

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 29 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/1149 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 minors and young people under 25 years old, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof involved in reported drug offences cases since 2019 to date, indicating where matters stand as to the inquiries initiated thereinto, including the number of inquiries completed and cases lodged?

B/1150 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 recruitment of Police Officers, he will state if discussions have been engaged with the competent authorities, including the Commissioner of Police, for a review of the criteria therefor, having regard to the number of Police Officers involved in drugs trafficking and other offences and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1151 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 road accident which occurred on Wednesday 21 September 2022 in which Mr A. C. D. was involved, 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/1152 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/1153 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/1154 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 Director General of the Independent Commission against Corruption, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the Central Criminal Investigation Department has initiated an inquiry into a contract awarded for the renovation of the office thereof and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/1155 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 World Cup 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to the cost incurred for the rights of broadcast thereof and the reasons for a non-agreeable partnership with Canal Plus in relation thereto?

B/1156 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 hazardous asbestos, he will state if consideration will be given for the setting up of an inter-ministerial committee to (a) evaluate the impact thereof on past and current occupants of housing units containing same and on the general public and (b) consider the granting of financial compensation in relation to the presence thereof and to whom?

B/1157 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 case of seizure of drugs concealed in metal cylinders in March 2017, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons, if any, arrested in connection therewith and who have been formally charged, respectively, indicating the offence with which the said person/s has/have been charged and where matters stand as at to date?

B/1158 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 public officers appointed as Directors in the State Bank of Mauritius Ltd. and the State Bank of Mauritius Holdings, respectively, since 2015 to date, he will state the names and status thereof in the civil service?

B/1159 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 electoral reforms, he will state when same will be implemented, indicating if consideration will be given for the general elections counting exercises to be held on the polling day?

B/1160 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 Director General of the Independent Commission against Corruption, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry into the award of contract for the renovation of the office thereof has been initiated and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/1161 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/1162 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

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 Citizen Support Portal, he will give an annual breakdown of the number of tickets received in respect of each Ministry since the coming into operation thereof, indicating the number of resolved and pending cases, respectively, per Ministry?

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/1163 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to non-revenue water, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the measures taken, if any, for the reduction thereof?

B/1164 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 fire outbreak at Mare Chicose on 22 November 2022, he will state if (a) an inquiry has been initiated to determine the causes thereof and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof and (b) tests have been carried out in the vicinity thereof to assess the quality of air, and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/1165 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 HIV-AIDS, she will state the number thereof having benefitted/benefitting from social aid from her Ministry for financial years 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 as at to date, indicating the (a) eligibility criteria set down therefor and terms and conditions attached thereto, respectively and (b) quantum of funds (i) disbursed in the said financial years and (ii) earmarked for financial year 2022-23?

B/1166 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 chartering of vessel for Rodrigues, he will give details of the (a) bids received (b) name of successful bidder (c) rate payable per month and other financial cost incurred and (d) date when the vessel will start servicing Rodrigues and other outer islands, if applicable?

B/1167 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the region of La Pointe at Pointe aux Sables, he will state the reasons for the closure of the shortcut from Morcellement Rey to the industrial zone, indicating if any project has been earmarked to connect La Pointe to the Industrial Zone of LTK?

B/1168 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 medicinal products, he will state the number of reported cases to his Ministry, since 2017 to date, of Adverse Drug Reactions, serious Adverse Drug Reactions and quality issues thereof, respectively, indicating in each case, the nature thereof?

B/1169 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the SMEs Employment Scheme for Young Unemployed Graduates, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from SME Mauritius, information as to the number of young unemployed graduates registered thereunder, indicating the (a) number of requests for placement thereof received and (b) quantum of funds disbursed thereunder?

B/1170 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 Fact-Finding Committee set up by her Ministry in regard to the shelter L'Oiseau du Paradis, she will state the work progress thereof?

B/1171 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Côte D'or National Sport Complex, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the events held thereat since January to November 2022, giving details thereof, indicating the amount of funds received in terms of rental and table the list of reservations for the holding of concerts and other events for 2023?

B/1172 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, 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/1173 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 food and technology laboratory, he will state the number of equipment acquired for the detection of pesticide residues, indicating the (a) date of acquisition thereof (b) cost thereof and (c) number thereof being operational?

