

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 03 August 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/859 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 views expressed in a decision dated 21 July 2021 by the United Nations Human Rights Committee on the collection and retention of biometric data in the National Identity Cards Scheme 2013, he will state the measures that will be taken to give effect thereto?

B/860 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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 La Tour Koenig, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the incidence of drug proliferation observed therat since January 2020 to date, indicating the additional measures taken/to be taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/861 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 proposed Revamping of the Mauritius National Identity Cards System, he will state if the views expressed in the decision dated 21 July 2021 of the United Nations Human Rights Committee on the collection, storage and retention of fingerprint data in identity cards will have any impact on the implementation thereof?

B/862 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 alleged complaint of corruption in relation to the acquisition of immoveable properties acquired by his goodself and his spouse at Angus Road, in Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police and other relevant authorities concerned therewith, information as to where matters stand as to inquiries initiated thereinto?

B/863 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 Safe City Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of cameras already installed and operational (b) name of the suppliers thereof and (c) expected completion date thereof?

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/864 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the educational institutions which have been/are temporarily closed down in 2021 amid the COVID-19 pandemic, she will state the measures taken/being taken to recover the missed courses?

B/865 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Port Louis Central Market Renovation Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to where matters stand, including the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/866 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 Solidarity Levy, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the quantum of funds collected in terms thereof as at 30 June 2021?

B/867 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 Calcutta Street, in Port Louis, from its junction with Saint François Xavier Street to Little Bridge Street, he will state if consideration will be given for the conversion thereof into a one-way having regard to heavy traffic congestions occurring thereat, especially, at the level of the Noor-E-Islam Madrassah?

B/868 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 intrauterine fetal death and stillbirth, he will state the number thereof registered in each of the five regional hospitals, respectively, over the past three years, indicating the (a) number thereof subject to police and departmental inquiries and number of medical officers against whom disciplinary actions have been taken and (b) measures, if any, taken by his Ministry to preserve public confidence in the maternal and neonatal services?

B/869 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, he will state the reasons why some recommendations contained in the latest report thereof on the State of Mauritius have not been implemented?

B/870 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 Land Research and Monitoring Unit, he will state the (a) number of (i) officers posted thereat (ii) investigations carried out, indicating the number of court actions initiated and (b) expenditure incurred as at to date?

B/871 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 COVID-19 vaccines, he will state the private health institutions to which same have been distributed, indicating in each case, the number and type thereof?

B/872 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 private and public hospitals, he will state the established sanitary protocols applicable for patients and visitors accessing same amid the COVID-19 pandemic?

B/873 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 COVID-19 Quarantine Centres and Treatment Centres, respectively, he will state if same are presently overcrowded and, if so, indicate the measures taken to address the issue?

B/874 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 Serge Alfred Swimming Pool, he will state if same is operational and, if not, indicate the (a) reasons therefor and (b) expected date of resumption of operation thereof?

B/875 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 athletes participating in the Tokyo Olympic Games 2021, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Olympic Committee, information as to (a) the quantum of financial allowance granted thereto individually for training purposes prior to the holding thereof and (b) if they have all been provided with the official national outfit of Club Maurice and, if not, why not?

B/876 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Ittoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the new Lapeyrouse Synthetic Football Pitch, he will state where matters stand as to the coming into operation thereof?

B/877 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 municipal football playgrounds in Constituency No.1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will state the extent of damages caused by the acts of vandalism observed thereat since January 2021 to date, indicating the (a) repair action plan envisaged and schedule thereof and (b) measures taken to avert the recurrence of acts of vandalism thereat?

B/878 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 public health services, he will state if his Ministry is in presence of complaints from employees thereof to the effect that they are overstretched and overworked following the recent outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and, if so, indicate the measures, if any, taken in relation thereto?

B/879 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

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

Whether, in regard to the newly constructed Swimming Pool and Sports Complex at Clairfonds, in Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas and Phoenix, information as to the (a) expected date of coming into operation thereof and (b) quantum of fees payable for use thereof, indicating how same was calculated and by whom?

