MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given Requiring an Oral Answer Sitting of Tuesday 12 April 2022

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

B/213 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 Reports of the Public Accounts Committee, he will state if consideration will be given for the Standings Orders and Rules of the National Assembly to be amended to provide for the referral thereof to the Assembly for debate?

B/214 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 Mauritius Duty Free Paradise Co. Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of persons recruited thereat since January 2020 to date, indicating in each case the (a) post held and (b) salary drawn?

B/215 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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 yachts and other ships seized by the Independent Commission Against Corruption for and/or on suspicion of drug trafficking, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Commission Against Corruption, information as to the number thereof which having been released, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/216 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 the proposition for the introduction of a Freedom of Information Bill, he will state if he will reconsider his position not to proceed therewith?

B/217 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 Safe City Cameras, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof which are operational, indicating if he will consider increasing the number thereof?

B/218 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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 Ukraine, he will state if consideration will be given for the introduction of a Refugee Selective Scheme in Mauritius for nationals thereof seeking refuge from the war raging thereat?

B/219 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 overseas missions, he will state the number of ministerial delegations and Honourable Members having undertaken same since the reopening of the borders in October 2021, indicating in each case the (a) purpose and outcome thereof, if any, and (b) cost incurred?

B/220 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

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 dangerous drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the total amount of drugs seized since 01 January 2022 to date, indicating where matters stand as to the seizure of an estimated Rs 33 million of drugs on a boat at Le Morne on Thursday 31 March 2022?

B/221 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 persons having passed away through drowning, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof over the past two years?

B/222 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 death of late Mr S. K. at Moka, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto following the findings of the Magistrate of the District Court of Moka, indicating the number of statements recorded by the Central Crime Investigation Division, including if Mr Y. S. has been interrogated?

B/223 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 P. M., Senior Advisor attached to his Office, he will state, since October 2021 to date, the number of Boards of public bodies and/or State-owned companies on which he is serving, indicating in each case the (a) nomination date and (b) monthly remuneration drawn?

B/224 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 present Director General of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to the (a) qualifications held and (b) salary and fringe benefits being drawn?

B/225 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 electoral laws, he will state if he will consider appointing a consultative committee to look thereinto and make recommendations for the review of the (a) powers of the Electoral Commissioner and **Electoral** Commission (b) manner in which (i) members and Chairperson of the Electoral Supervisory Commission are appointed electors registration of carried are (c) guidelines of how the Electoral Boundary Commission should carry out its function?

B/226 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 Trou Fanfaron Fishing Port, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to (a) the number of fishing vessels that can be accommodated thereat and space available therefor (b) the number of abandoned fishing vessels located thereat, indicating the actions initiated and/or being envisaged for the removal thereof and (c) if the renovation thereof is being envisaged and, if so, indicate the estimated cost thereof?

B/227 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Anquetil)

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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if Ms M. J., Senior News Editor, has been suspended from duty and, if so, indicate the charges levelled against her?

B/228 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 new Police Uniforms, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the list of items contained in the packages thereof allocated to each Police Officer, indicating the cost per package and number of packages allocated per Police Officer?

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/229 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Climate Change Advisor hired under the Commonwealth Climate Finance Access Hub, he will state if the latter holds office on a permanent or contractual basis, indicating the (a) qualifications and experience held and (b) monthly pay packet thereof?

B/230 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to La Tour Koenig and Terasson, at Pointe aux Sables, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to if an assessment of the number of overflow of septic tanks has been undertaken, indicating if consideration will be given for the implementation of a sewerage project thereat?

B/231 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Ms Ramyad)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the water supply issues in the Bambous Virieux area, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to if solutions are being brought thereto and table the short and long term plans, respectively being envisaged to address the water supply in the region extending from Vieux Grand Port to Quatre Soeurs?

B/232 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 the projection made by the World Bank in its Systemic Country Diagnostic update on Mauritius to the effect that debt to Gross Domestic Product ratio will spike to over 120 percent by 2035, he will state the measures, if any, that will be taken in relation thereto?

B/233 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the axe SSRN Hospital Road, in Arsenal, to the Verdun-Terre Rouge/Port Louis Motorway, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if there is any project for the decongestion thereof under the Road Decongestion Programme?

