

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 07 November 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/667 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 Mr D. M.¹, Financial Secretary, he will state (a) his present terms and conditions of appointment, indicating the (i) salaries and benefits drawn since 09 October 2013 to date and (ii) make and model of car allocated thereto and (b) since January 2015 to date, the overseas missions undertaken, indicating the countries visited, composition of delegations and cost of air tickets, *per diem* and allowances?

B/668 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Oree**)

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 Bathurst Canal, in Ste Croix, in Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue, he will state if the National Development Unit is envisaging the upgrading thereof and, if so, when?

¹ stands for Dev Manraj

B/669 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

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 Equal Opportunities Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if, pursuant to section 27(3) of the Equal Opportunities Act, it has, on its own motion or following a complaint, carried out any investigation to ascertain if newspapers and periodical owners are in compliance with the principle of equal opportunity in their recruitment process and, if so, give details thereof?

B/670 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

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 construction of a multi-complex building at Rivière du Rempart, as announced in the 2017-2018 Budget Speech, he will state where matters stand?

B/671 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 Mr A. S.² and his group of companies, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to if it is in presence of any application therefrom to invest in real estate projects in Mauritius and, if so, indicate the (a) date of application (b) project location (c) investment value and (d) outcome thereof?

² stands for Alvaro Sobrinho

B/672 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 air flights, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Civil Aviation Department, information as to the number thereof which were either cancelled and/or rescheduled over the past two months, indicating the names of the airline companies concerned therewith?

B/673 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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 major project being implemented in the region of Baie du Cap, called Amba laba, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to the (a) name of the promoter and of the nationality thereof (b) details thereof and (c) if a social impact assessment thereof has been carried out?

B/674 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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 Matala Integrated Resort Project being implemented in Black River Gorges, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board of Investment, information as to (a) the name of the promoter and of the nationality thereof (b) if the project has been completed (c) if the social plan in relation thereto has been implemented and (d) if the promoter thereof has fulfilled all his obligations towards the Government of Mauritius and, if not, why not?

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/675 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a waste to energy plant by the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to if bids have been launched therefor and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/676 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed supply and fixing of desalination plants in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to if feasibility studies have been carried out therefor and, if so, indicate the findings and recommendations thereof and, if not, why not?

B/677 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

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

Whether, in regard to La Nicolière Reservoir, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain form the Central Water Authority, information as to if consideration will be given for the capacity of the filtration plant thereof to be increased to improve the supply of potable water in the north and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/678 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)
To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –
Whether, in regard to the Waste Water Management Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the extent of waste water pipes laid during each of the years ending 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, respectively?

B/679 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance –
Whether, in regard to the revocation of the licence of the Bramer Banking Corporation Ltd. in 2015 by the Bank of Mauritius and the consequential collapse of the BAI Group, he will state if any risk assessment on the State of Mauritius was performed by the authorities concerned therewith and, if so, by whom and when and, if not, why not?

B/680 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance –
Whether, in regard to the BAI Group, he will state the drop in asset value thereof as a consequence of the revocation of the license of the Bramer Banking Corporation Ltd. in 2015 by the Bank of Mauritius?

B/681 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 Inkerman Street at its junction with China Street, in Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to if reported cases of clogged sewer lines thereat have temporarily been attended to and, if so, indicate the long term measures being envisaged?

B/682 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 2, Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if cases of faulty street lighting theretofore have recently been reported thereto and, if so, indicate the number thereof, indicating in each case (a) the reasons therefor and (b) if remedial actions will be taken and when?

B/683 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 electricity, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the quantity thereof produced and exported to the grid between 2016 and 2017, respectively, in respect of (a) bagasse (b) coal (c) heavy fuel (d) light fuel and (e) hydro power stations?

B/684 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of the Rivière des Anguilles Swimming Pool, he will state where matters stand?

B/685 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the contract awarded to Messrs Hyvec Partners Ltd. for the construction of the Melrose Prison, he will state where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out in respect of the cost overrun thereof?

B/686 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 Integrity Reporting Services Agency, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) number of cases reported thereto since March 2017 to date and the number thereof reported to the Integrity Reporting Board and where matters stand in each case and (b) value of the properties forfeited as at to date?

B/687 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 –

Whether, in regard to the urban terminals proposed for construction in Port Louis under the Metro Express Project, he will state the locations thereof, indicating in each case the (a) cost estimate thereof (b) number of hawkers to be relocated thereat and (c) expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/688 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Ms Sewocksingh**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate for the year 2016 and 2017, respectively, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to the number of students who have been required to pay the fees on sitting therefor, indicating the amount collected as at to date in respect of each year?

B/689 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Ms Sewocksingh**)

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

Whether, in regard to air pollution, he will state the number of contraventions booked in respect thereof, since January 2016 to date?

B/690 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 prisons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the number of private mobile phones seized thereat since March 2017 to date, indicating if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate the (a) outcome thereof and (b) additional measures put in place to prevent the entry of private mobile phones thereat, if any?

B/691 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East, he will state if consideration will be given for the setting up of a Social Security Office thereat and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/692 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 proposed relocation of the Saint François Xavier Dispensary, he will state where matters stand?

B/693 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to assaults/attacks on staff working in public transport, he will state the number of reported cases thereof since May 2016 to date, indicating (a) the precautionary measures taken in relation thereto and (b) if compensations have been paid to the victims thereof?

