

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 24 April 2018****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development**

B/245 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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 each of the years 2016 and 2017 and for the period January 2018 to date, he will state the (a) unemployment rate (b) public sector debt and (c) amount of foreign direct investments?

B/246 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Henry**)

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 Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he will give a list of projects implemented by the National Development Unit thereat, since December 2016 to date and table copy thereof?

B/247 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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 prospective sale of Maubank, he will state the strategy envisaged by his Ministry to handle the non-performing and impaired assets thereof, indicating the proposed measures for the facilitation of the transfer of ownership thereof to the prospective buyer?

B/248 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 National Environment Commission chaired by his goodself, he will state (a) the number of times the Commission has met since 2015 to date (b) when was the last meeting held and (c) if the Commission will be revived to create better synergy amongst the various stakeholders to address important environmental concerns and issues as expressed in the Government Programme 2015-2019?

B/249 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 proposed setting up of an air corridor between Mauritius and Singapore, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to if (a) any evaluation of the project has been carried out and, if so, table copy of the report thereof and (b) a review thereof is being considered?

B/250 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Ramful)

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 capital projects in Constituencies Nos. 11 and 12, since January 2015 to date, he will give a breakdown thereof financed by the National Development Unit, indicating the costs of the projects implemented thereat?

B/251 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 goods imported by Licensed Freeport Operators, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the actions being taken to ensure the proper control thereof, indicating if the Standard Operating Procedure will be amended to make provision for the scanning of the imported containers prior to the release thereof to the Freeport Zone?

B/252 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 drug related offences, he will state if consideration will be given for the setting up of a (a) separate court to try drug offenders and (b) special prison for drug offenders as recommended in the latest report of the Human Rights Commission?

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/253 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 –

Whether, in regard to repair works that are being carried out following the embankment failure at the Terre Rouge/Verdun link Road, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the (a) name of the supervising engineer thereof (b) actual completion dates thereof and (c) final amount paid therefor?

B/254 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 –

Whether, in regard to repair works that are being carried out following the embankment at 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 regard the claim for damages against the (a) company which carried out the geotechnical and other civil engineering tests and (b) initial contractor on the basis of *garantie décennale*?

B/255 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, he will state the total tonnage thereof produced in Mauritius in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, indicating if any specific trend in the production thereof has been observed and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/256 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 canes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sugar Industry Research Institute, information as to the number and types thereof being currently cultivated in Mauritius, indicating if the Institute will look into new types thereof, which are resistant and more adaptable to climate change?

B/257 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the Central Market, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to where matters stand as to the proposed renovation of the poultry, meat and fish sections thereof, indicating (a) the scope of works thereof and (b) if funds have been identified and, if not, why not?

B/258 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether he will state if Government proposes to review its decision for the construction of a Culture House and, if not, why not?

B/259 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the construction of a new Fire Station in Quatre Bornes, she will state the location of the plot of land identified therefor, indicating the amount earmarked for the (a) acquisition of land and (b) building to house same?

B/260 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of the Nouvelle France-Souillac dual carriageway, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/261 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the letter of reservation issued in favour of West Coast Leisure Ltd./Hyvec Partners for the development of a hotel resort at Bel Ombre, he will state where matters stand?

B/262 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

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

Whether, in regard to solid waste, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed construction of a new compost plant for the disposal thereof?

B/263 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Insurance Company Ltd., he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if it has filed its last audited financial statements and, if so, table copy thereof (b) state the amount of money (i) injected directly or indirectly by Government thereinto since its incorporation to date and (ii) to be injected therein going forward and (c) state where matters stand as to the proposed sale thereof?

B/264 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 CT Scan Machine, X-Ray Machine and Magnetic Resonance Imaging Machine, he will state the number thereof attached to each hospital, indicating in each case (a) since when they were commissioned (b) their respective lifespan and (c) the number thereof which are presently not operational, indicating (i) since when and the reasons therefor and (ii) the remedial measures that are taken?

B/265 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the former buildings which housed the Mapou and Pamplémousses District Courts, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Master and Registrar, information as to if funds have been earmarked for the renovation thereof and, if not, why not?

B/266 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the buildings housing the district courts, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Master and Registrar, information as to the total amount of funds disbursed for the renting thereof for each of the years 2015, 2016 and 2017?

B/267 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Judo Federation, he will state if the Special Caretaker Committee set up on 05 September 2017 has already arranged for the election of a New Managing Committee thereof and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/268 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Sports Arbitration Tribunal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the list of cases lodged before the Tribunal since January 2015 to date, indicating the respective outcome?

B/269 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to tuberculosis, he will state the number of patients thereof undergoing treatment as at to date, indicating the number of new cases diagnosed therewith, if any, since January 2018 to date?

B/270 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Henry)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a channel at Rémy Ollier, Mahebourg, he will state where matters stand?

B/271 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Henry)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the bus station at Mahebourg, he will state if consideration will be given for the renovation thereof?

