

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 18 October 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/992 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 the Exclusive Economic Zone of Mauritius, he will state if concessions have been granted for petroleum exploration thereat and, if so, indicate the locations, extent and companies involved therein?

B/993 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 D. B., Senior Adviser attached to his Office, he will state the (a) terms and conditions of appointment thereof, indicating the total monthly pay packet including allowances and amount payable as ex-gratia bonus and (b) number of boards and public-owned companies on which the latter serves either as member or chairperson, indicating the fees and other benefits drawn, if any, in respect thereof?

B/994 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 drug-related offences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiries initiated into the reported cases thereof since 2014 to date and in the cases mentioned in the Lam Shang Leen Report on drugs, indicating the number of Mauritian nationals arrested in connection therewith?

B/995 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 seizure of 100 kilos of cannabis on 03 October 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/996 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 raid carried out at the residence of Mrs D. M. in the evening of 19 August 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, the Commissioner of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority and the Data Protection Commissioner, respectively, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiries initiated into the (a) leak of the video images taken by the Police of the inside of the residence and (b) access and subsequent leak of an intimate video images found on a phone seized by the Police in the course thereof?

B/997 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 the Marine Areas beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ), he will state if Mauritius has clarified its position in relation thereto, indicating who, if any, attended the UN Meeting on ABNJ held in New York, from 15 to 26 August 2022?

B/998 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 drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the quantity thereof seized since January 2022 to date?

B/999 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 undertaken by Honourable Ministers and Honourable Members of Parliament, he will state the cost incurred in relation thereto, including cost of air tickets and per diem allowances, since July 2021 to date?

B/1000 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 Mauritius Police Force, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of Officers thereof currently under suspension for suspected involvement in drug-related cases, money laundering or other criminal offences and (b) state if he proposes to come with an in-depth reform thereof?

B/1001 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 sexual assaults on women, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof over the past five years, indicating the number thereof (a) prosecuted and (b) in which convictions have been secured?

B/1002 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 as at to date?

B/1003 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 casualty at sea of the Sir Gaëtan tug, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to the actions, if any, taken following the submission of the Report of the Court of Investigations in relation thereto?

B/1004 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the alleged sabotage of the Champ de Mars racecourse on 01 October 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereto, indicating, as at to date and in connection therewith, the number of persons (a) arrested and if they are still in custody or released and (b) interrogated, indicating the professional status thereof?

B/1005 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 new psychoactive substances and synthetic drugs, he will state if a comprehensive study has been conducted to assess the consumption and illicit trafficking trends thereof in Mauritius and, if so, give details of the findings and recommendations thereof?

B/1006 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 suicide, he will state if a study on the reported cases thereof over the recent past years in Mauritius has been conducted with a view to finding the causes thereof and address same and, if so, give details of the findings and recommendations thereof?

B/1007 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 alleged sabotage of the race track of the Champs de Mars on the eve of the Maiden Cup, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the (a) Commissioner of Police, information as to when same was reported thereto and police inquiry initiated, indicating the number of persons arrested in connection therewith, if any, as at to date and (b) Côte d'Or International Race Course and Entertainment Complex, information as to the measures being envisaged to improve the security of horses, jockeys and the public attending the race courses?

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/1008 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to Mr A. S. and his related entities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, information as to if inquiries have been conducted into the circumstances in which licences were issued thereto in each case and, if so, indicate, the outcome thereof and subsequent actions taken, if any, as at to date?

B/1009 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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 (a) where matters stand as to the proposed provision thereof on a 24/7 basis to the entire population and (b) the measures being taken to address the forthcoming drought season?

B/1010 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the Grand-Baie Sewerage Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/1011 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

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

Whether, in regard to the existing bilateral fishing agreements between Mauritius and the Seychelles, he will state when were same signed, indicating if new reciprocal fishing agreements are being envisaged?

B/1012 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 second booster dose of COVID-19 vaccines, he will state the number of (a) doses of COVID-19 vaccines available per brand, indicating the expiry date thereof as at to date and (b) persons administered with Pfizer vaccines?

B/1013 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

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

Whether, in regard to the road collapse on the main road at the level of the terminus at Lallman Street, in Upper Crève Coeur, he will state the remedial measures being envisaged?

