

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 05 December 2017****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development**

B/897 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

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 objections/appeals/disputes lodged before the Objection, Appeal, Dispute Resolution Department of the Mauritius Revenue Authority over the period 01 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof and the total tax amount claimed, indicating the number thereof wherein the claim has been (a) maintained/reduced, indicating the corresponding tax amount involved in each case (b) settled following informal meetings at the Assessment Review Committee and (c) heard before the Assessment Review Committee and outcome thereof, indicating the time delay within which each case was determined?

B/898 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 “Le Millionaire” programme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to (a) when same was approved by the Board thereof (b) the procurement procedures followed for the purchase of equipment therefor (c) the financial implications thereof and (d) the names and grade of the staff involved therein?

B/899 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 the Ministerial Committee set up to examine the different aspects of the new regime for the declaration of assets, he will state if it has submitted its report and, if so, give details thereof, indicating the expected date of introduction in the Assembly of the new Declaration of Assets Bill?

B/900 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 Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to if any action has been taken against the Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd. following its conviction by the Intermediate Court in the matter of the Independent Commission Against Corruption vs the Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd. on or about October 2017?

B/901 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 Smart City Scheme Social Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) amount of funds contributed therein by smart city companies as at to date (b) purpose thereof and (c) who is managing same?

B/902 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 proposed setting up of a National Economic and Social Council, as announced in the 2017-2018 Budget Speech, he will state where matters stand?

B/903 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Selvon)

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 Board of Investment, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the safeguards/guarantees provided to foreigners investing in Real Estate Scheme projects and (b) state if he is aware of cases of promoters of approved RES projects refusing to go ahead with the sales even when the foreign purchasers have made more than the necessary deposits in escrow accounts with a Bank and/or Notary Public and selling the same project to others at prices above the launching prices?

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/904 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 the Shandrani Hotel, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the (a) actual amount due and the amount agreed to be paid for the electricity consumption thereof over the period 01 November 2004 to 01 October 2007 and (b) brand name and type of equipment installed by the Board thereat?

B/905 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 the contract awarded to Messrs Best Construct for the laying of pipes from the Bagatelle Dam to Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the (a) value thereof and (b) total amount invoiced by the contractor therefor?

B/906 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 the contract awarded to Messrs Voltas Green Ltd. for the setting up of a PV Solar Farm of 12.2 MW at Queen Victoria, Flacq, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/907 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 implementation of the Ring Road Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/908 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Basic Retirement Pension, he will state the reasons why payment thereof in respect of the month ending October 2017 was effected to the beneficiaries thereof on 06 November 2017 instead of 03 November 2017, indicating if he is aware of the inconveniences caused to the said beneficiaries?

B/909 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Transport Corporation buses, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if any budget has been allocated for the installation of wi fi connection facilities thereon?

B/910 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 the Police Officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof presently under interdiction, indicating the number thereof interdicted for suspected involvement in drug-related offences?

B/911 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Ms Sewocksingh)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Rescue and Fire Service, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if the equipment for the refilling of cylinders for Breathing Apparatus for the refilling of cylinders in all the Fire Stations were in good working conditions as at Sunday 12 November 2017 and, if not, indicate (a) since when and (b) how the cylinders were refilled and the additional remedial measures taken?

B/912 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the vacancies that presently exist in the grades ranking from Police Constable/Woman Police Constable to Deputy Commissioner of Police, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof in each grade, indicating when same will be filled?

B/913 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 loud noise emissions, he will state (a) the number of contraventions booked in respect of auto/motor cycles and cars therefor since April 2016 to date, division-wise and (b) if new sound level meters with the required specifications will be procured for better control thereof and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/914 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment –

Whether, in regard to the National Empowerment Foundation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of inhabitants of Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East who have benefitted thereunder, indicating the nature and value thereof?

B/915 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 professional football, he will state if a new entity has recently been set up for the organisation thereof in Mauritius and, if so, give details thereof?

B/916 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 Temporary Committee set up by his Ministry to complete its investigation thereinto and to chart the way for the election of a new Managing Committee therefor has completed its assignment and, if so, give details thereof?

B/917 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the Housing Estate presently under construction at Chebel, in Constituency No. 20, Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the (a) expected date of completion works thereof (b) number of housing units to be constructed (c) category of income earners targetted therefor and (d) expected date of allocation of the housing units thereof?

B/918 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the construction of low cost houses, he will state and/or, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if his Ministry and/or the National Housing Development Company Ltd., has received proposals therefor from Garware Infra Projects Ltd. and one Mr K. C. or any entity related thereto, indicating in each case, the consideration given thereto, if any?