B/272 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the University of Technology Mauritius, she will state where matters stand as to the proposed (a) refurbishment work to be carried out thereat and (b) construction of a new campus therefor?

B/273 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the claim of sovereignty of Mauritius over the Chagos Archipelago, he will state where matters stand, including the written submissions on the question on which the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice has been requested thereon?

B/274 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Police Riders escorting local VVIPs and foreign dignitaries, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, since January 2010 to date, information as to the number of accidents involving Police Riders, indicating the (i) number of deaths thereof and (ii) amount of compensation paid to the heirs thereof (b) state the measures envisaged to ensure safer working conditions thereof and (c) state if consideration will be given for an alternative mode of escort in lieu thereof?

B/275 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Metro Express Limited, information as to (a) the number of persons employed during the construction phase thereof, indicating the number of (i) Mauritian nationals and (ii) foreign nationals, indicating their respective capacity and (b) if additional jobs will be offered to Mauritian nationals?

B/276 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Metro Express Limited, information as to if any person has been assigned the responsibility of public relation affairs thereof and, if so, indicate the terms and conditions of employment thereof?

B/277 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the reported case of medical waste dumped at Calodyne, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the inquiry carried out thereinto has been completed, and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/278 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

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

Whether, in regard to the fishing boats, he will state the relevant authority responsible for the registration thereof for artisanal fishers, indicating if a non registered fisher may register his/her boat for artisanal fishing and, if not, why not?

B/279 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Barbier)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the registration of boats at the Tourism Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to (a) the type of boats concerned therewith, indicating the (i) criteria set out for obtaining registration for each category and (ii) conditions attached thereto and (b) if the transfer from one category to another is being authorized?

B/280 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Baboo)

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

Whether, in regard to the suspected contaminated juice meant for distribution to the pilgrims during the Maha Shivatree Festival 2018, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the outcome of the inquiry carried out thereinto?

B/281 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Baboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to visa, he will state if any proposal or discussion is being held with the Government of India for the waiving thereof for both Mauritian and Indian nationals?

B/282 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Lepoigneur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Volleyball Association, he will (a) give a list of all clubs affiliated thereto, indicating in each case the names of the office bearers and (b) state the club to which Mr K. T. is affiliated?

B/283 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Lepoigneur)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Modern Pentathlon Federation, he will state if it is still operational and, if not, since when and, if so, indicate the grants, if any, received by the Federation from his Ministry?

B/284 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the primary, secondary and tertiary education institutions, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if there is a proliferation of drugs thereat and, if so, state (a) the mechanism put in place to assess the impact thereof and, if not, why not and (b) the number of cases thereof reported to her Ministry, since 2015 to date?

B/285 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to Mr R. S., former Director of the Information Communication Technologies Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the reasons for his departure therefrom?

B/286 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Young Entrepreneurs Sheltered Farming Park project, he will state the (a) terms and conditions thereof and (b) number of beneficiaries thereof, indicating their names and addresses?

B/287 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the dodo, he will state if he is aware of the sale of bones and skeletons thereof by reputed auction houses abroad and, if so, further state as to if a high level inquiry has been carried out to look thereinto and, if not, why not?

B/288 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to artistic works restored by the French Expert Emmanuel Richon and presently under the custody of the Mauritius Institute, pending the renovation of the National Museum, he will state if consideration will be given for identifying an alternative location for the proper and safe custody thereof?

B/289 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the acute traffic congestion in the village of Flacq and Goodlands, he will state if his Ministry proposes to provide new parking facilities thereat to address same?

B/290 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 Board of Inquiry set up to look into the irregularities at the Mauritius Police Force as regards to the 918 cheques for the sum of Rs 14,157,247.00, not yet banked, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) actions taken against the officers involved and (b) procedures that have been put in place to ensure that the Mauritius Police Force has a better control over its revenue?

B/291 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Knowledge Parks Ltd./Polytechnics Mauritius Limited (PML), she will state (a) if a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the PML and her Ministry and, if so, table copy thereof and (b) how the loan of Rs 486 million rupees entered between Knowledge Park Limited and the Government will be repaid?

B/292 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 cancer, he will state if any research is being carried out to find out the causes for the increasing number and types thereof?

B/293 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to remotely piloted aircrafts, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the outcome of the inquiry carried out in the alleged case of illegal commercial operations thereof as reported to the Civil Aviation Department?

B/294 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 Mauritius Institute of Education, she will state if the post of the Deputy Director thereof is vacant?

B/295 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the housing units, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company, information as to if consideration will be given for intended beneficiaries to have access to the prototype unit prior to the award thereof?

B/296 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether in regard to the fish landing station at ‘Debarquadere’ Pointe aux Sables, he will state if he is aware of the deplorable state thereof and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the renovation and refurbishment thereof?

B/297 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of the Smart Card System in buses, he will state where matters stand, indicating if he has had consultations with the bus workers union thereon and, if not, why not?

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