B/1174 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 the operation of the Metro Express from Port Louis to Curepipe, he will state if he has received representations from the bus operators on the impact of flow of bus passengers and, if so, indicate (a) if a study has been carried out in relation thereto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof and, if not, if consideration will be given for the carrying out thereof and (b) the remedial measures, if any, that will be taken in relation thereto?

B/1175 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –

Whether, in regard to the alleged tampering with the Primary School Achievement Certificate and the National Certificate Examination 2022 Examination Papers and leakage of the Mathematics Paper 1 for the Higher School Certificate Examinations 2022, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to the outcome of the internal inquiries initiated thereinto?

B/1176 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the inquiries he had commissioned following his appointment as Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection with respect to procurements effected by the State Trading Corporation during the COVID-19 period whereby the approval of the then Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection was sought, he will (a) state where matters stand and (b) give a list of all the items purchased, indicating (i) the costs thereof and (ii) when the then Minister approved same?

B/1177 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/1178 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to traffic congestion occurring in the morning along the main road at the Albion-Canot junction, he will state the remedial measures being envisaged in relation thereto, if any, indicating if consideration will be given for the provision of a new exit road from Albion to St Martin/Bambous?

B/1179 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 electricity base load generation capacity, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the measures being taken to ensure sufficiency thereof?

B/1180 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)

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

Whether, in regard to the hunger strike initiated by Mr N. J. to protest against prices of Mogas and Gasoil, he will state if (a) he has visited or contacted Mr N. J. since the beginning of his strike (b) he has received any correspondence from the support committee of Mr N. J. and, if so, table copy thereof and of the reply thereto, if any, and (c) consideration will be given for a reduction of the prices of Mogas and Gasoil?

B/1181 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 demand forecast for electricity up to 2024, he will table the supply options to meet same?

B/1182 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to Mogas and Gasoil, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the scheduled date for the next meeting of the Petroleum Pricing Mechanism to review the price and the price structure thereof, if any?

B/1183 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Yeung Sik Yuen**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the sewage project in St Clement Street, in Curepipe, 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, indicating the expected completion date thereof?

B/1184 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the occupiers of State Land in Constituency No. 2, Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, particularly in the regions of Vallée Pitot and Tranquebar, he will state the number thereof having applied for either a lease or for acquisition over the property being occupied, indicating in each case, the outcome thereof?

B/1185 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/1186 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 recruitment of educators, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Private Secondary Education Authority (PSEA), information as to the reasons why Regulation 3 of the Education Regulations 1957 was being applied in relation thereto whilst the said regulation had not yet been promulgated, indicating the number of educators aggrieved as a result thereof and the remedial measures the PSEA has taken or proposes to take in relation thereto?

B/1187 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 Information Communication Technologies Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the quantum of funds disbursed in terms of legal fees over the past 12 months, indicating the (a) names of the legal people to whom same have been paid and (b) cases to which same relate?

B/1188 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 food products, he will state the main items thereof imported in 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively, indicating the (a) quantity thereof imported in each case and (b) measures he proposes to take to reduce the quantity of imports thereof?

B/1189 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 current comprehensive loss of the Bank of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) quantum thereof (b) reasons therefor and (c) remedial measures being envisaged in relation thereto?

B/1190 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 recent renting of new office space by the Economic Development Board in Ebene, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the terms and conditions of the lease agreement, indicating (a) who is the owner of the building (b) the monthly rent payable and (c) the duration of the lease?

B/1191 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 illegal fishing within our Exclusive Economic Zone, he will state the number of cases of seizure of illegal catches made by the National Coast Guard since 2020 to date, indicating the (a) volume of the catches seized, including types of fish and commercial value thereof in each case and (b) names of the vessels seized and if same have been disposed of, giving details thereof?

B/1192 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Yeung Sik Yuen**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed repair project of the Camp Caval Bridge in Curepipe, he will state the estimated cost thereof?

B/1193 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the People’s Turf PLC, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to if a Totalisator Operator licence has been issued thereto and, if so, indicate the (a) date of application therefor and of issue thereof, respectively (b) number of outlets authorised on-course and off-course, indicating the expected starting date of operation thereof (c) types of betting authorised and (d) terms and conditions attached thereto?

