

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 05 April 2022****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity**

B/103 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 Agalega Island, he will state where matters stand as to the ongoing projects being implemented thereat, indicating the expected completion dates thereof?

B/104 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 illegal motorcycle racing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the additional measures he proposes to take to address same, if any?

B/105 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain and table copy of the report of the Committee chaired by Ms Sandrine Valère, Permanent Secretary, indicating if any action has been taken in relation to the findings and recommendations of the report and, if not, why not, indicating the fees paid in connection therewith?

B/106 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 post of Ombudsman, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if same has now been filled, indicating the number of complaints received since the retirement of the former incumbent thereof?

B/107 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 Safe City Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) when same is expected to become fully operational, indicating the impact of the delay, if any, in terms of cost overrun and quantifying same and (b) the actions that will be taken in the light of the findings of the Audit Report 2020-2021 to the effect that deliverables were not met as per contractual obligations?

B/108 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Bodha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the fleet of Air Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Airport Holdings Ltd., information as to the planes which are currently being used, indicating if the company intends to purchase new planes in its bid to recapture its market share?

B/109 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 Rodriguan Prison Officers presently working in mainland Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prison, information as to if they may request to be transferred onto the Rodrigues establishment to work in Rodrigues and, if so, give details of the procedure applicable therefor?

B/110 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, following the pulling down of the Mauritian Flag on the Chagos Archipelago, he will state if his Office has had recourse to (a) the International Court of Justice and (b) diplomatic protest?

B/111 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 synthetic drugs, he will state if he will consider impressing upon the Commissioner of Police the need for the carrying out of a survey in relation thereto to make an assessment of the (a) age group mostly affected therewith and (b) remedies for the rehabilitation of victims thereof?

B/112 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Bodha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent reported incident, wherein a driver allegedly fell asleep while driving a van commuting employees of the Mauritius Duty Free Paradise (MDFP), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the MDFP, information as to if an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/113 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(**Mr Ramful**)

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

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

B/114 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 alleged cases of Police brutality, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof, since January 2020 to date, indicating the number of (a) inquiries in progress (b) Police Officers arrested/suspended in relation thereto and (c) inquiries completed and outcome thereof?

B/115 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 National survey among people who use drugs carried out by the Mauritius Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) groups of people having participated therein (b) method used for data collection therefor and (c) recommendations made on the basis of the outcome thereof?

B/116 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

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

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

B/117 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 vessel seized in our territorial waters near Agalega Island on 14 January 2022 by the CGS Barracuda, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto?

B/118 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 proposed setting up of a new police station in Vallée des Prêtres, 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/119 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 report on the International Maritime Organisation, he will state the main findings and recommendations contained therein, indicating the corrective measure, if any, his Ministry proposes to take in relation thereto and table copy thereof?

B/120 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 water meter connectivity, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the number of applications therefor received since January 2020 to date, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/121 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the vertically cracked masonry boundary wall of the building that once housed the offices of the Supreme Court along George Guibert Street, near its junction with Poudrière Street, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to the actions being envisaged in relation thereto, if any?

B/122 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 Dubai Expo 2020, he will (a) state the total costs incurred by the Mauritian Government in terms of the setting up and operation of the Mauritian Pavilion, events organized and official visits attended by Mauritian delegates, giving a breakdown thereof and (b) obtain from the Economic Development Board, information as to the number of business events organized thereat, indicating in each case the number of participants attending same and if they have shown investment and/or trade interests?

B/123 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the private retail pharmacies, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Pharmacy Board, information as to the 15 pharmaceutical products that are mostly purchased thereat, indicating the average percentage increase in the retail prices thereof since 2015 and the factors accounting therefor?

B/124 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 waste of public funds as highlighted again in the Audit Report 2020-2021, he will state the measures being taken by his Ministry to address same?

B/125 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue
(Ms Tour)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to dangerous drugs, he will state the (a) estimated number of injectable and non-injectable users thereof, district-wise and (b) substitution, therapies and support programmes being proposed thereto, indicating the eligibility criteria to benefit thereunder?

B/126 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the acquisition of 10 water tankers by the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the (a) cost thereof (b) make and country of origin thereof and (c) name of the supplier thereof?

B/127 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 Environment Protection Act, he will state where matters stand as to the consideration for proposed amendments to be brought thereto, indicating (a) if the draft proposed amendments have been circulated to stakeholders and Non-Governmental Organisations and, if so, indicate the names and denominations thereof and, if not, why not and (b) when those amendments are expected to be presented to the National Assembly?

B/128 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle
(Ms Ramyad)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the New Cancer Centre, he will state (a) if the Radiology, Immunotherapy, Chemotherapy departments and the Casualty wards therefor are available under the same roof and, if not, why not and (b) the expected date of coming into full operation thereof?

