

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 30 November 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/1233 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 tractors and trailers used for container-handling activities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd., information as to the (a) number thereof presently owned by the Corporation, indicating the number thereof not being operational, if any, and since when and (b) measures taken to ensure proper service continuity of the Corporation?

B/1234 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 use of the face recognition technology component of cameras of the Safe City Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Acting Commissioner of Police, information as to if same is now operational and, if so, indicate if an exercise for collecting biometric photographs has been carried out and, if so, indicate where the database thereof is kept?

B1235 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 the light of the preliminary findings of Dr Marcos Orellana, United Nations Special Rapporteur, on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, he will state if he still proposes to proceed with the enactment of the Offshore Petroleum Bill?

B/1236 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 2012 Ruling of the United Nations Human Rights Committee regarding non-compliance by Mauritius with the International Covenant on Political and Civil Rights, he will state the measures Government proposes to take for the implementation thereof?

B/1237 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 recent alleged cases of pedo-pornography in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Acting Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiries initiated thereinto, indicating the progress made for the dismantling of the network in relation thereto and number of arrests effected in connection therewith, if any?

B/1238 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 High-Level Committee on COVID-19, he will state the number of meetings chaired by the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister during his recent Actingship as Prime Minister, if any, and, if so, give details of the decisions taken in each meeting?

B/1239 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 commercial flights from the Malagasy Republic to Mauritius, he will state if he has been informed that the Malagasy authorities have decided to cease same amid the current Covid-19 pandemic situation and, if so, indicate if other countries have signified their intention in the same direction?

B/1240 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

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 seizure of 95 kgs of cocaine worth Rs 1.4 billion found in a wheel loader on 10 July 2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Acting Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto, indicating the number of arrests effected in connection therewith, if any, giving details thereof?

B/1241 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(**Mr Nuckcheddy**)

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

Whether, in regard to illegal motorcycle racing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Acting Commissioner of Police, information as to the additional measures he proposes to take to address same, if any?

B/1242 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Citizen Support Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of complaints received thereat since August 2020 to date, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/1243 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(**Mr Woochit**)

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 batch of thirteen trainee seafarers who underwent three and a half years traineeship at the Mauritius Ports Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the sea time that they would require to possess to qualify as able seafarers?

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/1244 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the New ENT Hospital, he will state the number of patients who died thereat since 01 November 2021 to date and table the breakdown thereof on a daily basis?

B/1245 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the requests made to the Ambassador of France by his Ministry by letter dated on or about 18 November 2021, he will state if he is in presence of any reply thereto and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1246 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to COVID-19 vaccines, he will state the number thereof currently in stock, indicating the (a) number thereof purchased and donated either through the COVAX Facility or others and (b) expiry dates thereof, indicating how the disposal of expired ones are carried out?

B/1247 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 prevailing COVID-19 pandemic, he will give the list of all medical equipment and accessories procured by his Ministry since September 2021 to date in relation thereto, indicating the (a) type of tender procedure followed (b) name of bidders and of successful bidders and (c) contract values thereof?

B/1248 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 prevailing COVID-19 pandemic with the Delta Variant situation, he will state the projected peak time of the current wave thereof, indicating the additional measures his Ministry proposes to take for the containment thereof ahead of the upcoming festive season?

B/1249 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to online classes, she will state the percentage of attendance thereof since the start of the second semester?

B/1250 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mrs Mayotte**)

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

Whether, in regard to teenage pregnancy, she will state the number of reported cases thereof since January 2020 to date?

B/1251 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mrs Mayotte**)

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

Whether, in regard to Land Drainage Project being implemented at the New Mosque Road and Ernest Lemaire Road respectively, at Chemin Grenier, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Drainage Authority, information as to the work progress thereof, indicating the date of handing over thereof?

B/1252 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Youth Civic Service Programme, he will state if same is ongoing and, if so, indicate the number of youngsters enrolled therein and, if not, why not?

B/1253 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in regard to the Plaine Verte Youth Centre, he will state (a) when same will be operational and (b) if consideration will be given for a review of the (i) *modus operandi* of the activities thereof and (ii) relocation of the air extractors thereof?

B/1254 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in regard to the SME Employment Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from SME Mauritius Ltd., since the inception thereof to date, information as to the (a) number of graduates and diploma holders having benefitted thereunder and (b) quantum of funds disbursed?

B1255 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in regard to stray dogs, he will state if his attention has been drawn to a proliferation thereof in public places, including roads, beaches and hospitals and, if so, indicate if urgent remedial actions have been/are being taken in relation thereto?