B/234 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Report of the Director of Audit for financial year 2020-2021, he will state if he has taken stock of the content thereof and, if so, indicate if his Ministry will initiate inquiries wherever non-compliance with rules and regulations has been highlighted?

B/235 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Mayotte)

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

Whether, in regard to children in foster care, she will state the number thereof over the past five years?

B/236 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the National Energy policy, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board (CEB), information as to where matters stand as to the contracts signed between the CEB and the Independent Power Producers using coal and coal/bagasse as fuel, considering that coal is due to be phased out in Mauritius by 2030?

B/237 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to medical oxygen procured by his Ministry through annual tender exercises, he will state the monthly volume and unit price thereof agreed within the 2018-2020 and 2020-2022 contracts, respectively?

B/238 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 alleged dumping of expired drugs in garbage areas at the Mahmoodkhan Hyderkhan Mediclinic at Plaine Verte, on or about 29 March 2022, he will state if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, indicate the (a) reasons therefor (b) quantity and (c) value thereof?

B/239 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 Protection from Domestic Violence Act, she will state if consideration will be given for proposed amendments to be introduced thereto to ensure better prevention from and protection of victims of domestic violence and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/240 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the procurement of Molnupiravir tablets from September 2021 to date, he will state if Dr B. O., Director General of Health Services in his Ministry chaired any meeting for the approval thereof and, if so, indicate (a) when (b) the gist of the said decision and (c) if the latter has been interrogated by the relevant authorities following the statement given to the Police by the Principal Pharmacist of his Ministry and, if not, why not?

B/241 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Victoria Urban Terminal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) if provision has been made for lifts and ramps to allow access thereto for persons with physical disabilities and (b) the number of parking slots reserved for the disabled thereat?

B/242 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the administration of each of the different vaccines used, he will state the number of cases for each vaccine wherein side effects have been recorded and the treatment given as at to date?

B/243 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 positive Delta variant and Omnicron variant cases recorded in public and private medical institutions on a monthly basis since 01 October 2021 to date, indicating the number of the said patients having passed away after having contracted same and (b) if sequential studies are being carried out on every positive case admitted in public or private hospital with a view to identifying current or emerging new subtypes?

B/244 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 flooding at Morcellement Ramlugon in Vallée des Prêtres, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to if through the Digital Elevated Model (DEM), it has been ascertained that there has been tampering along Latanier River and, if so, indicate the locations where same have occurred?

B/245 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 students having visual and hearing impairment, she will (a) state if a survey has been carried out to assess the number thereof and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Institute of Education, information as to if teachers and lecturers trained thereat are equally trained in sign language and braille to be able to use same for teaching in primary, secondary and tertiary institutions?

B/246 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether, in regard to the women entrepreneurs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., information as to the number of applications received therefrom to benefit from loans at a concessional rate of 0.5 percent per annum, as announced in the 2020-2021 Budget Speech, indicating the quantum of funds disbursed as at to date sector-wise?

B/247 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of 12,000 housing units by the New Social Living Development Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the company, information as to the number of housing units delivered as at to date?

B/248 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Molnupiravir tablets, he will state the (a) number of patients treated therewith since 01 January 2022 to date and (b) current stock thereof?

B/249 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the undertaking given by Government to sugarcane planters to purchase electricity generated from bagasse at no less than Rs 3.50 kWh, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if the Board agrees to the implementation thereof?

B/250 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Mr Nuckcheddy)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a swimming pool at Camp Garreau in Central Flacq, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/251 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rs 872 million provided to address the issue of high-risk flood prone areas in Baie du Tombeau, Pointe aux Piments, Terre Rouge and Pamplemousses, in line with paragraph 40(e) of the Budget Speech 2021-2022, he will state the quantum thereof disbursed as at to-date, indicating the works progress achieved in relation to each project implemented thereunder?

B/252 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the incinerator at Vallée des Prêtres, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to the date of coming into operation thereof?

B/253 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the creation of new endemic forests and parks, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof completed as at to date, indicating the number of endemic trees that have been planted island-wide, since July 2021 to date?

B/254 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Mayotte)

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

Whether, in regard to the employment of foreign workers, he will state the number thereof recorded compared to the local workforce over the period 2020-2022?

B/255 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Wholesale Market, he will state when same will be operational?

