MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given Requiring an Oral Answer Sitting of Tuesday 06 April 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/129 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 Youth Environment Council, he will state the (a) date of the setting up thereof (b) composition thereof and (c) date of first meeting thereof?

B/130 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 Report of the Director of Audit on the public accounts of Mauritius for the year 2019-2020 and the subsequent reports thereof, he will state if consideration will be given for amendments to be brought to the (a) Standing Orders and Rules of the National Assembly (1995) to empower the Assembly to debate thereon and (b) relevant legislation to ensure that measures are taken to ensure that effective remedial actions are taken on the observations made therein and, if so, when, and, if not, why not?

B/131 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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 Seamen's welfare dues payable by shipping lines for ships to berth in the port, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, since 2015 to-date on a yearly basis, information as to the quantum thereof (a) received and (b) payable to the Seafearers' Welfare Fund, indicating the quantum of funds disbursed therefrom for the welfare of the (i) Mauritian seamen and (ii) foreign seamen in transit in Mauritius?

B/132 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to 'Kreol Morisien', he will state if he has taken cognizance of a letter addressed to his goodself by Affirmative Action pertaining to the exclusion thereof in the National Certificate of Examination (Grade 10) Programme and, if so, indicate the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/133 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Drug Observatory Report 2019, he will state if same contains information on deaths related to overdose of illicit drugs, and, if so, to give details thereof?

B/134 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 cannabis, he will state if, following the recent decision of the United Nations Commission on Narcotics Drugs to remove same from Schedule IV of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, the use thereof for medical and recreational purposes in Mauritius will be reconsidered and, if so, indicate when the appropriate amendments to the existing legislation, more specifically, the Dangerous Drugs Act, will be introduced in the Assembly accordingly?

B/135 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 Air Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of employees thereof who were (a) compelled to be on leave without pay since June 2020 and (b) identified as requiring medical/psychological assistance?

B/136 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent dissemination of several degrading and humiliating cyber videos against Mrs S. K., he will, for the benefit of House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, where matters stand?

B/137 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 remarks of the Director of Audit on the delay to complete the enquiries in respect of an irregularity in revenue collections at the Northern District Headquarters in his Report for the year 2019-2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons therefor, indicating if actions will be initiated against the officers responsible therefor?

B/138 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed opening of our borders, he will state if Covid-19 vaccine passport and/or certificate will be made compulsory for passengers entering Mauritius?

B/139 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 fatal road accidents involving auto/moto cycles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof over the period July 2019 to June 2020, indicating the measures taken, if any, to enforce regulations regarding speeding?

B/140 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state if a risk assessment was undertaken by the Task Force on Maha Shivaratree to allow the pilgrims continue with their pilgrimage until Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 06.00 a.m. despite the fact that the organisers had already cancelled most shows and religious activities at Ganga Talao as at late evening Saturday 06 March 2021?

B/141 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 Acting Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms, he will state if his office is in presence of any complaint against the incumbent and, if so, if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto, indicating the outcome and actions taken, if any?

B/142 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

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 administration of Covid-19 vaccines under the National Deployment and Vaccination Plan, he will state if (a) the 14-days' quarantine period will be maintained for all vaccinated passengers and (b) Government has engaged discussions with the World Heath Organisation and all relevant partners to implement a standard recognised and accepted international health passport?

B/143 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

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 Covid-19 pandemic, he will state if Government will consider introducing and providing a Covid-19 home self-test kit to all frontline workers?

B/144 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 Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission on A Review of the Boundaries of the Constituencies 2020 tabled on 03 November 2020, he will state when a motion will be introduced in the National Assembly in regard thereto?

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/145 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 pandemic, he will state if there have been several proposals from different quarters to use "REMDESIVIR" as treatment thereof and, if so, indicate if information will be obtained as to whether same is being considered for approval by the World Health Organisation?

B/146 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 plastic bags, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the *Police de l'Environnement*, information as to the number of contraventions booked for the use thereof since January 2021 to date, if any?