B/694 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 Corporate Social Responsibility, he will (a) state the guidelines laid down for the allocation of funds received in terms thereof and (b) obtain from the National Corporate Social Responsibility Foundation, information as to the quantum of funds allocated to each Non-Governmental Organisation having benefitted therefrom as at to date?

B/695 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Trust Fund for Specialised Medical Care, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the name of the Chairperson and of the members thereof, indicating in each case the (a) date of appointment and (b) remuneration and other benefits drawn?

B/696 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cancer Hospital to be set up and funded by Saudi Arabia, he will state the (a) proposed location thereof and (b) estimated cost thereof, including, in terms of (i) staffing and (ii) equipment?

B/697 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to neonatal mortality, he will state the rates thereof for the year 2016 in (a) mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues, respectively and (b) each of the five health regions of mainland Mauritius?

B/698 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the public hospitals, he will state the number of patients awaiting (a) surgical operations (b) Ultra Sound examinations (c) CT Scan examinations (d) MRI examinations and (e) Cardiac stress tests, including the average waiting time therefor in each case?

B/699 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 setting up of the National Council for Sports in schools and universities, pursuant to section 31 of the Sports Act, he will state where matters stand?

B/700 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 proposed State Recognition Award for retired athletes, as announced in the 2017-2018 Budget Speech, he will state (a) if same has been implemented and, if so, give the list of the beneficiaries, discipline-wise, indicating the respective monthly quantum of allocation thereof and (b) the eligibility criteria therefor?

B/701 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the capital grant of Rs 500 millions to be allocated to local authorities to carry out outstanding minor infrastructural works in their respective localities, as announced in the 2017-2018 Budget Speech, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from each Municipal Council, a list of the projects identified for implementation, including the cost estimate thereof in each case, indicating if the funds have been disbursed?

B/702 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the appeal lodged in the case opposing the State Trading Corporation and Betamax Ltd. for the termination of the contract of affreightment, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the (a) names of the legal representatives thereof, indicating the procurement method used for the appointment thereof and (b) amount of expenditure incurred in relation thereto?

B/703 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the contract for the supply of digital tablets and education software for grade 1 and 2 students, she will state the (a) contract value thereof, indicating the amount claimed and paid as at to date and (b) scheduled delivery date thereof?

B/704 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Ramano**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Plaine Wilhems Sewerage Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waster Water Management Authority, information as to the (a) amount of money spent as at to date and (b) regions of Quatre Bornes that have not yet been covered, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/705 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

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

Whether, in regard the detention centres/prisons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police/Prisons, information as to the number of girls/women currently on remand or serving imprisonment sentences thereat, indicating the number thereof who are entrusted with the guardianship of a child and the living conditions thereof, since July 2017 to date?

B/706 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Ramful)**

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

Whether, in regard to the various investigations initiated by the Financial Services Commission and other bodies on alleged false and misleading statements made to the Financial Services Commission in connection with a licence application by Alvaro Sobrinho Africa Ltd., he will state where matters stand?

B/707 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 mechanism set up for the determination of the price of molasses accruing to sugar cane planters for the production of ethanol and other derivatives, he will (a) state the recommendations of the technical committee of the Control and Arbitration Department of the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority and table copy thereof and (b) ensure that a fair and reasonable price be accrued to sugar cane planters?

B/708 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to aggressions committed by members of the public against officers on duty in the police service, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof since 2015 to date, indicating (a) the number of prosecuted cases and (b) if precautionary measures will be taken in respect thereof?

B/709 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to the postmen, he will state if consideration will be given for an inquiry into the conditions of work thereof to be carried out to ascertain the number of houses a postman is expected to service per day in some big regions?

B/710 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 he will state if he is aware of the health hazards posed by pollution being caused by a foundry in La Tour Koenig having allegedly resulted in inhabitants of Morcellement Rey and of Morcellement Petit Verger at Pointe-aux-Sables being hospitalized according to the Morcellement Rey Welfare Association and of the holding of a meeting of citizens, including an adviser to a Honourable Minister and of a Honourable Member of the Opposition on Monday 23 October 2017 in protest thereof and, if so, indicate if urgent measures will be taken in relation thereto?

B/711 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 St Louis Power Station, he will state if consideration will be given for smoke emission tests therefrom to be carried out to provide detailed results thereof, including the respective amounts of various substances released into the atmosphere above the densely inhabited region in the wake of the coming into operation of the new installed generators?

B/712 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 setting up of polytechnics in the wake of the implementation of the Nine Year Basic Education Programme, she will state (a) the total estimated cost thereof, indicating the amount of funds disbursed as at to date (b) the expected date of coming into operation thereof and (c) if appropriate staff have been recruited and, if so, give a list thereof?

B/713 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

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

Whether, in regard to the new water meters, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the number of complaints received from subscribers complaining of the sudden increase of their respective water bills following the installation thereof, indicating the measures taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/714 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 Inspector J. B.³, President of the Police Officers Solidarity Union, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the latter was called at the Central Criminal Investigation Department for inquiry on three occasions in September 2017 and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/715 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the abandoned Government owned building which formerly housed the Bambous Social Security Office, he will state if measures will be taken to restrict access of strangers thereto?

B/716 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the families living in *longères* in the region of Tombeau Bay, he will state the number thereof, indicating (a) for how long they have been living therein and (b) the measures being envisaged for the relocation thereof in better housing units, if any?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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³ stands for Jayall Boojhawon