B/256 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 Pilgrimage 2022, he will state (a) if the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has implemented new regulations applicable to local hajj operators and (b) the flight arrangements being considered?

B/257 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 proposed development of a National e-Learning Platform, she will state where matters stand?

B/258 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Ms Ramyad)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state the number of vaccines purchased as at to date having reached expiry date before usage, indicating the manner in which same have been disposed of and if there is any established protocol for disposal of vaccines?

B/259 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Mr Nuckcheddy)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the uncompleted pipe laying works by Best Construct in the region of Bon Accueil, Belvedère, Brisée Verdière, La Tapie, Laventure, amongst others, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand, indicating the expected completion dates thereof?

B/260 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

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

Whether, in regard to tourism promotion and destination marketing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, information as to (a) the quantum of funds spent in respect thereof since June 2021 to date (b) the target markets, including the quantum of funds spent on each and (c) where relevant, to whom contracts were awarded, indicating the fees paid and duration of contract?

B/261 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 asian languages, she will state the policies of her Ministry on the teaching and learning thereof in State and Private Grant Aided Secondary Schools?

B/262 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to banned hazardous pesticides, he will state, since 2018 to date, the number of controls effected in relation to the use thereof, indicating the (a) number of contraventions booked (b) quantity thereof seized and (c) estimated quantity thereof that illegally entered the local market?

B/263 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Luchmun Roy)

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

Whether, in regard to the public beaches, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation of projects earmarked for the easing of access thereto of persons with disabillities?

B/264 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to dangerous drugs, he will state the additional measures taken by his Ministry for the control thereof in the wake of the recommendations of the latest Commission of inquiry on Drugs?

B/265 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 International Women Entrepreneurs Show mission in Dubai held in October 2021, she will state the (a) composition of the delegation of her Ministry which attended same and (b) outcome of the mission?

B/266 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Mayotte)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to medical cannabis, he will state where matters stand as to the consideration for the use thereof in Mauritius?

B/267 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 Medical Negligence Standing Committee, he will state the number of cases reported thereto since June 2020 to date, indicating (a) the number thereof referred for Police inquiry or further inquiry and (b) the number of cases in which disciplinary actions have been taken?

B/268The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to obese and overweight children, he will state the percentages thereof in Mauritius since the year 2014 to date, indicating (a) the percentages thereof suffering from diabetes, and (b) if consideration will be given for the banning of advertising of high fat, salt or sugar (HFSS) food or drink products directed towards children?

The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière B/269(Mr Quirin)

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

> Whether, in regard to the Judo discipline, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Judo Federation, information as to where matters stand pertaining to the request for recognition from 18 Judo clubs since 2019, indicating the actions taken by his Ministry to facilitate the affiliation process with the Mauritius Judo Federation and, if not, why not?

B/270The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

> To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development -

> Whether, in regard to the renovation works of Cavendish Bridge at Ville Noir, Mahebourg, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the (a) nature of the works carried out and (b) contract value thereof?

B/271The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Doolub)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the renovation of the Mahebourg Hospital, he will state where matters stand?

B/272 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to tourist arrivals, he will state the number thereof since 01 January 2022 to date, indicating the number thereof having been COVID-19 positive tested and the number thereof having been admitted to the ENT Hospital?

B/273 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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 (a) the repairs, renovation and upgrading works carried out thereat since 01 July 2021 to date, indicating the cost thereof and (b) if it has generated its own revenue as at to date and, if so, indicate the quantum thereof and, if not, why not?

B/274 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard the foster care programme, she will give details thereof, indicating the (a) outcome thereof and (b) number of children placed in foster care since 2017 to date?

B/275 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of 16 incinerators island-wide, as announced in the Budget Speech 2019/2021, he will state where matters stand?

B/276 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 SAMU, he will state (a) the number of doctors currently serving same, indicating the capacity in which they are currently employed and (b) plan, if any, to increase the staffing and logistics thereof in the light of the demands for emergency services?

B/277 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 the drains project in Morcellement Domah, 16ème Mille, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Grand Port, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/278 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard land, he will state the number of acres converted over the past twenty residential/commercial purposes, indicating (a) the mitigating measures taken to protect the middle-class group from being priced out of the market and (b) if consideration will be given for the introduction of a revised National Development Strategy to ensure that the use thereof in the country is determined by needs strategic national instead of purely considerations?