B/919 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Residential Care Institutions/Shelters for Children, she will state the number thereof, indicating (a) the number of (i) children residing thereat and (ii) employees thereof and (b) if her Ministry is in presence of complaints in relation to the living and working conditions prevailing thereat and, if so, indicate the remedial actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/920 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 National Insurance Company, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom (a) information as to the present financial situation thereof and (b) table copy of the audited accounts thereof?

B/921 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jhuboo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if it has adopted an Emergency Response Plan to reinstate electricity supply in the advent of major disasters, natural or otherwise?

B/922 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to Mrs O. T. attached to his Ministry, he will state the (a) post occupied (b) date and terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (c) qualifications held?

B/923 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 proposed construction of a new jogging and leisure park at Ebène to replace the Promenade Roland Armand in Rose Hill, he will state (a) the location thereof (b) the status and cost of the project therefor (c) if prior consultations have been held with the relevant local authorities and Non-Governmental Organisations in relation thereto and (d) the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/924 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the advisers attached to his Ministry, he will state the names thereof, indicating the remuneration and other benefits drawn?

B/925 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to State land and *Pas Géométriques*, he will state if consideration will be given for the (a) *Pas Géométriques* to be proclaimed public beaches and (b) introduction of necessary proposed amendments to the existing legislation to deter public authorities to de-proclaim public beaches by making it imperative for his Ministry to hold prior public hearings or submit a social impact assessment which should be laid on the Table of the Assembly?

B/926 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 proposed setting up of an International Slavery Museum on the site of the former Labourdonnais Military Hospital, in Port Louis, he will state if the project therefor is earmarked for implementation before end 2018?

B/927 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Grand' Baie public beach, including part of the stretch thereof at the level of Le Mauricia Hotel to the Social Welfare Centre, he will state the measures taken for the upgrading thereof, if any, since 2015, indicating if consideration will be given for the extension of the swimming zone thereof?

B/928 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to whether it is in presence of a letter from the inhabitants of Poudre d'Or protesting against the disconnection of a public fountain located behind the Police post and opposite the Village Council thereat, indicating (a) the reasons for the said disconnection and (b) if consideration will be given for the reinstatement of the connection?

B/929 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of an Electricity Generation Plan, as announced in the 2017-2018 Budget Speech, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to where matters stand?

B/930 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed generation of electricity from combined Cycle Gas Turbine, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the relevance thereof considering the expected lower usage thereof in the wake of the implementation of the Metro Express Project that seeks to reduce travelling by cars and other vehicles?

B/931 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 renal transplant specialists, he will state the number thereof employed in the public sector, if any, and, if not, why not?

B/932 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Tarolah**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Pont Lardier Water Treatment Plant Project (GRSE/DRBC), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating the (a) expected start and completion dates thereof and (b) actions taken in the short and medium term to deal with the acute water shortage in the eastern part of the country, pending the completion thereof?

B/933 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Tarolah**)

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

Whether, in regard to Bramsthan, she will state if there is any project for the construction of a building to be used by the Village Council thereof and, if so, indicate the (a) site identified therefor (b) budget earmarked therefor and (c) expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/934 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Tarolah**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment –

Whether, in regard to the two families of Olivia whose houses were severely damaged in a fire outbreak on 10 April 2017, he will (a) state if they have been granted any compensation and, if so, indicate the quantum thereof and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Empowerment Foundation, information as to if consideration will be given for the provision thereto of decent housing units under the National Empowerment Foundation?

B/935 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Tarolah**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Community Centre of Mont Ida, she will state if her Ministry is in presence of any request from the members thereof or from the inhabitants of the said village concerning the building housing same in connection with the rent payable therefor and of the lack of space and of equipment for the holding of the activities thereof and, if so, indicate the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/936 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jhuboo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the letters of reservations issued in favour of West Coast Leisure Ltd. over a plot of land of an extent of 14 Arpents and to ICPMM (Mtius) Ltd. over a plot of land of an extent of 15 Arpents 86 perches, respectively, in Bel Ombre for the development of hotel resorts, he will state if the said plots of land are public beaches which will have to be de-proclaimed to allow the implementation thereof?

B/937 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jhuboo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment –

Whether, in regard to La Valette, he will state if he is aware of the social problems existing thereat and, if so, indicate the proposed measures that will be undertaken in relation thereto?

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