B/129 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 the Covaxin, Covishield/AstraZeneca, Sinopharm and Sputnik Vaccines, he will state the number of doses thereof purchased and/or obtained as donation since January 2020 to date, indicating the number thereof in each case (a) administered to the population as at date and (b) in stock as at

date, indicating the (i) storage conditions thereof and (ii) respective expiry date thereof?

B/130 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain the list of the roads and lanes falling under the aegis of the Municipal Council of Vacoas Phoenix that are being resurfaced and asphalted since February 2022, to date, indicating the (a) names of the contractors therefor and (b) total costs thereof?

B/131 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 Mauritian rupee, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, for each of the years 2014 to 2021 and for the period 01 January 2022 to date, information as to the (a) average exchange rate thereof to the United States Dollar, the Pound Sterling and the Euro, respectively and (b) quantum of money spent by the Bank of Mauritius to prevent the depreciation thereof?

B/132 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 Eastern Highway Project (M4) he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/133 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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 16-seaters introduced by the National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) the number thereof acquired as at to date (b) the cost thereof (c) the routes on which same are operated (d) if additional ones will be acquired and operated on other routes and (e) if passengers thereof will be charged extra fees?

B/134 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the latest report of the consultancy study on the depletion of Aggregates and other Construction Materials in Mauritius commissioned by the Construction Industry Development Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, details of the main findings and table copy thereof?

B/135 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

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

B/136 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 a cashless payment system, he will state if his Ministry is considering the introduction thereof under the supervision of the Bank of Mauritius and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/137 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 dangerous drug users, he will state the services provided by his Ministry for the rehabilitation thereof?

B/138 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Dubai Expo 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Economic Development Board, information as to if it will consider submitting a report on the outcome of its participation thereat?

B/139 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to the tourists, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Promotion Tourism Authority, information as to the number thereof having visited Mauritius over the past six months, indicating the average receipt from each tourist compared to the past two years?

B/140 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 Molnupiravir tablets, he will state the (a) total number thereof bought by his Ministry and already supplied as at to date (b) names of the suppliers thereof, indicating the contract value in each case (c) total number thereof

provided to patients as at to date and (d) indication for the use and provision thereof by his Ministry?

B/141 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 Land Drainage Master Plan, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/142 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Yeung Sik Yuen**)

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

Whether, in regard to tourist arrivals, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, information as to the number thereof since 01 July 2021 to date?

B/143 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 security, he will state if specific measures are being envisaged to encourage small planters grow all the crops that can be sustained in different regions country-wide?

B/144 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to COVID-19 virus, he will state when the first case thereof was detected in Rodrigues, indicating the (a) percentage of people infected therewith, giving details in terms of (i) age group and (ii) type thereof and (b) number of deaths (i) directly caused by same, if any, and (ii) caused by other reasons although the persons had contracted same, respectively, as at 28 February 2022?

B/145 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 the Horse Racing Division, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the composition of the Board thereof, indicating the date of appointment and terms and conditions of appointment of the Chairperson and members thereof?

B/146 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 Molnupiravir tablets, he will state the (a) indications for use thereof (b) quantity thereof purchased as at to date, indicating the total cost thereof (c) current stock thereof, indicating where they are stocked and (d) number of patients treated therewith as at to date?

B/147 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Animal Welfare Unit, he will state the number of (a) officers posted thereat and (b) complaints of cruelty to animals received thereat since January 2019 to date, including the number thereof having been attended to and the outcome thereof?

B/148 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

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

Whether, in regard to high-risk flooding, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information

as to the number of zones island-wide having been identified as such?

B/149 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 stray dogs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius of Society for Animals Welfare, information as to the (a) number thereof being sheltered thereat and (b) reported number of cases of animal abuse thereat, if any, indicating if inquiries have been initiated thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/150 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 Mauritius Football Association, he will state if the sanctions imposed thereon by his Ministry by virtue of letter dated 27 August 2021 are still valid and, if so, give reasons therefor and, if not, why not?

B/151 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

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

B/152 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

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

B/153 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (**Ms Ramyad**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

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

B/154 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

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

B/155 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 axe Pointe aux Sables to Port Louis and Grand Rivière to Pailles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if there is any project related to the decongestion thereof under the Road Decongestion Programme?

B/156 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 Foreign Direct Investments, he will state the figures for fiscal years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 as at to date?

B/157 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 estimated total revenue for fiscal year 2021/2022 as stated in the last budget, he will state if same will be reached and, if not, indicate the (a) estimated shortfall and the estimated fiscal deficit thereof and (b) total Government recurrent and capital expenditure for fiscal year 2021/2022, indicating how they were financed?

B/158 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

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 the adequacy of the capacity thereof to the applications for construction of new housing units at Kapmayeu Road, Mont Mascal, Cap Malheureux?