B/279 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to COVID-19 vaccines, he will state (a) in each case, the quantity thereof in stock, indicating (i) the maximum shelf life at the temperatures currently stored and (ii) how temperature requirements are ensured and (b) how the cold chain is maintained during the transportation thereof?

B/280 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to Corporate Social Responsibility, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Social Inclusion Foundation, information as to the quantum of funds received as contributions and disbursed, respectively as at 30 June 2021?

B/281 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed allocation of 500 fishermen cards and the implementation of a retirement scheme for fishers, he will state where matters stand?

B/282 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 the actual location of the Market Fair of Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas Phoenix, information as to (a) the cost incurred for the relocation of stalls due to the Metro Express Project (b) when renovation works were carried out thereat and the costs thereof and (c) the immediate measures taken for the market users and stall occupiers to operate in an environment conducive to proper health, safety and sanitary requirements?

B/283 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 La Cigogne and La Marguerite Shelters managed by the Children's Foundation, she will state the actions taken, if any, by her Ministry for non-submission of the respective accounts thereof?

B/284 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Yeung Sik Yuen)

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

Whether, in regard to the transfer of tenancy for planters over 60 years old, he will state if his Ministry is envisaging a change of policy and, if so, give details thereof and indicate if he is in presence of representations from planters in relation thereto?

B/285 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to the torrential rainfalls in the region of Plaine Magnien, from 01 to 03 April 2022 and subsequent flooding, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to the reasons therefor, indicating the remedial measures being envisaged?

B/286 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 Solar Water Heater Grant Scheme, he will state if the implementation thereof has achieved the target set in terms of the Long-Term Energy Strategy Action Plan and, if not, why not?

B/287 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 quarantines, he will state, since March 2021 to date, the facilities used therefor, indicating in each case, the (a) number of persons residing thereat on behalf of his Ministry (b) charges claimed per day per person and (c) total quantum of funds disbursed as at to date?

B/288 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the ecological survey carried out at eight sites in Agalega Island in March 2021, he will state (a) who carried out same (b) if a tender exercise was carried out therefor and (c) if the outcome thereof will be made public, and if not, why not?

B/289 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 Kreol Morisien, she will state the number of teachers available for the teaching thereof in primary schools, indicating (a) the number of in-service General Purpose Educators seconded for duty therefor since 2012 to date, indicating the conditions of employment thereof (b) the number of Educators therefor recruited since 2013 to date, indicating the conditions of employment thereof and (c) if consideration will be given for the granting of the status of Kreol Morisien Educator to the General Purpose Educators seconded for duty therefor since 2012 to date and, if not, why not?

B/290 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to water supply, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the possibility thereof on a 24/7 basis following the recent heavy rainfalls and the fact that most of our reservoirs are in full capacity?

B/291 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Mr Nuckcheddy)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of drains, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to the measures, if any, being proposed in cases where (a) wayleaves are being denied by private owners and (b) owners are not being identified in respect thereof?

B/292 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the (a) salary, allocations and other fringe benefits drawn and (b) overseas missions attended since his appointment, indicating the cost thereof, including air tickets and *per diem* allowances?

B/293 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the report of the World Bank on 'Mauritius-Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) update' dated January 2022, he will state if he has taken cognizance of the conclusions thereof, indicating the remedial measures he proposes to take in relation thereto?

B/294 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 football, he will (a) state if his Ministry has been officially informed by the Mauritius Football Association (MFA) that the 2021-22 season has been cancelled and, if so, give details thereof and (b) obtain from the MFA, information as to when all national leagues, including the women league, for 2022-23 season will start, indicating the terms and conditions thereof?

B/295 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the on-going construction of industrial parks for small and medium enterprises at Plaine Magnien, allegedly responsible for the flooding of several houses on Sunday 03 April 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the local authorities concerned therewith, information as to if the said project was issued will all required permits and clearances, including from the Land Drainage Authority?

B/296 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Central Electricity Board (CEB), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the surplus accruing from the operations thereof and the reserves and accumulated surpluses for each financial year since 2015 to date, indicating (a) how same have been utilized and (b) the contributions to the Consolidated Fund and investment in CEB-owned private companies yearly since financial year 2015 to date?