B/1194 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 Canberra, 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 premises for the High Commissioner and, if so (a) since when and (b) the quantum of rent payable therefor?

B/1195 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Mayotte)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fishermen Welfare Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the facilities it offers to the fishermen and to the families thereof, respectively?

B/1196 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 National Children Council, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the composition of the Board thereof (b) the number of Board meetings held since June 2022 to date and (c) if the Chairperson and Board members thereof have right of access to the shelters managed by her Ministry?

B/1197 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

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

Whether, in regard to child labour, she will state the (a) number of reported cases thereof since 2014 to date, including the number thereof (i) involved in commercial exploitation, commercial sexual exploitation and illicit activities, respectively, and (ii) uncovered by labour inspections and (b) number of arrests effected and convictions secured in connection therewith?

B/1198 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of a Disability Bill, she will state where matters stand?

B/1199 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 Relay Shelter of Notre Dame, she will state the actions taken, if any, in relation to an incident which occurred on Saturday 12 November 2022 in the morning whereby resident Baby C., aged 2, got a bump on her forehead?

B/1200 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 Project, he will state the work progress thereof?

B/1201 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 construction of 12000 housing units, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Social Living Development Limited, information as to (a) when was the last bidding exercise carried out, indicating who was the lowest bidder (b) the total cost related to the preparation of the bidding exercise and (c) if there is/will be any additional cost for the new bidding exercise which will be launched?

B/1202 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to social housing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of targeted and actual number of units thereof, the construction of which have started and been completed, during financial years 2016-2017, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 as at to date, indicating the number of registered applicants for the corresponding periods?

B/1203 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to sugarcane, he will state if the small planters thereof have received Rs 25,000 per ton of sugar as promised in past budgets and if the value-added products thereof, such as molasses, bagasse and bottlers, have been accounted in the Rs 25,000 per ton of sugar?

B/1204 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 the Monkeypox vaccine, he will state the number of doses thereof purchased by his Ministry, indicating the (a) brand thereof (b) cost of each dose and (c) persons//category of persons who will be administered therewith?

B/1205 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –

Whether, in regard to the promotion to Grade 10 in January 2023, she will state the established criteria applicable for mainstream and extended stream students, respectively?

B/1206 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Luchmun Roy)

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

Whether, in regard to dogs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain, from the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare, details of the new procedure being established for the registration thereof?

B/1207 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/1208 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

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 state the number of police officers who are engaged in traffic management at the intersections of the passage thereof, indicating the expenditure incurred/being incurred in terms thereof/special allowances being paid to the police officers, indicating the quantum thereof, if any, and if the Metro Express Ltd. is/will be contributing thereto?

B/1209 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/1210 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/1211 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/1212 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Bodha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the 2000 arpents of land which are managed by Landscape Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of applications for lease thereof received, indicating in each case, the purpose and number thereof granted?

B/1213 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to Drug Driving, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of tests carried out in relation thereto and the outcome thereof?

B/1214 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 the Metro Express Ltd., he will state if consideration is being given for same to enter into a partnership and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1215 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 termination of the contract of the former temporary Director of the Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA) Mr M. V., he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the date thereof and the reasons therefor and (b) state if he is in presence of any correspondence from the former temporary Director of the MASA pertaining to alleged acts of malpractice thereat and, if so, indicate the actions initiated by his Ministry in relation thereto?

B/1216 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the tourism industry, he will state the (a) number of employees working therein in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and since January 2022 to date, respectively, indicating the number thereof being foreign nationals (b) number of present vacancies therein and (c) short-term and long-term remedial measures being envisaged to address shortages of staff therein?

- B/1217 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mrs Mayotte**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –
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/1218 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 proposed introduction of a Gender Equality Bill, she will state where matters stand?
- B/1219 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/1220 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 last findings of the US Labour Department on the ‘Worst Forms of Child Labour’ in Mauritius, she will state the measures taken to address the situation?
- B/1221 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 staff of the Mauritius Sports Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to the date on which eligible members thereof were last issued with uniforms, indicating the (a) date on which new ones will be issued thereto and (b) frequency at which uniforms are issued?

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