B/159 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 renovation of the Mahebourg Hospital, he will state where matters stand?

B/160 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 vaccines, he will state (a) since January 2021 to date, the number thereof (i) received as donation and (ii) purchased and (b) the related price forecasts for the purchase of vaccines up to end 2022, if available, indicating the brand of vaccine the Ministry proposes to purchase?

B/161 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/162 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 exemption of copyright fees payable to the Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA) as decided by Cabinet on 23 July 2021, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the MASA, information as to (a) the resulting loss of earnings therefor as at to date and (b) if the exemption will be waived and, if so, when?

B/163 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the goods and commodities imported directly from Ukraine and Russia and those in relation to the production of which depend on availability of primary products sourced from Ukraine and Russia, he will give the lists thereof?

B/164 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 judo discipline, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Judo Federation, information as to where matters stand pertaining to the request for recognition from 18 Judo clubs since 2019, indicating the actions taken by his Ministry to facilitate the affiliation process with the Mauritius Judo Federation and, if not, why not?

B/165 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 state if an increase in the price of the ticket thereof is being envisaged?

B/166 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 the termination of the contract of employment of Mr K. T. as Chairman of the Financial Intelligence Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the said Unit, information as to the (a) reasons therefor and (b) amount of compensation (i) claimed and (ii) paid in connection therewith?

B/167 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

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

B/168 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Ocean Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) composition thereof and (b) number of meetings thereof held since 2019 to date, indicating the quantum of fees paid to members thereof over the said period?

B/169 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

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Whether, in regard to domestic violence, she will state (a) the number of reported cases thereof since 2019 to date, indicating the number thereof (i) where the victims have been women and (ii) which have been fatal and wherein there has been case history and/or protection orders and (b) if consideration will be given for further amendments to be brought to the existing legislation for enhanced prevention and protection against same?

B/170 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

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

B/171 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare

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

- B/172 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 Dubai Expo 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Economic Development Board, information as to the aggregate quantum of funds spent to date in relation thereto?**
- B/173 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)
- To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –*
- Whether, in regard to banned hazardous pesticides, he will state, since 2018 to date, the number of controls effected in relation to the use thereof, indicating the (a) number of contraventions booked (b) quantity thereof seized and (c) estimated quantity thereof that illegally entered the local market?**
- B/174 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Woochit**)
- 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 bus route to and from Baie du Tombeau and Port Louis, he will state if his Ministry or the National Land Transport Authority is in presence of complaints regarding delays in transporting passengers by buses operated by individual bus owners and requests to increase the number of buses along same and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?**
- B/175 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 Rs 343 million provided to address the issue of high-risk flood prone areas in Pailles, Plaine Lauzun, Cité Richelieu, Pointe aux Sables and La Tour Koenig, in line with paragraph 40(a) of the Budget Speech 2021-2022, he will state the quantum thereof disbursed as at to-date, indicating the works progress achieved in relation to each project implemented thereunder?**

B/176 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Yeung Sik Yuen**)

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

Whether, in regard to the basic food products that are subject to price controls, he will state if his Ministry is monitoring the available stocks thereof to avoid shortages on the local market?

B/177 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to the fisher community, he will state (a) where matters stand as to the allocation of 500 fishermen cards, as announced in the Budget Speech 2021/2022 and (b) the number of fishermen having benefitted from the retirement scheme as at to date?

B/178 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to the post of Deputy Director of the Economic Development Board (EDB), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the EDB, information as to if same will be advertised and, if so, when?

B/179 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 Dubai Expo 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the composition of the ministerial delegations having attended same, indicating in each case the outcome thereof, if any?

B/180 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 proposed hosting of the 2022 Athletics Championships, he will state where matters stand?

B/181 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

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

Whether, in regard to the existing drains and absorption pits, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the local authorities, information as to if they are fully equipped with dedicated professional teams for the cleaning and maintenance thereof?

B/182 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent cyclones Batsirai and Emnati, she will state the outcome of the social inquiry carried out by her Ministry pertaining to the presence of refugees in the Refugee Centers and table copy of the report thereof, indicating the actions taken in relation thereto as at to date?

B/183 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 the *Contribution Sociale Generalisée*, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the quantum thereof collected since 23 July 2021 to date?

B/184 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare

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Whether, in regard to the AFED Shelter located in Rose Hill, she will state the findings and sanctions taken by her Ministry in recent cases of alleged ill-treatment on minors thereat?

B/185 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

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

B/186 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 water supply on a 24/7 basis, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to (i) on a yearly basis, since 2015 to date, the quantum of funds collected from the levy imposed on petroleum products therefor and (ii) the percentage of households not presently receiving same and (b) state if consideration is being given for the privatization of the Central Water Authority and to have a strategic partner therefor and, if so, why?

