

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 15 November 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/1071 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 mother of Baby S. who was arrested and detained in Police Cell, on or about 07 November 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the charges levelled against her?

B/1072 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 air traffic rights, he will state the airline companies having applied therefor prior and post the COVID-19 pandemic, indicating in each case, the country of origin of the airline company and the outcome thereof?

B/1073 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 the Municipal Council Elections, he will state when same will be held?

B/1074 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 thereinto, 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/1075 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

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 late Mr S.K., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the report of the autopsy thereof performed by one Police Medical Officer is being challenged?

B/1076 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 arrest of Mr A. B. on 19 August 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons therefor and where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/1077 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

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 arrest of Mr A. B. on 19 August 2022 in relation to a case of alleged drug trafficking, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons therefor and where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/1078 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, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if there are reported cases of leading politicians, businessmen and journalists whose emails have been hacked and, if so, if inquiries have been initiated thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/1079 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to Bangladeshi nationals, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the number thereof, both male and female respectively (a) holding work permits (b) married to Mauritian nationals (b) facing deportation orders (d) deported over the past year and (e) on the run and wanted by the Passport and Immigration Office?

B/1080 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 Mauritius passport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the number of copies thereof presently available, indicating the measures taken to avoid shortages and delays in the issuance thereof?

B/1081 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 inquiries initiated into the acquisition of properties by his good self on Angus Road, in Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Commission against Corruption, information as to where matters stand?

B/1082 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 alleged fictitious employment by Hon Y. S. of Mrs S. K. as Constituency Clerk, 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/1083 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Ittoo**)

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 involvement of one Mr N. R. É. F. in a fatal accident on the New Trunk Road of Montebello, Pailles, in November 2015, 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/1084 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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 involvement of Mr R. D. in a fatal accident on the New Link Road at Labourdonais (Forbach) in September 2015, 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/1085 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 arrest of one Mr J.B. on 29 April 2020 for allegedly being in possession of drugs worth 1.3 million rupees, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the date on which the suspected substance was sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory, indicating the findings thereof and the date on which the report was submitted thereto?

B/1086 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 Ms 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/1087 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 Police Officers against whom a finding of having acted in an inhumane and degrading manner for having foot-cuffed Mr N. D. to his hospital bed, made in the judgment delivered by the Supreme Court in the case of N. D. V The State of Mauritius, he will, for, the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the actions taken, if any, against the said Police Officers?

B/1088 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 Chagos Archipelago, he will state if Government would consider proposing a United Nations General Assembly resolution for the setting up of a Marine Protected Area around same and, if so, when?

B/1089 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 reported case of cyber-theft, cyber-extortion, use of fake profile and cyberstalking in Rodrigues on or about 10 September 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, the Information and Communication Technologies Authority and the Cybercrime Unit, respectively, information as to the outcome of the inquiries initiated thereinto, indicating in connection therewith, the number of persons, if any (a) arrested (b) prosecuted and (c) convicted?

B/1090 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 Mr R. K., former Assistant Superintendent of Police, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons for his retirement from the Mauritius Police Force in the public interest?

B/1091 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

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 inquiry initiated in the alleged involvement of Mr J. H. T. H. in a fatal accident on the New Trunk Road at Bois Marchand, Terre Rouge, in April 2016, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

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/1092 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the shipment of cargo to Rodrigues and Agalega Islands, he will state the measures taken, if any, to avoid shortages of basic commodities thereat given that only the MV Mauritius Trochetia is operational?

B/1093 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of amendments to the Protection from Domestic Violence Act, she will state where matters stand?

B/1094 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the National Gender Policy 2022-2030 launched on 08 March 2022 by the Honourable Prime Minister, she will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/1095 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Nanosatellite Project of the Mauritius Research and Innovation Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) total project cost as at to date, giving a breakdown thereof and (b) status report thereof?

B/1096 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to renal transplant, he will state the progress made for organ and tissue donation after death for transplant in mainland Mauritius?

B/1097 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Data Protection Office, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the established procedures and timeframe for the resolution of complaints received thereat, indicating the number of complaints received since January 2021 to date and the number thereof resolved?

B/1098 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to cultural property, he will, for the benefit of the House, table copy of the (a) evaluation report to be submitted by Mauritius in relation to the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and (b) periodic report to be submitted by Mauritius on the Convention on the fight against the illicit trafficking on cultural property?