B/1014 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Credit Facility Agreement of 300 million Euros contracted with the Agence Française de Développement signed on 27 July 2020 for the reduction and management of sanitary and natural disasters in Mauritius, he will state the quantum thereof disbursed as at to date, giving details thereof?

B/1015 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

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 traffic congestions occurring along St Paul Avenue and proceeding towards the centre of Vacoas and from all other classified roads and lanes converging towards Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit, information as to if a study has been conducted to assess the impact of the operation of the metro express proceeding from Phoenix to Curepipe thereat and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/1016 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to the official mission undertaken Mr Y. S. in 2019 to Rodrigues concerning the calculation of Gross Domestic Product of Rodrigues, he will state the work progress thereof and the way forward?

B/1017 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the region of La Pointe at Pointe aux Sables, he will state if a survey has been carried out to determine the number of bus stops required from the old Traffic Centre to the new Traffic Centre, indicating if consideration will be given for the installation of bus shelters thereat?

B/1018 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to scrap metals, he will state the names of the companies holding permits to deal therewith?

B/1019 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the UN World Food Programme, he will state if Mauritius is a member of the Executive Board thereof and, if so, indicate if he attended the Executive Board Bureau Meeting of June 2022 in Rome and, if so, give a breakdown of the cost of the mission?

B/1020 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 vegetables, he will state the reasons for the gap in the wholesale and retail prices thereof island-wide, indicating the (a) plan of action, if any, being envisaged to address same and, if so, give details thereof and the timeline for implementation and (b) recent steps, if any, taken to ensure the opening of the Wholesale Market at Wooton?

B/1021 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –
Whether, in regard to our Embassy in London, he will state if the Government of Mauritius owns an official residence for use by the High Commissioner thereof and, if so, indicate if same is being occupied by the present High Commissioner and, if not, why not, and is alternatively renting another residential premise for the High Commissioner and, if so (a) since when and (b) the quantum of rent payable therefor?

B/1022 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)
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 extension of the Metro Express Project from Rose-Hill to Réduit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Metro Express Limited, information as to the quantum of funds disbursed as at date, indicating (a) the estimated final cost thereof (b) expected completion date thereof and (c) if the extension thereof to the region of Côte d'Or is being envisaged?

B/1023 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)
To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –
Whether, in regard to the Special Education Needs Authority, she will state the reasons why it was not informed of the recruitment of Mr I. S., Speech Therapist, who is being accused of sexual abuse on several children in a specialized school?

B/1024 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Mayotte**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –
Whether, in regard to the Waste Water Drainage Project at CHA Chamarel, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/1025 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Non-communicable Diseases Survey 2021, he will state the findings thereof, indicating the communication campaign envisaged to address the issue of non-communicable diseases in Mauritius?

B/1026 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 Monkeypox, he will state the (a) medical protocol put in place against same, indicating sanitary measures put in place to combat same at the port and airports of Mauritius and (b) details pertaining to the acquisition of vaccines against same?

B/1027 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the stalls at the Victoria Urban Terminal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the City Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to (a) the number thereof currently unoccupied and (b) if consideration will be given for the reduction of the fees payable for the occupation thereof?

B/1028 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 Rs 2 levy on the price of petroleum products for the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines, he will state (a) the quantum of funds collected in terms thereof since January 2022 to date and (b) if consideration will be given for the removal of the said levy?

B/1029 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 2022 Census of Population and Housing Exercise, he will give details of the (a) tablets acquired therefor, indicating the name of the supplier/s thereof and amount of funds disbursed therefor and (b) number of public officers who worked therefor, indicating the quantum of funds disbursed in terms thereof?

B/1030 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 COVID-19 virus, he will state the number and type of vaccines acquired by his Ministry since 01 January 2022 to date, indicating the (a) number thereof in stock, indicating the brand name, date of purchase and total cost thereof and (b) number of vaccines having expired, indicating the total value and method of disposal thereof?

