MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY Questions of which notice has been given Requiring an Oral Answer Sitting of Tuesday 20 July 2021

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

B/702 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the death of Mr G.W. at Mare aux Vacoas on 18 May 2021, 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/703 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 Media Trust, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) present composition thereof and (b) activities carried out thereat since January 2020 to date?

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

B/704 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Police inquiry into the complaint made by the Central Electricity Board, in November 2018, in an alleged case of forgery in a bank writing relating to the wind farm project at Plaine Sophie, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons (a) interviewed (b) arrested (c) prosecuted and (d) convicted in connection therewith?

B/705 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 recent alleged case of 56 containers belonging to the Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd., which cannot be found in the port, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if same has been reported thereto and, if so, indicate where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/706 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 crime and misdemeanour, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the measures he proposes to take to combat same in the light of the latest figures published in the Crime, Justice and Security Statistics 2020 showing an increase in the rate thereof from 35.6% in 2019 to 43.8% in 2020?

B/707 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 entry of hard drugs recently in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the provenance and types thereof (b) the number of arrests effected in connection therewith and (c) if the situation has been assessed with a view to taking measures to effectively counteract same?

B/708 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 Report of the International Maritime Organisation on the audit carried out at the Mauritius Ports Authority, in 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the main findings and recommendations contained therein, indicating the corrective measures, if any, taken in relation thereto and table copy of the said report?

B/709 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 Goodlands Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of officers, grade-wise, posted thereat since 2015 to date, indicating if it is adequately resourced to discharge the roles and responsibilities thereof optimally?

B/710 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 port, he will state if Government proposes to come up with an improved regulatory framework and business environment to stimulate growth and investment?

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/711 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 recent discovery of alleged fake COVID-19 Vaccine Certificates, he will state if his Ministry has initiated an inquiry thereinto?

B/712 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 football championships 2020-2021, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed resumption thereof following his recent meeting with the Mauritius Football Association?

B/713 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 grants allocated to athletes through the High-Level Sports Units, he will state if his Ministry has decided to apply a decrease in the quantum thereof and, if so, indicate the (a) reasons therefor and (b) new quantum in each case?

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

Whether, in regard to Basic Invalidity Pension payable to persons suffering from physical and/or mental disability, she will state, in financial years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 respectively, the number of (a) beneficiaries thereof, indicating the criteria applied therefor and (b) beneficiaries thereof who ceased to benefit thereunder, indicating the number of appeal cases in respect thereof lodged before the Medical Board as at to date?

B/715 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rs 90m placed by the Municipal Council of Curepipe in the Banyan Tree Bank, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to the actions taken for the recovery thereof following the going under judicial administration of the said bank?

B/716 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 non-listed activities, he will state the number thereof in respect of which he has requested the persons carrying out or proposing to carry out same to submit a Preliminary Environmental Report or an application for an Environment Impact Assessment licence by reason of the nature, scope, scale and sensitive location thereof likely to have an impact on the environment or on the zoning of an area, since November 2019 to date?

B/717 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the Integrated Support Centre Service, she will state if expert advice for the procurement of digital tablets was sought and obtained and, if not, why not, indicating the actions taken regarding the faulty tablets?

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B/718 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Luchmun Roy)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness -

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 Home Self-Testing Kit, he will state (a) the number of requests received therefor and (b) if his Ministry has established a protocol to ensure that those who are COVID-19 positive tested through the use thereof report to the COVID-19 Treatment Centers?

B/719 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 Seventh Heaven Morcellement Project, at Le Hochet, in Terre Rouge, he will state if an Environmental Impact Assessment licence was issued in respect thereof and, if so, when?

B/720 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 payment to the Consolidated Fund of dividends by the Bank of Mauritius, he will state the quantum thereof for each of the years 2015 to 2020 and since January 2021 to date, indicating the arrangements made, if any, in respect of future payments thereof?

B/721 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 Statistics Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the reasons for the (a) publication of two different growth projections for GDP for year 2021 on 28 and 30 June 2021, respectively, and (b) resignation of the chairman thereof?

