

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 14 May 2019****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development**

B/326 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Huawei Technologies Company Ltd., he will give a list of the contracts signed by the Government of Mauritius therewith, together with the contractual values thereof and stating the measures, if any, taken by Government, in the light of the various serious allegations being levelled against the said company at international level?

B/327 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the companies, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Registrar of Companies, information as to the number thereof having resorted to the liquidation process since 2014 to date on a yearly basis and (b) state if consideration will be given for proposed amendments to the Insolvency Act to be introduced in the Assembly in relation to (i) disqualification of the directors thereof and (ii) priority ranking of the creditors thereof?

B/328 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to betting, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the number and types of permits/licences therefor issued since May 2018 to date, indicating in each case the (a) name of the operator and (b) date of (i) application therefor (ii) issue thereof and (iii) number of outlets operated and respective place of operation?

B/329 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Mr D. B., Senior Adviser to Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence and of Rodrigues, he will state the (a) date and terms and conditions of appointment thereof and number of overseas missions he effected as at to date, indicating in each case the country visited, purpose thereof and cost incurred and (b) number of Boards of parastatal and/or State-owned companies of which he is a member, indicating the remunerations drawn?

B/330 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of an account-based betting together with a player card programme/system, as announced at paragraph 313 of the Budget Speech 2017-2018, he will state where matters stand?

B/331 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the post of General Manager, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd., information as to the name of the incumbent thereof, if any, and, if so, indicate the (a) terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (b) date of advertisement of the said vacancy, indicating if the incumbent applied therefor?

B/332 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to betting, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the number of off course operators thereof currently operating, indicating the number and type of licence thereof granted since 2015 to date?

**Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers,
other than to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs,
External Communications and National Development Unit,
Minister of Finance and Economic Development**

B/333 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

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

Whether, in regard to the supervision of major public infrastructure projects exceeding Rs 100 m over the past three years, he will state the number of (a) Government architects involved therein and (b) private architects and engineers appointed and involved therein?

B/334 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the total debts thereof accrued as at to date and table copy of the latest annual reports thereof?

B/335 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the embankment failure of the Terre Rouge/Verdun Link Road, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the claim for damages entered against the (a) company for the geotechnical and other civil engineering tests carried out and (b) contractor on the basis of the *garantie décennale*?

B/336 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the Dr A. G. Jeetoo Hospital, he will state if the issue of delay in the payment of overtime for the staff members thereof has been solved and, if not, indicate the (a) number of staff members concerned therewith by grade (b) quantum owed thereto and (c) reasons therefor?

B/337 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to sugar cane, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority, information as to the total estimated tonnage thereof not harvested in 2018, indicating the (a) percentage thereof of Crop Year 2018 and (b) reasons therefor?

B/338 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to primary and secondary education, she will state the frequency at which books therefor are revisited and new editions thereof published?

B/339 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to Tender ONB/CWA/C2018/125 for the Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 6 Containerised Pressure Filtration Plants, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/340 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cap Malheureux-Grand Gaube Link Road Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the (a) name of the contractor and (b) contract value thereof?

B/341 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands, Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the Fire Station in Saint Aubin, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service, information as to the (a) number of fire vehicles available thereat and (b) name and qualifications of the Officer-in-Charge of the Training Department thereof?

B/342 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Perraud**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands, Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the proposed development of the Model Shelter on the plot of land annexed to La Colombe Shelter, she will state where matters stand?

B/343 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Perraud**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands, Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the Report of the Advisory Committee on Reinforcement of Framework for Protection against Domestic Violence presented by Mr Pierre Rosario Domingue, she will state where matters stand as to the implementation of the remaining recommendations contained therein?

B/344 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mr Baboo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Limited, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the procedures set down for the recruitment of the staff members thereof, indicating if same have been followed in respect of all the staff members recruited thereat as at to date?

B/345 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Mr Baboo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to kidney failure, he will state if any study has been carried out as to the reasons for an increase in the number of patients suffering therefrom in Mauritius and, if not, why not and, if so, table copy of the report in relation thereto?

B/346 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives –

Whether, in regard to the SME Communication and Visibility - Online Presence Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the SME Mauritius Ltd., information as to the number of applications received and approved thereunder, indicating the (a) names of the (i) beneficiaries and (ii) service providers thereof and (b) amount of funds disbursed thereunder as at to date?

B/347 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives –

Whether, in regard to the former employees of the Small Medium Enterprise Development Authority redeployed in Ministries and parastatal bodies, he will state the (a) criteria used to determine where the employees would be redeployed and (b) terms and conditions of their redeployment?

B/348 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the private pension funds, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, information as to the number thereof in operation, indicating the number of (a) employees covered thereunder and (b) complaints received in relation thereto, indicating in each case the (i) nature thereof and (ii) actions taken, if any?

B/349 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to medical apparatus, he will state the number thereof which are out of order since 2017 to date, indicating if consideration will be given for the repair or replacement thereof?

B/350 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to Remission/Release on Parole, he will state if consideration will be given for the introduction in the Assembly of proposed amendments to section 51A of the Reforms Institution Act with a view to adding murder with aggravating circumstances following domestic violence against women on the list of offences not eligible therefor?