B/1031 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to HIV/AIDS, he will state (a) the number of persons living therewith as at date in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues, respectively, indicating the number (i) thereof being treated in regional hospitals and health centers, respectively, and the protocol applicable and (ii) of medical staff trained to work with positive HIV/AIDS persons and (b) if his Ministry has any policy regarding “la prise en charge” of HIV/AIDS positive persons and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1032 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Maubank and the National Insurance Company, he will state if steps have been initiated for the sale thereof and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1033 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 death of basketball player K. V. at the Phoenix Gymnasium during a Super League match organized by the Mauritius Basket-Ball Federation on 06 September 2022, he will state if an inquiry has been initiated by his Ministry thereinto and, if so, indicate where matters stand and, if not, why not?

B/1034 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the composition of the Board thereof, indicating the respective experiences and competencies of the Board Members?

B/1035 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 foreign currency notes, he will state if he has been informed of forecasted shortages thereof and, if so, indicate the (a) reasons therefor and (b) measures being envisaged to ensure adequate supply thereof on the market?

B/1036 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 Cap Malheureux Shelter, also known as L'Oiseau du Paradis, she will state the purpose of the installation of CCTV cameras in the resting room of the female caregivers?

B/1037 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 the proposed introduction of an Adoption Bill in the Assembly, he will state where matters stand?

B/1038 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 vaccines, he will state the number thereof which have (a) been donated by Mauritius to other countries and (b) expired, respectively, indicating in each case the (i) brand and (ii) cost incurred for the acquisition thereof?

B/1039 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 recommendations contained in the last report of the Ombudsperson for Children Office, she will state the measures taken or that will be taken for the implementation thereof?

B/1040 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to Mogas and Gas Oil, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if a reduction in the selling prices thereof is being envisaged and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/1041 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 vaccines, he will state the number thereof (a) presently available in stock, indicating their respective expiry dates and (b) forecasted to be purchased, indicating the expected delivery dates thereof?

B/1042 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the importation of oil, milk and other basic commodities under the brand name of Smatch, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, details of the criteria used for the selection of the distributors and table the list thereof?

B/1043 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Woochit**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to drinking water, he will state if Government is aware of shortages thereof faced by the northerners on several occasions due to breakdown of irrigation water pipes and, if so, will he, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the actions taken, if any, to provide clean drinking water to these people during water supply interruptions?

B/1044 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 the COVID-19 virus, he will state the number of deaths attributable thereto in Mauritius over the period March 2020 to 01 October 2022?

B/1045 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 construction of the Vacoas Urban Terminal, he will state the expected start and completion dates thereof, indicating the (a) name of the consortium that has been awarded the contract and (b) project value thereof?

B/1046 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 verbal or physical assault on healthcare staff in public healthcare institutions, he will state the (a) number of reported cases thereof to his Ministry over the past three years and (b) policy of his Ministry in relation thereto?

B/1047 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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 from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to the number of stalls thereat allocated as at to date, excluding for food and beverages, indicating the (a) number of (i) hawkers having since cancelled their respective agreement (ii) stalls allocated to hawkers duly registered with the Council since May 2022 and (b) surface area per stall?

B/1048 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 questionnaires of Urdu and Tamil languages set for the Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) 2022, she will state if she has been made aware that the level thereof do not correspond to the study programmes?

B/1049 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Road Map 2021-2024 for Improving Water Supply Service, particularly in Water-Stressed Regions, during the dry seasons, he will state the (a) objectives thereof (b) total number of recommended projects and the corresponding project values thereof and (c) implementation status thereof, including the amount of money spent as at to date?

B/1050 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 medical examination to be undergone by registered artisanal fishers to ascertain their fitness to go at sea, he will state the number of fishers having been examined since July 2021 to date, indicating the number thereof found to be medically unfit to work at sea and having surrendered their fisher cards against compensation?

B/1051 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

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 traffic congestion occurring in the centre of Vacoas, especially, from the Vacoas Police Station straight to the Savoy Cinema and from La Caverne to the Vacoas CEB Office, he will state the measures that the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit proposes to take for the reduction thereof?

B/1052 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the renewal of fisherman card for those fishermen having reached the age of 60, he will state if there has been any change in government policy in relation thereto and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1053 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 new condition attached to the artisanal fisher card whereby a registered fisher shall be paid bad weather allowance based on attendance at the respective Fisheries Post to clean the assigned Fish Landing Station/shoreline/beach in the locality, he will state the rationale thereof?