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B/722 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness -

Whether, in regard to the specified institutions targeted under the COVID-19 (Restriction of Access to Specified Institutions) Regulations 2021, he will state the number of personnel concerned therewith, indicating the number thereof (a) having been COVID-19 vaccinated and (b) cannot be Covid-19 vaccinated due to contraindications?

B/723 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to bets placed via remote control, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority/Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if they are sequentially numbered and, if not, why not, indicating if it has been informed by the Mauritius Turf Club Sports and Leisure that one operator is operating contrary to approved procedures and regulations and, if so, indicate the actions initiated thereon?

B/724 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the betting operators, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to if they are connected to the server of the Mauritius Revenue Authority in real time?

B/725 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Gambling Regulatory Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to since when Mr D. B. is a member of the Board thereof, indicating the (a) remuneration drawn therefor and (b) number of sub committees thereof of which he is a member?

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B/726 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the adverse comments of horse rigging made recently by Mr P. B., former Head of Integrity of the Gambling Regulatory Authority, he will state if the matter has been referred to the Commissioner of Police and/or other relevant authorities for inquiry?

B/727 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 Statistics Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the date on which Mr G. G. resigned as chairman thereof, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/728 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service, he will state the names of the parastatal bodies of which he is the chairperson, indicating the allowances and other benefits drawn in each case?

B/729 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fisheries Posts, he will state the number thereof throughout mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues Island, respectively, indicating in each case, the number of (a) Fisheries Protection Officers attached thereto, indicating the corresponding working shifts thereof and (b) patrol boats and vehicles, respectively, put at the disposal thereof? B/730 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the grant of wheelchairs to persons suffering from disabilities, she will state the (a) budget earmarked therefor for financial 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, respectively (b) number of beneficiaries thereof in financial year 2020-2021 and (c) eligibility criteria therefor?

B/731 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of containers owned by the company, indicating the number thereof reported missing or lost as at to date?

B/732 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness -

Whether, in regard to the students under the age of 18, he will state if they will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to be allowed entry on the premises of educational institutions and, if so, indicate the types of vaccines that will be administered thereto under the National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme?

B/733 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 Vacoas and Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas and Phoenix, information as to the number of information and sensitization campaigns held regarding the carrying out of works associated with the Metro Express Project, indicating the roads and reticulation networks falling under the aegis of the Council having reportedly been damaged in the course thereof, indicating when same will be repaired and who will bear the cost thereof?

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B/734 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 cameras of the Closed-Circuit Television Surveillance System installed at the Cap Malheureux Relay Centre, she will state how the monitoring thereof is carried out?

B/735 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 Relay Centre, she will give the list of the posts thereat which have recently been filled, indicating (a) the qualifications required for each post and (b) if induction courses have been provided to the new recruits?

B/736 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 amnesty programme for the writing off of the outstanding loans of the fishers, as announced in the 2021-2022 budget, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof regarding the fishers in Rodrigues Island, indicating the (a) number thereof concerned therewith and (b) cost implications thereof?

B/737 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 procurement of a new shipping cargo vessel to serve the outer islands of Mauritius, as announced in the 2020-2021 budget, he will state where matters stand?

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

> Whether, in regard to the *Zone d'Education Prioritaire* schools, she will state the present number thereof, indicating the (a) initiatives taken by her Ministry to support the teaching and non-teaching staff, the students and the parents thereof for the promotion of education (b) achievements thereof in the Primary School Achievement Certificate Examinations 2021 and (c) new avenues being explored in respect thereof?

B/739 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

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

Whether, in regard to domestic violence, she will state the mechanism presently in place between her Ministry and the Mauritius Police Force to ensure the safety and security of victims or potential victims thereof, indicating the mechanism, if any, existing between her Ministry and the Mauritius Police Force for information sharing in relation thereto?