B/1256 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 Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation Machine, he will state if same is being used in the treatment of severely ill COVID-19 positive-tested patients at the new ENT Hospital, indicating (a) if adequate training has been provided to the staff for the use thereof (b) quantum of funds earmarked for the use thereof and (c) if consideration will be given for the urgent acquisition of additional units thereof in the light of the statistical projections of the COVID-19 pandemic?

B/1257 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 persons who passed away following COVID-19 infection since 01 September 2021 to date, he will state if (a) sequencing of PCR tests of all the said persons have been performed and, if so, give the results thereof and (b) contact tracing and PCR tests of the close contacts thereof have been conducted?

B/1258 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to where matters stand as to the replacement of the faulty domestic water meters in Port-Louis, indicating if aggrieved customers (a) are eligible to compensation for payment of excessive bills as a result thereof and (b) benefit from the services of technical teams from the Authority for the detection of suspected water pipe leakages?

B/1259 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 Home Rapid COVID-19 Tests, he will state if consideration will be given for the free distribution thereof amid the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic situation with the Delta Variant?

B/1260 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 sex 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 and care provided to victims thereof?

B/1261 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 the nurseries, she will state the number thereof which are publicly-owned and privately-owned, respectively, indicating if her Ministry will consider granting a subsidy on the fees payable in respect of the privately-owned ones?

B/1262 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the casinos, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation Ltd., information as to the (a) number of employees thereof having been COVID-19 positive-tested since March 2021 to date and (b) sanitary safety measures in place?

B/1263 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the medical High-Flow Oxygen, he will state the volume thereof procured for use in the public health institutions for the years 2019, 2020 and since January 2021 to date, indicating in each case the local supplier thereof and the cost thereof?

B/1264 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to road resurfacing and drain works at Résidence Sir Gaëtan Duval in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will state the (a) implementation schedule and (b) cost thereof?

B/1265 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 Fishermen Bad Weather Allowance, he will state the quantum thereof paid over the corresponding number of bad weather days since 01 September 2021 to date, indicating the number of fishermen concerned therewith?

B1266 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 construction of a box culvert, a retaining wall and the widening of the existing bridge at Futloo Lane, in Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas and Phoenix, information as to where matters stand?

B/1267 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance –

Whether, he will state if he has taken cognizance of the Report of the Ombudsperson for Financial Services for the period starting 01 March 2019 and ending on 30 June 2021 and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the introduction of proposed amendments to the Ombudsperson for Financial Services Act, as recommended therein?

B/1268 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 prevailing COVID-19 pandemic with the Delta Variant situation, he will state if consideration will be given for the Côte d'Or Sports Complex to be converted into a COVID-19 Healthcare Centre for the admission of COVID-19 positive-tested asymptomatic patients who do not require hospitalization and, if not, why not??

B/1269 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 ancient buildings of undisputed historic, cultural and architectural significance which housed the Bambou, the Moka, the Mapou, the Souillac and the Pamplemousses District Courts, he will state if his Ministry or any other authority is envisaging the rehabilitation thereof?

B/1270 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the number of (i) dogs presently sheltered thereat, indicating the daily cost for the caring thereof and (ii) reported cases of animal abuse thereat, if any, indicating if same are being inquired into and the outcome thereof (b) euthanasiation procedures available thereat and (c) if consideration will be given for the implementation of the Humane Society International Strategic Plan to solve the stray dog problem in Mauritius?

B/1271 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 pesticides, he will state the (a) types thereof imported since 2018, with respective quantities (b) number of samples of residues thereof within the 1811 samples collected since 2018 (c) number of officers currently working at the Pesticides Regulatory Office and (d) timeframe for the introduction of the Organic Bill aiming at ensuring the provision of a sustainable and safe food system to the population?

B/1272 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether, in regard to public transport, he will state the measures put in place to prevent the proliferation of the COVID-19 pandemic amid the prevailing situation, indicating if consideration will be given for a review of the (a) number of passengers allowed to travel in and out thereof at one point in time and (b) regulations in force for disinfection of the public vehicles?

B/1273 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 contribution of Rs 2 per litre on the price of Mogas and Gasoil for the financing of COVID-19 Vaccines, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the quantum of funds received in terms thereof as at to date, giving details of disbursements effected therefrom?

B/1274 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information on the request for proposal of a Public Relations Consultancy firm to provide advice and support in its communication activities, indicating the (a) number of applications received (b) successful applicants/Consultancy firm and (c) amount quoted therefor per year?

B/1275 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and 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 commercial centre found at La Tour Koenig, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., Information as to the present state thereof, indicating (a) the appellations of the Syndics registered therewith and (b) if any renovation thereof is being envisaged?

B/1276 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 Community Health Centres, he will state the protocol applicable thereat for the treatment of COVID-19 positive-tested patients?

