

B/416 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 school calendar, she will state if consideration is being given to revert to the original one as against the one adopted in June 2020 amid the Covid-19 pandemic?

B/417 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the construction of absorption drains and road side drains in Constituency No. 6, Grand' Baie and Poudre D'Or, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Councils of Riviere du Rempart and Pamplemousses, information as to if a survey has been carried out as to the number of flood prone lateral and main roads identified therefor and, if so, table copy thereof?

B/418 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the preservation and rehabilitation of historical and cultural sites, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Heritage Trust Fund, in each case, information as to the works carried out since January 2020 to date, indicating the (a) cost and (b) names of the contractors thereof?

B/419 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

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

Whether, in regard to the emergency procurement exercises carried out by the State Trading Corporation on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Wellness in 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) if the procurement procedures were complied with and, if not, why not and (b) the goods and services procured, giving a breakdown thereof?

B/420 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Luchmun Roy)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed acquisition of a 3D Imagery Digital Elevation Model to map the topography of Mauritius by the Land Drainage Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?

B/421 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Luchmun Roy)

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

Whether, in regard to the Dubai Expo 2020, which has been postponed, he will state if Mauritius proposes to participate therein?

B/422 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the landslide sites identified in the Japan International Cooperation Agency Report 2015, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Geotechnical Unit, details thereof, indicating the remedial measures taken in relation thereto?

B/423 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Government services, he will state the initiatives taken by his Ministry to digitalise the delivery thereof with a view to limiting the physical proximity of members of the public in public areas when availing themselves thereof?

B/424 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to child abandonment, she will state the number of cases thereof reported to her Ministry since January 2020 to date, indicating the measures taken to address this issue?

B/425 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to Babul and Sons Fishing Company Ltd., he will state the number of fishing licences issued thereto, indicating if any inquiry in relation thereto was carried out prior to the issue of the licences?

B/426 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives –

Whether, in regard to the SME Equity Fund Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the amount of money invested therefrom in Babul and Sons Fishing Company Ltd., and related companies?

B/427 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to State land, he will state the current number of squatters thereof, indicating their respective locations and number thereof having been regularised or relocated since December 2019 to date?

B/428 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Social Inclusion Foundation, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of Non-Governmental Organisations registered therewith, category-wise, indicating the eligibility criteria for the allocation of funds therefrom?

B/429 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Society of Authors, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the quantum of royalties collected and number of members thereof to whom same have been redistributed in financial year 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, respectively and (b) state if his Ministry will consider granting financial assistance thereto to make up for the shortfall in royalty collection amid the Covid-19 pandemic?

B/430 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fishermen Bad Weather Allowance, he will state the quantum thereof paid and corresponding number of bad weather days between 01 March to 30 April 2021, indicating the number of fishermen concerned therewith?

B/431 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Carer's Allowance, she will state if consideration will be given for (a) a review of the procedures to benefit therefrom and (b) an increase in the quantum thereof and, if not, why not?

B/432 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the fishermen and skippers affected by the wreck of the Wakashio Vessel, he will state the number of applications received therefrom for the payment of compensation, indicating the number thereof which have been approved and number of cases in which funds have been disbursed?

B/433 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the passengers coming from India since the start of the 2021 lockdown, he will state the number thereof having been tested Covid-19 positive, indicating the number thereof who are currently in quarantine?

- B/434 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –
Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 vaccination campaign, he will state where matters stand as to the carrying out thereof?
- B/435 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –
Whether, in regard to Shelters/Residential Care Institutions, she will state the measures taken by her Ministry to ensure (a) the safety thereof (b) that they do not accommodate more children than allowed and (c) the proper administration thereof?
- B/436 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –
Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a Model Shelter at La Colombe, Pointe aux Sables, she will state where matters stand, indicating when same is expected to be operational?
- B/437 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –
Whether, in regard to children victims of abuse, he will state if it is the practice for the medical files of the parents thereof to be communicated to third parties and, if so, on what terms and conditions?
- B/438 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –
Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 16, Vacoas-Floréal, he will state if, following the recent floods which occurred thereat, immediate actions will be taken for the construction of drains at Upper La Marie Royal Road, in Malakoff, in Glen Park and Camp Belin, in Henrietta and, if so, indicate (a) the expected start and completion dates thereof and (b) if the Emergency Procurement Procedure will be resorted to therefor?

B/439 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to the Barkly Experiment Station, he will state the varieties and quantities of local vegetable seeds available thereat, indicating the respective selling prices thereof to the planters?

B/440 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 projects being implemented at Agalega, he will state (a) if same are exempt from the requirement of the Environment Impact Assessment licence and, if so, why and, if not, will the EIA reports be made public and, if not, why not (b) the actions (i) taken to mitigate the negative impacts thereof, if any, on the environment and (ii) that will be taken for the rehabilitation of the ecosystems thereat, if required and (c) who is carrying out environmental monitoring onsite?