B/740 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed recycling of asphalt in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/741 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the allegations of fake morcellement permits and fake pin numbers having been issued by his Ministry, he will state if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto at the level of his Ministry and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

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B/742 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed development of 12,000 housing units, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the New Social Living Development Ltd., information as to whether the recent increase in construction costs has impacted on the viability of the project, taking into account estimated selling price of the units upon signature of contract/completion of project, as the case may be?

B/743 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether in regard to the opening of our borders and the expected increase of arrivals of passengers from abroad, he will state the measures being taken to improve conditions of stay and of communication at the hotels/quarantine centers?

B/744 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 identified high-risk inundation-prone Canals Anglais, Malakoff and Alliman, in Port Louis, he will state the immediate mitigating actions being envisaged by his Ministry pending the implementation of the long-term permanent solutions therefor?

B/745 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 State land at Terre Coupé leased in Surinam, he will state the reasons for the disparity in the quantum of the lease payable by the 50 lessees thereat?

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B/746 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 the defective septic tank at the Cité CHA of Chamarel, he will state if land has been acquired for the installation of septic tanks in replacement thereof and, if so, indicate when same will be operational?

B/747 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 registered professional fishers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if they are eligible to any existing pension scheme for enhanced pension benefits upon retirement, under the Fishermen Welfare Fund and, if not, will he state if consideration will be given for them to benefit under the *Contribution Sociale Généralisée*, with the collaboration of the Ministry of Social Security?

B/748 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 if consideration will be given for (a) an extension of the facilities granted thereunder to the families of the registered professional fishers who meet with problems at sea in the course of their professional activities and (b) a review and increase of the support granted thereunder?

B/749 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 Mauritius Shipping Corporation Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) reasons and details of the ongoing repairs on the Mauritius Trochetia, in Sri Lanka, indicating the cost thereof and (b) frequency of vessels thereof sailing to Rodrigues, Agalega and St Brandon?

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

B/750 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 National Price Consultative Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) composition thereof, indicating in each case, the remuneration drawn (b) number of meetings held in 2020 and 2021 respectively and (c) major decisions taken and/or recommendations made by the Council?

B/751 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the football playgrounds in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will state (a) if the renovation thereof is being envisaged and (b) the measures being contemplated for the maintenance thereof?

B/752 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness -

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, he will give the list of the variants thereof detected in Mauritius, since January 2021 to date, indicating the (a) number of persons contaminated therewith, region-wise and (b) treatment protocols established and other actions taken in relation thereto?

B/753 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the *Directeurs Technique Nationaux*, he will give the list thereof currently under contract with his Ministry, discipline-wise, indicating, in each case (a) the terms and conditions of contract and (b) if his Ministry proposes to renew same and, if not, indicate the reasons therefor?

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B/754 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fishermen Investment Trust, he will state if same has been dismantled and, if so, give reasons therefor, indicating the quantum of funds available therein at the material time and where same has been transferred?

B/755 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness -

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state if consideration will be given for the provision of COVID-19 Self-Testing kits to the workforce in the face of the new surges thereof?

B/756 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to COVID-19 patients, he will state the (a) current treatment protocol applied thereto (b) mortality rate wherein Covid-19 is the (i) direct cause of death and (ii) underlying cause of death thereof and (c) number of complaints received therefrom or from family members thereof by his Ministry for poor treatment administered thereto?

B/757 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 public hospitals, he will state the (a) COVID-19 health protocols put in place thereat, indicating the number of complaints received, if any, for non-compliance therewith (b) number of times same have been fully or partially shut down due to COVID-19 positive testing of the staff thereof and (c) number of persons COVID-19 positive tested thereat as at to date, indicating the number of persons placed in quarantine after contact tracing exercise?

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B/758 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 trafficking, she will state the (a) number of reported cases thereof since January 2015 to date, indicating the number of convictions secured in connection therewith (b) measures taken to combat/prevent same and (c) protection afforded and care provided to victims thereof?