B/187 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state if a rapid spread thereof has recently been noted and, if so, indicate the measures that are being taken to control same?

B/188 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the pharmacies, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the where matters stand as to the proposition for or the decision taken for the pharmacists working thereat to claim fees of up to Rs 100 as counselling fees when dispensing medicines?

B/189 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 Teaching Hospital in Flacq, he will state the scope of works thereof, indicating the (a) estimated cost thereof (b) name of the bidders (c) start and completion dates thereof and (d) work progress thereof?

B/190 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed purchase of a new cargo vessel to be used for the interconnection of islands of the Republic of Mauritius, he will state where matters stand?

B/191 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state (a) the number of positive Delta variant and Omnicron variant cases recorded in public and private medical institutions on a monthly basis since 01 October 2021 to date, indicating the number of the said patients having passed away after having contracted same and (b) if sequential studies are being carried out on every positive case admitted in public or private hospital with a view to identifying current or emerging new subtypes?

B/192 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the rise in the cost of living and decreasing purchasing power in Mauritius, he will state the immediate measures being taken to address same?

B/193 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the water pipes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to if those made of Asbestos Cement still exist in different regions of Constituency No. 6, Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or and, if so, indicate the locations and extent thereof?

B/194 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

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

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

B/195 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr David)**

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

Whether, in regard to the forthcoming Budget 2022-2023, he will state if his Ministry will consider requesting for funds for the procurement of aerial drones with thermal imaging camera to be used by the Special Operations Division of the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service?

B/196 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the *Ecole Hoteliere Sir Gaetan Duval*, she will, for the benefit of the House obtain from the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development, information as to if there is any ongoing action plan to revisit the courses and services provided thereat?

B/197 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

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 implementation of the Metro Express Project between Curepipe and Quatre Bornes through Vacoas, he will state if consideration will be given for the provision of shuttles, feeder transport and pedestrian crossings to ease out pedestrian access and vehicular traffic on both sides of the tracks?

B/198 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 online teaching carried out by educators since April to June 2020, she will state the terms and conditions thereof (a) indicating the (i) number of educators involved and (ii) grades of students having participated therein and (b) table copy of the official survey/report prepared regarding the implementation and outcome thereof and, if not, why not?

B/199 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 the project for the pumping of water from New Plaine Lauzun to Upper Monneron at the estimated cost of 150 million, he will state the (a) name of the contractor/s therefor, indicating if a maintenance contract to ensure 24/7 service is part of the services provided (b) scope of works and (c) expected completion date thereof?

B/200 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central
(Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the building housing the New Supreme Court of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Master and Registrar, information as to if it has been the subject of water ingress and leakages during the recent downpours and, if so, give details as to the (a) extent and causes thereof and (b) cost of repairs, if any, and party bearing the said costs?

B/201 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 education system, she will state if consideration will be given for the carrying out of a survey to assess the number of children at primary and secondary levels having dropped out therefrom since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic?

B/202 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Mayotte**)

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

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

B/203 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rs 461 million provided to address the issue of high-risk flood prone areas in Glen Park, Henrietta, La Marie, Malakoff, in line with paragraph 40(p) of the Budget Speech 2021-2022, he will state the quantum thereof disbursed as at to-date?

B/204 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the Court of Investigation set up to probe into the casualty at sea of the Sir Gaëtan tug, on 31 August 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Master and Registrar, information as to where matters stand as to the investigation initiated?

B/205 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Doolub)

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

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

B/206 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 the Home Ownership Refund Scheme announced in the Budget Speech 2021-2022, he will state the number of applications received thereunder, indicating the quantum of funds disbursed therefor as at to date?

B/207 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

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

Whether, in regard to the tourist accommodations, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Authority, information as to the number of certificate holders thereof, categorized as hotels, guest houses and other residences, indicating in each case the respective (a) room capacity and total bed capacity thereof, including the maximum number of tourists that can be accommodated thereat and (b) room occupancy and bed occupancy rates of hotels since the reopening of the borders this year to date?

B/208 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplémousses and Triolet
(Mr Wochit)

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

Whether, in regard to coastal flooding and beach erosion at Trou aux Biches, he will state if a study has been carried out by his Ministry to identify the best available means of countering same and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/209 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the flour being commercialized by the State Trading Corporation on the local market, he will state if he is in presence of complaints from "l'Association des propriétaires de boulangeries" as to the quality thereof since February 2021 and, if so, indicate the measures taken by his Ministry in relation thereto, if any?

B/210 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to mobile broadband and internet connectivity, he will state if consideration has been given for the installation of a new relay antenna to serve the Bord Cascade NHDC Estate, in Henrietta?

B/211 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Ms Ramyad)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

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

B/212 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Foot and Mouth Disease, he will state the present status of the outbreak thereof in Rodrigues?

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