B/147 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

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

Whether, in regard to State Trading Corporation, he will state if consideration will be given for the advisability of suspending the Board members thereof with immediate effect in the wake of the investigations being carried out by the Independent Commission against Corruption in relation thereto, pending the conclusion thereof?

B/148 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 end-of-year party hosted by the Central Electricity Board for its employees in November/December 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the total expenditure incurred in relation thereto?

B/149 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Yeung Sik Yuen)

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

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and the impact thereof on the small and medium enterprises, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from SME Mauritius Ltd, information as to the number of (a) employees of SMEs who were laid off since March 2020 to date and (b) small and medium enterprises having closed down?

B/150 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Yeung Sik Yuen)

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

Whether, in regard to the Self-Employed Assistance Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if it is in presence of appeals from self-employed against the rejection of their applications submitted thereunder and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/151 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether in regard to the Covid-19 vaccines administered in Mauritius as at to date and those awaiting delivery, he will state the components of each and every consignment thereof, indicating the (a) name of those awaiting approval by the World Health Organisation (b) cost in terms of insurance (c) freight and/or any related costs and (d) name of the local suppliers thereof, if any?

B/152 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Flu Vaccination Campaign 2021, he will give details about how same is being carried out amid the Covid-19 pandemic and if there is any incompatibility issue with the Covid-19 vaccines?

B/153 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 donation of funds by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the refurbishment of mosques, he will state if the funds have been used as at to date?

B/154 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 Horizon Paris 2024, he will state where matters stand as to the preparation of the Mauritian athletes therefor, indicating (a) the criteria for the selection of the thirteen participating Mauritian athletes thereto and (b) giving details of the provision, if any, of complementary mental, nutritional and medical expertise thereto for the progress and performance optimization thereof?

B/155 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 forthcoming Tokyo Olympic Games, he will state the (a) names of the athletes who will be participating therein and (b) measures taken to ensure the safety of the Mauritian athletes during their travel and stay in the Olympic village amid the Covid-19 pandemic?

B/156 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 morcellement permits, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to the number of applications therefor processed since a member of the Authority has been co-opted on the Morcellement Board, indicating if it is in presence of an application for the construction of a morcellement in a flood-prone area in St Croix and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/157 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 flood-prone areas in Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the measures being taken to address same?

B/158 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 patients undergoing dialysis treatment at the Souillac Hospital, he will state (a) when and how their quarantine procedures and admission at Tamassa Hotel were done following the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak (b) if they regularly receive the visits of doctors and, if so, indicate the date and time of the first visit since the start of the quarantine period and (c) if dialysis treatment is being administered within the required timeframe during the quarantine period and, if not, why not?

B/159 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the Self-Employed Assistance Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the (a) number of artists benefiting thereunder, since April 2020 to date, indicating the total quantum of funds disbursed and (b) if some artists have not benefitted thereunder and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/160 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 incinerator at Solferino, he will state (a) when the (i) construction thereof was completed and (ii) equipment therefor installed and (b) the name of the contractor for the (i) construction of the incinerator and (ii) installation of the equipment?

B/161 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 employees working in the scavenging unit at the Municipal Council of Vacoas/Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to if, as at to date, they have been (a) made to undergo PCR Tests (b) administered with the Covid-19 vaccine and (c) provided with items of special Personal Protective Equipment?

B/162 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 nursing officer working at the Souillac hospital and the spouse thereof working at the Jawaharlall Nehru Hospital in the Ambulance section who had been tested Covid-19 positive, he will state (a) when were they so tested and (b) if they were vaccinated and, if so, when?

B/163 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 advisers attached to her Ministry since November 2019, she will state in each case the (a) names (b) date and terms and conditions of appointment (c) working conditions and (d) qualifications and experience held?