B/1277 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the social housing units built by the National Housing Development Company Ltd., she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Empowerment Foundation, information as to the number of applications therefor received from households registered on the Social Register of Mauritius as at to date, indicating the (a) number thereof presently available therefor and number thereof allocated and the locations thereof and (b) timeframe for allocation thereof?

B/1278 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, he will state if he has taken cognizance of the “Plan de Relance” drafted by the Mauritius Football Association and, if so, give details thereof, indicating if his Ministry has given its approval for the implementation thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1279 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, he will state if his Ministry has received copy of the final report of the Fact Finding Committee set up by the Mauritius Football Association in connection with the alleged act of voyeurism which occurred at the Football House on or about 30 July 2021, in Trianon, and, if so, indicate the (a) outcome thereof and (b) actions taken in relation thereto, if any, and table copy thereof?

B/1280 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 number of persons having either developed serious illnesses or died after vaccination, indicating in each case the nature of the illnesses developed and names of the vaccines administered?

B/1281 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the scheme for the provision of free optical glasses to persons on the Social Register of Mauritius aged up to 21 years old, she will state the (a) number of applications received thereunder and approved, respectively and (b) aggregate quantum of funds disbursed in relation thereto?

B/1282 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Water Sector Reform, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the (a) quantum of funds disbursed for water pipe replacement on a yearly basis for 2019 and 2020 and since January 2021 to date and (b) current percentage of non-revenue water?

B/1283 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 construction of a new urban terminal at Vacoas, he will state where matters stand, indicating the status of the (a) actual market fair (b) existing sellers and (c) existing building?

B/1284 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 COVID-19 Hotlines 8924/4013060 services, he will state (a) the number of officers attached thereto (b) the number of complaints received by his Ministry for non-availability thereof, indicating the remedial measures taken in relation thereto, if any and (c) if consideration will be given to render it compulsory for the officers responding calls to identify themselves to the callers?

B/1285 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 SAMU, he will state if an inquiry has been initiated following a complaint made on 20 November 2021 by a Police Constable for alleged failure thereof to give assistance to a person in danger of death and, if not, why not?

B/1286 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the public sector and private companies, he will state the established protocol, if any, that management is required to follow when a staff member thereof is COVID-19 positive-tested, giving details thereof?

B/1287 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 Center and other shelters falling under the purview of her Ministry, she will state if consideration has been given for the setting up of a protocol and measures to ensure online schooling thereat and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1288 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 Pure Heaven Shelter located in Vacoas, she will state (a) the date of coming into operation thereof (b) the number of (i) persons presently sheltered thereat and (ii) staff employed thereat, indicating the qualifications held, in each case and (c) if any case of alleged ill-treatment reported to the Police has been relayed to her Ministry and, if so, indicate the actions taken in relation thereto?

B/1289 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Foot and Mouth Disease, he will state if his Ministry has taken cognizance of the successful containment of the outbreak thereof on livestock and of the eradication thereof in Rodrigues, and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the lifting of the embargo imposed on the export of livestock from Rodrigues?

B/1290 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 medicines, he will state if he will consider (a) liaising with the competent authorities to set up some form of price control/monitoring thereof and (b) the possibility of requesting the State Trading Corporation to purchase some of the most essential medicines such as for COVID-19 and Diabetes treatments and provide some form of subsidy from the COVID-19 Fund therefor?

B/1291 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

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

Whether, in regard to the film “Prisoner of Paradise”, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Economic Development Board, information as to (a) the final sum of money refunded to the director/producer thereof under the Film Rebate Scheme and (b) if Government/the Board guaranteed a loan of Rs 90 million at the State Bank of Mauritius Ltd. to the director/producer thereof, indicating if the loan was in Mauritian Rupees or in British pound sterling?

B/1292 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 COVID-19 Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) present balance thereof and (b) projects that have been funded therefrom since January 2021 to date or earmarked for funding?

B/1293 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to our reservoirs, he will state if he has been informed of picnicking activities being carried out thereat and, if so, indicate if measures will be taken to implement the restrictive sanitary measures imposed at national level for the containment of the COVID-19 pandemic amid the prevailing situation thereat?

B/1294 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 lease of State land for the construction of housing units to private local and foreign companies over the past two years, he will state the (a) extent and location and (b) project value thereof?

B/1295 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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 Chancery of the Mauritius High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, in Malaysia, he will state (a) if same has been relocated and, if so, indicate if the approval of his Ministry was sought and obtained prior thereto and, if so, when (b) if the High Commissioner informed the Malaysian authorities accordingly prior thereto and, if so, when and table copy of the said letter and (c) the quantum of rent payable for the new location?