B/880 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 Control Center of the Central Electricity Board (Fibernet) Co. Ltd., located in Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of engineers employed thereat, indicating the terms and conditions of employment thereof?

B/881 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 each of the five public hospitals, he will state if consideration will be given for the setting up of independent audits of the maternity and neonatal services thereat in the light of the recent cases thereat of alleged medical negligence?

B/882 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 basic consumer goods in relation to which Rs 500 million have been allocated in terms of subsidy, he will state the (a) monitoring process put in place by his Ministry to ensure the availability thereof on the local market and (b) number of operators having benefitted from the said subsidy and not accordingly ensured the availability of the said consumer goods on the local market, if any, and, if so, indicate the number thereof having been booked therefor?

B/883 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 proposed issue of additional cards to professional fishers, as announced in the 2021-2022 Budget Speech, he will state where matters stand?

B/884 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)
To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –
Whether, in regard to each of the five regional hospitals, he will state the number of incubators available thereat, indicating if they are operational?

B/885 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 e-learning, she will state if consideration will be given for a review thereof after consultations with the stakeholders, indicating the measures taken and/or envisaged to ensure that all students follow classes?

B/886 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)
To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –
Whether, in regard to posts of part-time lecturers at the University of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the recruitment procedures therefor, indicating the (a) date of the last recruitment exercise therefor (b) number of candidates enrolled on the system having been recruited and (c) purpose of an ongoing application system created by CITS when only few candidates are enrolled through advertisement?

B/887 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –
Whether, in regard to the extension of the Metro Express Project from Rose Hill to Ebène, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Metro Express Ltd., information as to if (a) the geotechnical surveys have been completed (b) provisions will be made for traffic deviations, mainly around the Rose Hill area and (c) an Environmental Impact Assessment has been carried out and, if so, table copy of the report thereof?

B/888 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 proposed reconstruction of the Rose Hill Market, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin and Rose Hill, information as to where matters stand?

B/889 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/890 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 ongoing deforestation being carried out along Road B 104 at Chamarel, he will state if he is in presence of a letter from the President of the Royal Society of Arts and Science containing representations in relation thereto and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given thereto and, if not, the reasons therefor?

B/891 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 proposed introduction of an Adoption Bill in the Assembly, she will state where matters stand?

B/892 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 charitable trust established in Mauritius by Mitsui OSK Lines with funds to the tune of USD 9.42 million, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to how same will be used?

B/893 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the Committee set up to engage in discussions with the private sector to advise on the restoration, preservation, promotion and management of selected national heritage sites, he will state the composition thereof, indicating (a) their respective qualifications and experience and (b) if consideration will be given for the inclusion therein of Non-Governmental Organisations and benevolent and other social initiatives actively involved in the restoration, preservation, promotion and management of national heritage sites and, if not, why not?

B/894 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dhunoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the sewerage works undertaken in the region of Gustave Collins, La Rue Derby and Atlee, in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the house, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to the work progress thereof?

B/895 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dhunoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the reconstruction of Pont Atlee, he will, for the benefit of the house, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the work progress thereof?

B/896 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dhunoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent floods which occurred in April 2021, in Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to the actions taken to address the causes thereof?

B/897 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 proposed implementation of the Warehouse Project in Mozambique for the promotion of Mauritian products, he will state where matters stand?

B/898 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 proposed implementation of the Sugar Project in Tanzania, he will state where matters stand?

B/899 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed provision of training facilities to young people, he will state the measures he proposes to take in relation to those young people who would not be eligible thereto for failure to satisfy the requirement of possessing the Form 3 Certificate?

B/900 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 composition of the Board thereof and the name of the Managing Director thereof, indicating in each case, the salary and allowances drawn?

B/901 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 procurement exercise launched in March 2021 for the supply of Personal Protective Equipment for COVID-19 pandemic Phase 2, he will state the name of the successful bidder therefor, indicating the total amount paid thereto?

B/902 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 National Youth Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain details of the events and activities held island-wide since June 2020 to date, indicating the total expenditure incurred in relation thereto at regional and national levels, respectively?

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