The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or. B/164 (Dr Gungapersad)

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

> Whether, in regard to the programme of "Natation Scolaire" which involved the construction of 'bassins d'apprentissage' in primary schools, she will state (a) the number thereof built as at to date, indicating the (i) cost thereof and (ii) name of the contractor/s thereof and (b) if a comprehensive report thereon is available?

The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or B/165(Dr Gungapersad)

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

> Whether, in regard to the construction of multi-purpose halls in the six State Secondary Schools, scheduled to start during financial year 2016-2017, she will state the (a) initial cost thereof and (b) reasons for the non-completion thereof as at to date?

The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or B/166 (Dr Gungapersad)

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

> Whether, in regard to the Melville-Goodlands Link Road, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) when and to whom the initial tender was awarded and the cost thereof and (b) why the project was never completed, indicating if consideration will be given for the completion thereof, giving details thereof?

B/167 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 fishing restriction following the Wakashio oil spill, he will state the duration thereof and the respective number of registered fishermen, applicant fishermen and fishmongers who received a monthly solidarity grant of Rs 10,200, indicating the source of funding therefor?

B/168 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA), he will table copy of the updated ESA mapping produced under the Mainstreaming Biodiversity into the Management of Coastal Zones in Mauritius Project, indicating if same has been submitted to the District Councils to be used in the course of the decision process in relation to the issue of Building and Land Use Permits?

B/169 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Ittoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the present football league, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Football Association, information as to if same will be maintained or cancelled, indicating if financial assistance will be made available to football clubs?

B/170 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Ittoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state the number of persons having been vaccinated under the Covid-19 National Deployment and Vaccination Plan as at to date, with each vaccine?

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

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to quarantine centres, he will state the protocol put in place to ensure that the dialysis patients staying thereat are administered with the required dialysis treatment?

B/172 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, also known as Shelter L'Oiseau du Paradis, she will state (a) if all the personnel thereof currently on duty have been vaccinated and (b) the actions taken by her Ministry to ensure the protection of babies, toddlers and adolescents staying thereat during the COVID-19 pandemic?

B/173 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 minors placed in the shelters, she will state the structure that has been put in place by her Ministry to support the release thereof from the shelter on turning 18 years old?

B/174 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the Primary School Achievement Certificate, the National Certificate of Education, the Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Local Examinations, she will state if teachers are prioritized to be administered with the COVID-19 vaccine regardless of age and, if not, indicate the actions taken, if any, in order to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 among the students taking part in the said examinations?

B/175 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the 14 dialysis patients tested positive at the New Souillac Hospital, he will state the steps being taken to ensure that lateral flow tests are administered thereto by trained professionals?

B/176 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the administration of the Covid-19 vaccine under the Covid-19 National Deployment and Vaccination Plan, he will state how his Ministry is addressing the issue of access thereto by the (a) adults without the capacity to give consent and (b) residents staying in care homes?

B/177 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state if his Ministry has allocated funds to local authorities to facilitate the implementation of clean environment and promote better public health across local communities through the (a) setting out of a clear agenda for action to reduce people's exposure to harmful pollutants (b) longer-term implications of unprecedented changes in living and working patterns to deliver the environmental commitments and (c) procuring sweeper-lorries to deliver quality environmental commitments and if not, why not?

B/178 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of a Data Technology Park at Côte d'Or, he will state the (a) status of the project, including, the expected start and completion dates thereof (b) estimated cost thereof, indicating if any prior feasibility study was carried out and, if so, by whom and (c) names of the companies having expressed interest therein?

B/179 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

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

Whether, in regard to the remarks of the Director of Audit in relation to the allocation of two portions of land being Lot 129A1 and 129A2 both on *Pas Géométriques* at Riambel in his Report for the year 2019-2020, he will state (a) who processed and recommended the said allocations (b) if consideration will be given for the initiation of (i) criminal and disciplinary actions for breach of the State Land Act and (ii) actions to recover the said plot/s of land, and if so, when?

B/180 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

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

Whether, in regard to H.E S. S., he will table a list of all expenses incurred by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, since his appointment as Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary in Saudi Arabia, including, in respect of furniture purchased, *per diem* and medical expenses claimed?