B/351 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed acquisition of a new vessel from China, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Shipping Corporation, information as to the (a) estimated cost thereof (b) procurement procedure followed and outcome thereof (c) number of visits effected by officers of the Corporation to China in relation thereto, indicating the cost incurred and (d) expected delivery date thereof?

B/352 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Combined Cycle Gas Turbines Project, he will state (a) the financing mode thereof (b) if consideration will be given for the upgrading of the Open Cycle Gas Turbines at Nicolay Power Station in view of the present unavailability of LNG locally, indicating when same will be available and (c) if the financial costs of the stranded assets of the CCGT Project has been evaluated in case of unavailability of LNG in the medium term?

B/353 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the Disability Bill, he will state the expected date of introduction thereof in the Assembly?

B/354 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the Training and Employment of Disabled Persons Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to, in 2017 and 2018 respectively, the (a) number of (i) disabled persons trained, indicating the outcome thereof, including the number of employments in parastatal body and private sector recommended by the Board (ii) activities carried out thereat (iii) training centres presently attached thereto and (b) Action Plan thereof?

B/355 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the CEB Fibernet Co. Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) ongoing projects and related cost thereof and (b) running and administrative costs thereof for period 2017-2018?

B/356 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will state if his Ministry has held consultations with Larsen and Toubro or the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping in relation to the potential presence of *Patrimoine Historique and Patrimoine Nationale* sites that may be on the proposed railway track, including the *Bazar La Butte*?

B/357 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the post of Head Neonatology, he will state where matters stand as to the filling thereof?

B/358 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the discussions held between his Ministry and the French Embassy regarding the possibility of post graduates studies for Mauritian Medical and Health Officers in scarcity areas under a new agreement, he will state where matters stand, indicating if discussions have equally been initiated with other countries for the same purpose?

B/359 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the SAMU ambulances, he will state (a) the number thereof (i) which are in operation and (ii) attached to each hospital and (b) if consideration will be given for the advisability of putting two ambulances available on a 24 hours basis?

B/360 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of the Grade Separated Junctions at Pont Fer/Jumbo/Dowlut roundabouts at Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the work progress thereof, indicating the (a) expected completion date and (b) contract value thereof, indicating (i) the quantum disbursed as at to date and (ii) if any additional claims have been received and, if so, give details thereof?

B/361 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Adrien Duval**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed issue of a Guideline for Mainstreaming Climate Change in Building and Land Use Permit formulated by the Sub-Committee on Climate change set up in 2013, he will state where matters stand?

B/362 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Adrien Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed incorporation of the Drain Impact Assessment as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment, he will state where matters stand?

B/363 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Adrien Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed elaboration of Danger Zoning Plans, he will state where matters stand?

B/364 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the apparatus used by the Radiology Department, such as X-ray, CT scan and MRI, he will (a) give a list thereof available in each hospital, indicating the number thereof which are in operation and (b) state the measures taken to ensure stock of accessories/films therefor?

B/365 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the Household Composter Scheme, he will state (a) the number of compost bins (i) purchased by his Ministry (ii) sold to the public and (iii) presently in stock and (b) how the remaining bins will be distributed?

B/366 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the proposed reconstruction of the Abdool Raman Abdool Government School, in Port Louis, she will state (a) if the outstanding works under Phase I have been completed and, if not, why not and (b) when Phase II will be implemented, indicating the (i) scope of works and (ii) cost involved?

B/367 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritian Passport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof reported lost since January 2015 to date, indicating in each case the date thereof and the date a new passport was issued?

B/368 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the convicts, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof granted a Pardon from the President, since 2015 to date, indicating in each case the (a) offence in respect of which conviction was secured (b) previous convictions thereof, if any, and (c) initial term of sentence thereof?

B/369 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the proposed implementation of the Government Medical Insurance Scheme to the benefit of Public Officers, he will state (a) if prior consultations had been held with the trade unions of the public service and (b) the conditions for contribution by the civil servants and the terms and conditions of the Insurance Policy thereof?

B/370 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the Scholarships to Learners with Disabilities Scheme, she will state the number of scholarships awarded since the setting up thereof to date?

B/371 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to raw sugar, he will state the amount thereof exported to Tate & Lyle over the past three years?

B/372 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will state if discussions have started with the owners of business premises in Constituency No. 18, Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes in relation to the implementation thereof?

B/373 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training –

Whether, in regard to employment, he will state if consideration will be given for the conduct of an inquiry into equal opportunities therefor on a national level in all sectors with regard to women, ethnic groups and people with disabilities.

B/374 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in view of the increasing incidence of diabetes causing considerable increase in chronic irreversible renal diseases leading to dialysis and death, he will state if consideration will be given for the putting up of a modern Renal Hospital?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
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A/5 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to offences under the Copyright Act and the Patents, Industrial Designs and Trademarks Act, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof in 2017 and 2018, indicating the outcome thereof?

A/6 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to his Ministry and parastatal bodies operating under the aegis of his Ministry, he will state/obtain information as to the names of officers and other persons appointed by him, grade-wise, who have attended overseas meetings, training and workshops, since January 2018 to date, indicating in each case, the cost incurred, giving details thereof?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
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