B/1099 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mahebourg Waterfront, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Grand-Port District Council, information as to if consideration will be given for a complete renovation thereof and, if so, give details thereof, including the estimated project cost and the expected start and completion dates thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1100 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 methadone distribution, he will state the (a) number of patients in receipt thereof, indicating the eligibility criteria therefor (b) location of the sites therefor and (c) safety measures taken in relation thereto?

B/1101 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 recent increases in the key repo rate by the Bank of Mauritius, he will state the expected impact thereof on (a) public debt repayment (b) household debt and (c) economic growth?

B/1102 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/1103 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, he will state if affiliation therewith implies that all the rules and regulation imposed by the Organisation on the member countries thereof will equally apply to Mauritius?

B/1104 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 supply of oil, milk and other basic commodities imported under the name of Smatch, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the criteria used for the selection of the distributors and table the list thereof?

B/1105 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 and rehabilitation of drains under the National Flood Management Programme earmarked for financial years 2021-2022 to 2023-2024 within the township of Vacoas 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, indicating the number of projects completed since November 2021 to date and the costs thereof?

B/1106 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 energy production, he will (a) state the shortfall therein attributed to the closure of Terragen Ltd. Since March to 31 October 2022 and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the measures taken by the Central Electricity Board to compensate the shortfall therein?

B/1107 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?

B/1108 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether he will state if Mauritius has joined the United Kingdom in the great net zero carbon campaign which is being flagged and canvassed at the Sharm-el-Sheikh COP-27 Climate Conference currently being held in Egypt?

B/1109 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 the Mauritius Nanosatellite Mauritius Imagery and Radiocommunications Satellite -1 (MIR-SAT1) placed in orbit in June 2021, he will state (a) the total cost of the project thereof as at to date (b) the number of images captured and (c) if same is still operational?

B/1110 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 horseracing, 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/1111 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 Public Sector Debt, he will state the (a) current quantum thereof, indicating the quantum thereof (i) denominated in Mauritian rupees and foreign currencies, respectively (ii) as a ratio of the Gross Domestic Product and (b) measures that will be taken for the reduction thereof?

B/1112 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 proposed implementation of the Roches-Noires Smart City Project, he will state if an Environment Impact Assessment license has been issued in respect thereof and, if so, indicate the (a) date of filing of application and of issue thereof, respectively, together with the terms and conditions attached thereto and (b) names of the promoters thereof?

B/1113 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 Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Disaster, Risk Reduction and Management Centre, information as to the preventive measures taken and preparedness level thereof ahead of the forthcoming rainy season?

B/1114 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, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the financial position thereof as at 31 October 2022?

B/1115 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 works being carried out for the widening of the Constance Bridge, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the measures being implemented by the contractor to mitigate road congestion thereat as per the Bidding Documents?

B/1116 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to fatal road accidents, he will state the number of reported cases thereof since May 2022 to date, indicating the (a) number of deaths caused and (b) additional measures envisaged to avert the occurrence thereof?

B/1117 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 neonates abandoned in public hospitals, he will state the established protocol, if any, of his Ministry to provide medical care thereto following their discharge from the Neonatal Department of hospitals and the entrusting thereof onto the services provided by the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family Welfare?

B/1118 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of the Blue Bay Beach Arena, he will state the work progress thereof, indicating the expected completion date thereof?

B/1119 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to renal transplant, he will state the transplantation and organ donation service, if any, established at the level of his Ministry, indicating the number of patients on the waiting list nation-wide therefor?

B/1120 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether in regard to the civil servants, he will give the list thereof suspended since 2010 to 2021 on a yearly basis and since January 2022 to date, indicating the (a) quantum of funds disbursed in terms of salary thereto and (b) actions taken, if any, to expedite the proceedings initiated in relation thereto?

B/1121 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 construction of a Mini Soccer Pitch at La Tourelle, he will state the (a) name of the contractors (b) scope of works (c) cost and (d) works schedule thereof?

B/1122 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 (MASA) Pension Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of (a) copyright owners benefitting thereunder and who are senior citizens and (b) applicants awaiting to benefit thereunder, indicating the number of board meetings and other committees held since January to date to discuss same?