B/181 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to dialysis services, he will state (a) the names of the private dialysis units the services of which were resorted to by his Ministry, indicating in each case, the total amount of money paid thereto over the past two financial years and table copy of the Service Level Agreement signed therewith and (b) when same will be fully provided by the public health institutions?

B/182 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the Free Travel Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation of the Cashless Bus Ticketing System?

B/183 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 frontline workers, he will state the (a) number thereof, category-wise, having been tested Covid-19 positive, since January 2021 to date, indicating if (i) contact tracings have been carried out in each case and, if so, indicate the number of Covid-19 positive tested persons traced out and (ii) any one thereof was tested positive at the time of administration of the Covid-19 vaccine and (b) measures taken to further improve the sanitary protocol applicable thereto?

B/184 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 Linear Accelerator for the treatment of Cancer Patient at the Victoria Hospital, he will state if same is currently functional and delivering optimum service and, if not, since when, indicating the (a) actions taken to repair same and (b) alternative treatment available to cancer patients, indicating the treatment options available to those patients in relation to whom cobalt treatment is inappropriate?

B/185 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to the welfare of animals, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare, information as to the number of (a) veterinary doctors employed in each office thereof, indicating if all offices are fully operational and (b) sterilizations performed, since January 2019 to date?

The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill B/186 (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 remark of the Director of Audit in his Report for the year 2019-2020, in relation to non-compliance with the legislation and regulations in respect of the examination for roadworthiness of Government vehicles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to if such exemptions have been duly authorised, indicating the remedial measures that will be taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/187 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

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

> Whether, in regard to the recommendation of the Director of Audit for the setting up of a statutory body under the Finance and Audit Act to review the shortcomings mentioned in his Report for the year 2019-2020 with a view to enforcing corrective actions and deal with cases of malpractice, negligence and repeated defaults, he will state if consideration will be given for the setting up of such a statutory body as a matter of urgency?

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 quarantine centres, he will state, in each case, the names of the contractors for the supply, since August 2020 to date of (a) airport transfer services and (b) catering services?

The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and B/189 Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

> Whether, in regard to the ex-CHA Housing Estates, he will state the quantum of funds received from the National Environment Fund for the rehabilitation and removal of asbestos therefrom and table the list of those having been rehabilitated as at to date, indicating if such a project is on-going in Constituency No. 1 and, if so, give the status thereof?

B/190 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

> Whether, in regard to the Basic Retirement Pension, she will state the quantum of funds disbursed in terms thereof since January 2021 to date, indicating (a) the strategy of Government for the increase thereof over the next four years and (b) if there has been an increase in the quantum thereof for year 2021 and, if not why not?

The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and B/191 Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the guarantine centre at Pointe Aux Sables, he will state the number of personnel of the health sector working thereat since 01 March 2020 to date, indicating the (a) measures put in place thereat to avoid contamination and (b) number of persons who have been contaminated thereat, indicating the actions taken by his Ministry in relation thereto?

B/192 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

> Whether, in regard to fully concrete housing units, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Empowerment Foundation, information as to the (a) number thereof under construction since January 2020 to date, indicating the number of projects therefor which have been cancelled and (b) table the list of all earmarked and on-going projects, indicating the work progress thereof?

The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and B/193Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

> Whether, in regard to the guarantine centres, he will table the list of the hotels retained to serve as same, since the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown to date, indicating the criteria used for the selection thereof?

B/194 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

> Whether, in regard to the quarantine centres, he will give the list of the caterers providing services thereat in 2020 and since January 2021 to date, indicating the quantum of funds disbursed therefor in each case?

The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and B/195 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 payment of the Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examination fees this vear, she will state if she proposes to disregard the criteria based on the attendance of the students?

B/196 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Doolub)

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

> Whether, in regard to the small and medium enterprises, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., information as to if new loan facilities are being granted thereto, amid the Covid-19 pandemic and, if so, indicate the (a) loan facilities given (b) number of applications (i) received and (ii) approved and (c) amount disbursed?