B/759 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 food wastage, he will state (a) the amount thereof for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020, respectively and commercial value thereof (b) the actions taken, if any, to reduce same, particularly in hotels, restaurants and bars and (c) if consideration will be given for the introduction of a Food Wastage Reduction Bill?

B/760 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 educational institutions, she will state the (a) number of COVID-19 positive tested persons thereat, indicating the number thereof having been quarantined following contact tracing exercises and (b) list thereof having been closed down, indicating the duration thereof in each case?

B/761 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Dr Gungapersad)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the regional hospitals, he will state the number of outpatients awaiting fixing of appointments to undergo (a) echography (b) endoscopy (c) angiography and (d) lithotripsy, in each hospital?

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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

B/762 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a new market in Goodlands, he will state where matters stand?

B/763 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 neurosurgery, he will state (a) the number of qualified specialists thereof employed in the public sector, indicating the respective posting thereof and (b) patients who, over the past four years (i) underwent same within normal working hours and on emergency outside normal working hours, respectively (ii) were sent overseas therefor, indicating the reasons why same could not be performed locally, indicating if an audit of mortality rate of patients having undergone same locally and overseas has been carried out?

B/764 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 Bruno Cheong Hospital at Flacq, he will state the number of radiological investigations carried out thereat, particularly CT scan, MRI and mammography, respectively, over the past four years, indicating the number (a) of CT scan and MRI requested and performed after normal working hours and (b) thereof related to casualties due to road traffic accidents?

B/765 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 expatriates, he will state the (a) number thereof working in Mauritius over the past five years (i) sector-wise and (ii) nationality-wise and (b) names of the Mauritius-based recruiting agencies involved in the recruitment thereof?

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B/766 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to the provision of assistive devices by her Ministry, she will give the list of beneficiaries thereof since July 2020 to date, indicating the number of pending applications therefor?

B/767 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to the decision of Government for the provision by her Ministry of cash grants in lieu of the provision of assistive devices, she will state if the prices thereof will be regulated and, if so, indicate the expected date of implementation of the said decision?

B/768 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent allegations of fake Parcel Identification Numbers and Morcellement Permits having been issued, he will state if his Ministry has initiated an inquiry thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/769 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Construction of Storage Facilities for Petroleum Products Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to (a) the quantum of funds collected from the sale of Mogas and Gas Oil to date therefor (b) the estimated cost thereof and (c) where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating the expected date of operation thereof?

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

B/770 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the revamping of the Mauritius National Identity Card System, he will state (a) the expected cost thereof and (b) where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/771 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Parcel Post Office, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Post Limited, information as to the number of scanners presently available for the detection of illicit items thereat?

B/772 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Ittoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities -

Whether, in regard to the sewerage works undertaken in Camp Rouillard, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to the work progress thereof?

B/773 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Ittoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness -

Whether, in regard to overseas treatment, he will state the protocol put in place therefor amid the COVID-19 pandemic?

B/774 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness -

Whether, he will state if an exit wave from the COVID-19 pandemic is being envisaged and, if so, give details thereof?

B/775 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to Monseigneur Leen and Kingston streets and the vicinity thereof in Candos, he will state if he is in presence of complaints of huge traffic congestions occurring thereat from the inhabitants thereof and, if so, indicate the remedial measures taken in relation thereto?

B/776 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to the fishers, fishmongers and all those whose livelihoods have been impacted by the MV Wakashio Oil Spill, he will state if they will be entitled to compensation till full recovery of the coastal areas?

B/777 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 Mainstreaming Biodiversity into the Management of Coastal Zones in Mauritius Project, he will state where matters stand?

B/778 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 Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan, he will state if same has been finalized and, if so, indicate the way forward?

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B/779 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 Multi Purpose Support Vessel "Investigator II" acquired by his Ministry, he will state (a) the cost thereof (b) if there is a warranty clause included in the purchase contract and (c) the reasons why emergency procurement was resorted to for the insurance cover thereof, giving details of the process followed?

B/780 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 children admitted in shelters, she will state the number thereof whose birth have not yet been declared to date, indicating if these children are attending formal education?

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