B/1296 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to public transport, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of employees thereof having contracted COVID-19, indicating the number thereof having passed away after having contracted same and (b) state if he is in presence of representations from the Union of Bus Industry Workers regarding actions to be initiated to protect the lives and ensure the safety of the bus transport workers and passengers, indicating the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/1297 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance –

Whether, in regard to the directives of the Ombudsperson for Financial Services dated 28 October 2021 against the CEB Staff Pension Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/1298 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 inquiries initiated by the Bank of Mauritius into the billions of rupees worth unsecured loans given to foreign investors from Dubai, namely, Mr C. and the Pabari Group, by a consortium of the main local banks, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to where matters stand, indicating the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/1299 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Computer Emergency Response Team, he will state (a) the composition thereof (b) the duties assigned thereto and (c) how the team proposes to collaborate with Meta?

B/1300 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the ten-year SME Master Plan, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation of the recommendations contained therein?

B/1301 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the financial need of USD 6.5 billion for period 2021-2030 for the taking of mitigation and adaptation measures by the Republic of Mauritius, he will give details of how same will be financed in the light of the non-materialisation of the pledge for funding from donor countries and agencies at and outside the COP26?

B/1302 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to Desroches Street, in Port Louis, he will state if he will consider requesting the City Municipal Council of Port Louis to place appropriate road signage thereat?

B/1303 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 COVID-19 pandemic, he will state the number of ambulances at the disposal of the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam National Hospital, the Souillac Hospital, the Jawharlall Nehru Hospital, the Dr Bruno Cheong Hospital and the Poudre d'Or Hospital therefor, respectively, indicating the (a) equipment available therein and (b) number thereof attached to the SAMU Unit for the ENT Hospital?

B/1304 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 fire outbreak in the Craft Market in the Caudan Waterfront, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) if the building was (i) issued with a fire certificate (ii) in conformity with the existing legislation and Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service guidelines and (iii) equipped with fire prevention, fighting and fire detective devices and (b) why the step ladder lorry was not used?

B/1305 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 levy of Rs2.00 per litre on mogas and Gasoil diesel for the purchase of COVID-19 vaccines, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the quantum of funds collected since the application thereof to date, indicating the quantum thereof used to purchase COVID-19 vaccines?

B/1306 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 proposed construction of a health track at 16ème Mille, in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Development Unit, information as to where matters stand?

B/1307 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 extension of the village hall of Midlands, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?

B/1308 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 primary schools, she will table the list thereof with a population of less than 120 students in each of the four zones, indicating the number of (a) students grade-wise and (b) Grade 1 students who have sought admission for the 2022 intake thereat, in each case?

B/1309 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 Overseas Treatment Scheme, he will (a) table the number of patients having benefitted therefrom since June 2021 to date, indicating the country where treatment was sought (b) give details of the type of surgery or treatment required and financial help granted by the State and (c) state the financial support, if any, provided to patients requiring a second or subsequent treatment or surgery?

B/1310 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the quantum of funds collected therein as at to date, indicating the (a) number of beneficiaries thereunder (b) purpose thereof and (c) quantum of funds disbursed?

B/1311 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the Work from Home Scheme, he will state the (a) percentage of civil servants who, since May 2021 to date, have switched thereto and (b) Ministries and/or departments where the implementation thereof is not possible, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/1312 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Mr Nuckcheddy)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the construction of the New Teaching Hospital in Flacq, he will state the scope of works thereof, indicating the (a) estimated cost thereof (b) name of the bidders (c) start and completion dates thereof and (d) work progress thereof?

B/1313 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(**Mr Nuckcheddy**)

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 National Land Transport Authority Appeal Committee, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) name of the Chairperson thereof, indicating his date of appointment (b) frequency of meetings held, indicating the number thereof, since January to October 2021 (i) chaired by the Chairperson and (ii) postponed and (c) number of cases lodged thereat, indicating the outcome thereof in each case?

B/1314 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(**Mr Nuckcheddy**)

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

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

B/1315 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of the Blue Bay Arena as announced in the Budget Speech 2021-2022, he will state where matters stand?

B/1316 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the recommendations made by the High-Level Committee on the Elimination of Gender-based Violence, she will state where matters stand?

B/1317 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 COVID-19 pandemic, he will state the steps taken by his Ministry to contain the transmission thereof in supermarkets and public transports island-wide?

B/1318 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 supply teachers, she will state the steps taken by her Ministry to provide financial support thereto amid the COVID-19 pandemic?

B/1319 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 proposed allocation of funds to the local authorities amid the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state (a) how the quantum of funds to be allocated to each local authority has been calculated and (b) if guidance has been issued on how the additional funding should be spent?

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