B/1123 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 review and update process of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) of Mauritius submitted in relation to the COP26, he will state the (a) sources and quantum of funds received from foreign countries and organizations (b) list of local and international experts and consultants involved and (c) number of meetings held with environmental NGOs and representatives of different professional sectors?

B/1124 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 items contribution to subsidy on LPG, Flour and Rice, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the quantum of funds (a) used therefor in financial 2021-2022 and (b) expected to be collected in financial year 2022-2023?

B/1125 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees who were detained in Diego Garcia and then allowed to leave without safety equipment, he will state the stand taken by the Government of Mauritius in relation thereto, if any?

B/1126 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 registered pleasure crafts, he will state the number thereof registered as at to date, indicating when last registration was done?

B/1127 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 Santalum Album trees, commonly known as sandal wood, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Plant Protection Office, information as to the number of (a) reported cases of illegal logging and felling thereof and (b) persons and companies holding phytosanitary certificates for the exportation thereof?

B/1128 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(**Ms Anquetil**)

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

Whether, in regard to the baby bonus of Rs 1000, as announced in the 2022-2023 Budget Speech, he will state the number of babies in respect of whom same has been granted since 01 July 2022 to date, indicating the modalities established for the disbursement thereof and if consideration will be given for a review thereof and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/1129 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/1130 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the artificial ventilators acquired from Pack & Blister, he will state the costs incurred in terms of shipment, legal advice and proceedings initiated in relation thereto, indicating where matters stand?

B/1131 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to kidney diseases, he will state the array of treatment choices offered to patients suffering therefrom in the public health service?

B/1132 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed appointment of Station Officers in the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Services, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?

B/1133 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(**Mr Assirvaden**)

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

Whether, in regard to the last Station Officer qualifying examination of the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if all eligible candidates met the minimum criteria to participate therein?

B/1134 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 Blackburn Road, in Congomah, he will state where matters stand as to the (a) upgrading of Rivulet Congomah (b) construction of retaining structures (c) upgrading of drainage infrastructures and (d) road reinstatement thereat?

B/1135 The 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 Mahebourg Hospital, he will state if the specialist services provided thereat are being decentralized and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1136 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 therefor received since July 2021 to date, including the number of applications therefor received from persons suffering from physical and/or mental disabilities, indicating the number thereof benefitting thereunder?

B/1137 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to domestic water supply, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the number of service reservoirs therefor and respective location thereof island-wide, indicating (a) if the surface pumps servicing same are regularly surveyed and maintained and (b) the manpower available for the operation thereof beyond normal working hours and on public holidays?

B/1138 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 (a) date and time of admission and discharge, respectively, of infant boy J. at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Hospital and the names of the caregivers on night duty at his bedside during his hospitalization?

B/1139 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in regard to the upgrading work at Canal Dayot, he will state where matters stand?

B/1140 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 foreign nationals, namely, from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Latvia and Estonia, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Economic Development Board (EDB), information as to the number of (a) applications received therefrom for the setting up of businesses in Mauritius, indicating the number thereof having been issued permits to stay, work and do business in Mauritius and (b) demands received therefrom and from companies therefrom to open bank accounts in Mauritius?

B/1141 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(**Mr Nuckcheddy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed renovation works at the Grande Retraite Community Centre, she will state where matters stand?

B/1142 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 public officers, including Special Mobile Force personnel, involved in the cleaning-up operations of the MV Wakashio Oil Spill, he will state the number thereof medically examined by the Occupational Health and Safety Unit (a) indicating when and (b) giving details of the health surveillance programme put in place therefor?

B/1143 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 the replacement of pipes by the Central Water Authority in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?

B/1144 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/1145 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 preparation of the 12th edition of the *Commission de la Jeunesse et des Sports de l'Océan Indien 2022* to be held in Mauritius from 04 to 11 December 2022, he will state where matters stand?

B/1146 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the rescheduling of postponed operations and medical interventions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state where matters stand?

B/1147 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Mayotte**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to open live concerts, he will state if Government proposes to bring amendments to the Regulations in relation to noise pollution to allow the holding thereof?

B/1148 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Mr Nuckcheddy)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Construction of the New Flacq Teaching Hospital, he will state the work progress thereof?

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