B/441 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to flood prone areas in Vacoas and Floreal, he will, for the benefit of the house, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to if a survey has been carried out in relation thereto and, if so, indicate the (a) zones earmarked for drainage works and (b) expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/442 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 EIA licences for private development projects, he will state, since November 2019 to date, the number of applications therefor (a) disapproved and rejected and (b) requested to be submitted in respect of an undertaking to which a Preliminary Environmental Report relates?

B/443 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in view of the fact that Rodrigues Island has not registered any case of the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state if consideration is being given for immediate mass vaccination in Rodrigues island, with vaccines from the COVAX facility, so as to reach herd immunity prior to the resumption of normal activities?

B/444 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the recent permits obtained by the Food and Drug Administration for the inoculation of children aged 12 and above with the Pfizer BioNTech Covid vaccine, he will state if a program will be established in Mauritius for the vaccination of the children?

B/445 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)

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

Whether, in regard to the availability of a surplus of the Pfizer BioNTech Covid vaccine in the USA, he will state if representations have been made by Mauritius to obtain the required number of vaccines in the country from the said surplus stock?

B/446 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state the (a) number of vaccines received as donation, purchased and ordered since April 2021 to date, indicating in each case the country of origin and total cost incurred in relation thereto (b) strategy to reach herd immunity by July 2021 and (c) number of persons having received (i) only the first dose and (ii) both doses, as at to date?

B/447 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives –

Whether, in regard to SME Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the composition of the Board thereof and the name of the Chief Executive Officer thereof, indicating the remuneration and fringe benefits drawn in each case?

B/448 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to Résidence Sir Gaëtan Duval in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to if consideration will be given for the (a) re-asphalting of the roads thereat and (b) carrying out of drains works thereat and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/449 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the Casting of Roof Slabs Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the (a) eligibility criteria to benefit thereunder and (b) number of applications received since January 2019 to date, indicating the number thereof which have been approved?

B/450 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 new school calendar, she will state if consultations were held with all the stakeholders of the education sector prior to the implementation thereof and, if so, give details thereof?

B/451 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, he will state if he is in presence of representations from the residents of Terrasson, at Pointe aux Sables, in regard to sound pollution on the Martello Tower parking, at Pointe aux Sables, causing nuisances thereto and, if so, indicate the actions taken or that will be taken in relation thereto?

B/452 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Banyan Tree Bank (Mauritius) Ltd., he will state if an Action Plan/Task Force has been put in place to work on the refund of the capital to the tune of Rs 2.4 billion injected by members of the public therein and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/453 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

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

Whether, in regard to the forthcoming horse racing season, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to (a) the name of the importer of each horse therefor, indicating the purchase price thereof (b) if due diligence exercises have been carried out regarding the sources of funding thereof and (c) the name of stable under which the horses will be running?

B/454 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to horse racing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the actions taken to combat illegal betting in relation thereto, indicating if all bookmakers are connected to the central server of the Mauritius Revenue Authority and the penalty applicable for non-compliance therewith?

B/455 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the State-Owned Non-Bank Deposit Taking Institutions operating under the aegis of his Ministry, he will state if his Ministry is envisaging to convert one or more of them into banking institutions and, if so, give details thereof?

B/456 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state if his Ministry has issued a public statement and a circular to the effect that public officers will be allowed to work from home (WFH) and, if so, indicate the number of public officers currently working from home since beginning of April 2021 to date and table the list of public institutions currently applying WFH?

B/457 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the Agricultural Calamities Solidarity Scheme, he will state (a) the number of small planters identified district-wise for compensation thereunder through the assessment carried out by the Food Agricultural Research and Extension Institute and the Small Farmers Welfare Fund, following the recent torrential rainfalls (b) if additional funds will be allocated to the small planters to meet increases in production costs and (c) the quantum of unspent funds allocated under this item for financial year 2020-21, giving the reasons therefor?

B/458 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Ittoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Land Drainage Master Plan, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/459 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Ittoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the ICT sector, he will state the measures and initiatives being put in place to cope with future digitalization requirements of the country to the benefit of the citizens amid the Covid-19 pandemic?

B/460 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Ittoo)

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

Whether, in regard to flood prone areas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to the number thereof identified since the setting up thereof, indicating the number thereof having been removed from the said list on the recommendation of the Authority?

B/461 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the football playground project at Chamarel, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Black River District Council, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/462 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the tourism industry, he will state if any strategic plan is being prepared for the revival thereof amid the Covid-19 pandemic and, if so, give details thereof?

B/463 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives –

Whether, in regard to La Maison des Pêcheurs, located in Tamarin, which used to serve as a cooperative market for fishermen of the region, he will state the reasons why it is no longer operational?

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