B/297 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 Recertification of Beneficiaries on the Social Register of Mauritius, she will state the total number of beneficiaries/households for the year 2022, indicating the number thereof (a) having signed their social contract as at to date, indicating the duration and terms and conditions thereof and (b) whose social contract (i) are pending, giving reasons therefor and (ii) have been cancelled?

B/298 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to medical wastes, he will state the current collection policy thereof in the hospitals, medi-clinics and healthcare centres, indicating the (a) number of medical incineration units presently being utilised therefor and (b) if the implementation of a new policy therefor is being considered and, if so, give details thereof?

B/299 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to the consumer goods in respect of which, Government provided a subsidy of Rs 500 million, he will state if consideration will be given for the said products to be further subsidised after June 2022?

B/300 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 tenders, he will state the measures put in place for the strict compliance of directives, issued by the Procurement Policy Office, by public bodies?

B/301 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 10-year Master Plan for the small and medium enterprise sector, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from SME Mauritius Ltd., information as to the quantum of funds budgeted for each financial year since 2017/2018 to 2021/2022 in relation to each scheme implemented thereunder, indicating the quantum thereof disbursed and number of small and medium enterprises having benefitted thereunder?

B/302The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

> Whether, in regard to the construction of the building by SME Ltd in Plaine Magnien, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Grand Port (a) information as to if (i) a building and land use permit was obtained therefor and if the constructions are being carried out as per approved plan and (ii) the building site is found in or near marshy land and, if so, has an Environment Impact Assessment been obtained prior thereto (b) if an inquiry has been carried out to assess the incidence thereof, if any, on the recent flooding in the locality and (c) table all documents and clearances pertaining thereto?

B/303 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Doolub)

> To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development -

> Whether, in regard to the implementation of Phase 1 of the Flood Mitigation Project in Mare Tabac, he will state the (a) reasons for the delay for the completion thereof over the period April to December 2021 and (b) cost thereof?

The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port B/304Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

> To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development -

> Whether, in regard to the roundabouts on motorways and classified roads, he will state if Traffic Impact Assessments are carried out thereat, indicating if consideration will be given for a review of the layout thereof to enhance security thereat?

B/305 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 each of the Special and Extra Budgetary Fund, he will state (a) the current balance thereof and (b) for the period 01 July 2021 to date, the amount (i) received therein and (ii) paid therefrom, identifying the purpose for each payment?

B/306 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 setting up of an industrial estate at Solferino, as announced in the last Budget Speech, he will state where matters stand?

B/307 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the local authorities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the quantum of funds allocated to each one from the Consolidated Fund, the COVID-19 Fund and the National Environment and Climate Change Fund, respectively, since July 2021 to date, indicating how each local authority spent same?

B/308 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the graduates, he will state the present number thereof being (a) unemployed and (b) underemployed?

B/309 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 the drains project in Cité St Luc and at the National Housing Development Company Les Jasmins in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/310 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

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

Whether, in regard to pleasure craft owners and skippers affected by the MV Wakashio Oil Spill, he will state if allowances have been granted thereto for loss of business during the period of interdiction to venture into the south east sea and, if so, indicate the quantum therefor?

B/311 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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 relocation of our mission in Kuala Lumpur as reported in the Report 2020-2021 of the Director of Audit, he will state if the relevant parent Ministry had authorised same and, if not, indicate (a) under whose authority same was effected (b) if the High Commissioner had issued a letter to the Malaysian authorities stating that the Government of Mauritius had authorised same and (c) if consideration will be given for the High Commissioner to be requested to step down pending the initiation and conclusion of an inquiry thereinto?

B/312 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to the incident which occurred in October 2020 whereby fruits and vegetables were damaged through the wrong setting of the refrigerated container by the Mauritius Shipping Corporation (MSC) Ltd. and Velogic, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the MSC Ltd., information as to the reasons why Ideal food Trading, in Rodrigues, has not yet been refunded the value of the damages caused?

B/313 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

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

Whether, in regard to the deal with the Liverpool Football Club for the promotion of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, information as to (a) the quantum disbursed as at date, indicating the amount, if any, that has yet to be paid (b) the benefits derived therefrom, if any, and (c) if the contract will be renewed or renegotiated?

B/314 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the upgrading of Pointe aux Sables Road (B31), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the (a) name of the contractors therefor (b) scope of works (c) total cost and (d) works schedule thereof?

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