B/1054 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 field of Anaesthesia/Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Paediatrics in each regional hospital, he will state the number of (a) accredited specialists employed thereat as at to date (b) specialists requested per specialty in each regional hospital to ensure smooth and effective onsite 24/7 coverage and (c) specialist degree holders in these specialties who were working as Medical Officers having been upgraded to work as specialist since the introduction of 24 hour onsite cover?

B/1055 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Central Electricity Board Request for Information on the Supply of Electricity through Barge-mounted LNG Power Plant Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to (a) if the said project will replace or complement the existing generation assets of the CEB (b) the implementation status thereof and (c) the total cost of electricity generation per Kilowatt hour for CEB, including capacity charge and the cost of fuel (LNG)?

B/1056 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to bottom trawling, he state if his Ministry is currently negotiating with foreign countries for the issuance of licences therefor within our territorial waters?

B/1057 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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/Horse Racing Division (GRA-HRD), information as to if sanctions and suspensions taken by the board of the Racing Stewards of the HRD against jockeys in action for the racing season 2022 are applicable by foreign racing authorities and, if so, give the list of jockeys suspended since the beginning of the 2022 Season?

B/1058 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

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

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the second phase of the flood mitigation project at Cité Roma in Riche Terre, he will state where matters stand?

B/1059 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 proposed construction of a Foot Five at Residence Kennedy, he will state where matters stand?

B/1060 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Statistics Mauritius and Statistics Rodrigues on the collaborative work to determine the real fiscal contribution of the Rodrigues Island in the economy of the Republic of Mauritius, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/1061 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to Meta accounts in Mauritius, he will state, since January 2020 to date, the number thereof having been hacked, indicating the (a) number of reported cases thereof to MAUCORS and (b) average response time to sort out or pull down the hacked accounts?

B/1062 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to petroleum products, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the name of the supplier/s thereof for period 2020–2022, indicating in each case the (a) prices paid (b) procurement procedures followed and (c) quantities thereof ordered per supplier?

B/1063 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Mayotte**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Basic Invalidity Pensions, she will state the number of applications received for the granting thereof since July 2021 to date, including the number thereof received from persons suffering from physical and/or mental disabilities, indicating the number thereof benefiting thereunder?

B/1064 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 household waste water collection island-wide, he will state the steps taken to support local authorities in terms of equipment and additional labour to start segregation thereof, indicating when same will be implemented?

B/1065 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 recent remarks made by the United Nations Special Rapporteur, Mrs Mama Fatima Singhaté, on the sale and trafficking of children in Mauritius, during her visit in June 2022, she will state the actions taken or being envisaged in relation thereto?

B/1066 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 the Metro Express, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the measures being taken to encourage ridership from passengers who normally travel by car thereby reducing traffic congestion rather than depending on commuters who used to travel by buses before?

B/1067 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 oil spill that occurred in 2020, he will state when and where sediment samples were last taken for analysis, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/1068 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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 taxi stands at La Louise and central Quatre Bornes, respectively, he will state if the relocation thereof is being envisaged and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1069 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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 from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to the (a) number of stalls (i) available (ii) allocated and (iii) operational and (b) total amount of money (i) paid and (ii) outstanding as at to date, to the Victoria Urban Terminal Ltd. in terms of rent?

B/1070 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 persons living with disabilities, she will state the number of applications rejected by the Medical Board for failing to meet the 60 per cent disability requirement since January 2021 to date, indicating if the CSG Disability Allowance for persons living with 40 to 59 per cent disability, as announced in the Budget Speech 2022-23, has been introduced and, if so, indicate the (a) number of persons currently benefitting therefrom and since when (b) conditions attached thereto and (c) total quantum of funds disbursed per person and, if not, why not?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
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A/11 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the amount of foreign currency included in our Gross Official International Reserves, he will state if this amount includes Foreign Currency Accounts held by (a) Mauritians, including (i) individuals (ii) importers and (iii) exporters (b) Non-residents (c) offshore companies (d) loans received by Government and (e) others and, if so, give a breakdown thereof?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
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