B/197 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (Mrs Mayotte)

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

Whether, in regard to the domestic animals which are left alone when the owners thereof are taken into the 14 days' quarantine amid the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state the arrangements made by the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security for same to be taken care of, if any?

B/198 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to seagrass and our ocean biodiversity, he will state if he is aware of the underwater protest by the marine biologists S. S. on 06 March 2020 in relation thereto and, if so, indicate the actions being taken or contemplated by Mauritius, alone or in cooperation with the Seychelles, if any, to protect same, more particularly, in the Sava de Malha Bank?

B/199 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 potatoes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Agricultural Marketing Board, information as to quantity thereof imported from the Netherlands, indicating the (a) percentage thereof which are inconsumable and (b) price per ton after embarkment?

B/200 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 opening of the fishing campaign, he will state where the matter stand?

B/201 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 registered fishermen, he will state if consideration will be given for the granting of 100% duty free facilities thereto for the purchase of utility vehicles?

B/202 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 public health institutions, he will state if his Ministry will consider the banning and replacement of the use of small zipped plastic bag thereat by those made of biodegradable materials?

B/203 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to imported food commodities, he will state if measures have been implemented to curtail the huge rise in retail prices thereof in the face of the massive devaluation of the Mauritian Rupee vis à vis the Euro, the US Dollar and the Pound Sterling, including, measures to control the freight prices and, if so, give details thereof?

B/204 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state if the length of 14 days quarantine period applies equally to all persons coming to Mauritius and, if not, why not?

B/205 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 proposed construction of 12,000 housing units, as announced in the Budget Speech 2020-2021, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the (a) locations identified therefor and (b) number of housing units which will be delivered in the course of the current financial year?

B/206 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 first local case of Covid-19 in 2021, he will state (a) the date of the detection thereof and (b) how the patient became infected?

B/207 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 Special Fund to finance the Covid-19 National Deployment and Vaccination Programme, he will state the quantum of funds (a) injected therein, indicating the source thereof and (b) disbursed therefrom, indicating in each case, the (i) name of the recipient and (ii) purpose thereof?

B/208 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the Reimbursable Advisory Services Agreement signed between the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security and the World Bank in the context of the study on the viability of the sugarcane sector in Mauritius, he will state if the report of the World Bank has been submitted and, if so, indicate the recommendations contained therein?

B/209 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Blood Donation Campaign being carried out island-wide, he will state if same is advisable amid the Covid-19 pandemic?

B/210 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the frontline workers, he will state the number thereof identified according to the Covid-19 National Deployment and Vaccination Plan, indicating the number thereof having been (a) administered with a Covid-19 vaccine as at to date (b) placed in quarantine centers and (c) tested Covid-19 positive?

B/211 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 budget deficit for 2020/2021, he will give a breakdown of the (a) estimated total revenue and (b) total expenditure?

B/212 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 Road Decongestion Programme, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/213 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 sewage connection at La Rue Couvent and Dubreuil Village, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to the work progress thereof, indicating if the works will be completed on time?

B/214 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 CEB Renewable Energy Schemes for Non-Governmental Organisations and charitable institutions, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/215 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to deaths related to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state if the funeral protocol has been reviewed?

B/216 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 National Deployment and Vaccination Plan, he will state the quantum of funds earmarked therefor, indicating the quantum thereof disbursed as at to date?

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A/44 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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

Whether he will state if his Ministry has considered a temporary ban on the "Telegram app" with regard to its unethical use into the privacy of the users thereof that has been in the public domain recently, indicating the actions being taken against the public officers who participated therein, if any?

A/45 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 domestic violence and child abuse, she will state the number of reported cases thereof to the Child Development Unit and the Family Unit, respectively, since January 2020 to date, indicating in each case (a) when same was reported (a) the nature of the case and (c) the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)Clerk of the National Assembly

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