

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 04 July 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/456 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 resignation of the former Prime Minister and the appointment of his good self as Prime Minister on 23 January 2017, he will state if legal advice was sought and obtained in respect thereof and, if so, indicate from whom and give details thereof?

B/457 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

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 motorcycles of up to 200 cc, he will state if consideration will be given for a review of the policy of allowing duty exemption therefor with a view to reducing the number thereof on the roads thus potentially curbing the number of fatal road accidents involving same?

B/458 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 Mauritius Ports Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the name of the Chairperson thereof, indicating the (a) date and terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (b) number of overseas missions effected, indicating the expenditure incurred in relation thereto?

B/459 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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 alleged case of corruption in the award of a contract at the Mauritius Sports Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto, following the statement made at the Independent Commission against Corruption, in April 2016, by Mr A. H. K. also known as Mr N. K., against the Public Relations Officer of the then Minister of Youth and Sports in relation thereto?

B/460 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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 Serge Bardotier football pitch at Tranquebar, he will state (a) the expected start and completion dates of the proposed lighting works thereof to be carried out by the National Development Unit, as part of Phase III of the project therefor and (b) if consideration will be given for the construction of a changing room and of stepped terraces thereat and, if so, when?

B/461 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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 citizens of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Civil Status Division (CSD), information as to the (a) number thereof in respect of whom erroneous entries have been made in the database of the CSD regarding the civil status thereof thus creating hardships thereto (b) estimated number thereof who are undeclared and (c) number of court cases, if any, lodged against the CSD in relation thereto over the past two years?

B/462 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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 foreigners, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the number thereof who (a) have entered Mauritius and overstayed the visa entry delivered thereto since January 2015 to date, indicating the number thereof who have been arrested and deported on account thereof and (b) are staying in Mauritius without a valid visa as at to date?

B/463 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 True hemp (Cannabis Sativa L.) which fall under the Customs Tariffs Schedules (Integrated Tariff) HS6 Code Product label, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the quantity thereof imported on a yearly basis since 2006 to 2016?

B/464 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 prisoners of foreign nationality, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the present number thereof, indicating the (a) respective nationality thereof and (b) number thereof who have been allowed to serve their respective term of imprisonment in their respective country of origin, indicating the countries which have signed any such agreement with Mauritius?

B/465 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 recent arbitral award delivered in relation to the termination of the Contract of Affreightment signed between the State Trading Corporation and Betamax Ltd., he will state if he is aware that the State of Mauritius risks being faced with an application from Betamax Ltd. for the enforcement thereof against the assets of the State of Mauritius, wherever same are found?

B/466 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 establishment of the Mauritius National Investment Authority, he will state (a) if the Authority will be set up by law and, if not, how it will be set up and the mode of appointment the director/s thereof and (b) how the surplus funds of the National Pension Fund and of the National Solidarity Fund are being presently invested?

B/467 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 Gambling Regulatory Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of permits issued to be operated in Quatre Bornes, since December 2014 to date, indicating the (a) nature thereof issued and (b) name of the beneficiaries thereof, indicating the place of operation thereof?

B/468 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 advertisement in relation to gambling, he will state if consideration will be given for proposed amendments to the legislation in relation thereto to be introduced in the House with a view to curbing the extent of gambling?

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/469 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the Local Government Act, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed amendments to be introduced in the House in relation thereto?

B/470 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rivière du Rempart District Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the total value of the contracts awarded by the Council for the implementation of capital projects in 2015, 2016 and since January 2017 to date, indicating the total value thereof invested in Constituency No. 6 and No. 7 respectively?

B/471 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the local authorities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, in each case, information as to the list of staff thereof recruited/promoted as Chief Executive Officer/Deputy Chief Executive Officer since May 2016 to date, indicating the respective qualifications and experience thereof?

B/472 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the Disaster Risk Management Structure, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the composition of the Board thereof, indicating the (a) number of meetings held in 2016 and (b) initiatives undertaken prior to the advent of heavy rainfalls and risk of flooding at Fond du Sac, in February 2017?

B/473 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Shakeel Mohamed)

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

Whether, in regard to the persons with disabilities, he will state the measures taken, if any, by his Ministry to ensure that they get access to the website contents posted by public and private bodies, respectively?

B/474 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 Fuel Depot/Storage Project at Pointe aux Caves, in Albion, he will (a) state if an Environment Impact Assessment has been carried out prior to the implementation thereof and (b) render public all the reports that have been prepared in relation thereto, indicating the results and outcome of the public consultations held in relation thereto?

B/475 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Shakeel Mohamed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the squatters living in Roche Bois in an area called “*amba la rivière*”, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed relocation thereof?

B/476 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 proposed renovation works to be carried out of the sports infrastructures and facilities in view of the *Jeux des Iles de l’Océan Indien 2019*, he will state the estimated cost thereof, indicating (a) if bids have been launched therefor and, if so, when and (b) the expected duration thereof?

B/477 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Lepoigneur**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed renovation of 1224 social housing units to the tune of Rs 134 million, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to if any bid was launched for the award of the contract therefor and, if so, indicate the name of the selected contractor therefor?

B/478 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the disciplined forces, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if consideration will be given for amendments to be brought to the Regulations in relation thereto with a view to dealing promptly with the hearing of the disciplinary proceedings initiated against members thereof?

B/479 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Lepoigneur)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of a medi-clinic at Coromandel, in Beau Bassin, as announced in the Budget Speech 2016-2017, he will state where matters stand?

B/480 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Lepoigneur)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General –

Whether, in regard to the procedures initiated against Ms N.S. for her to face justice in Mauritius, he will state the total cost incurred in relation thereto?

B/481 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 proposed implementation of the Photovoltaic Solar Farm 12.24 MW Project by Voltas Green Ltd. at Queen Victoria in Flacq, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to where matters stand?

B/482 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 electrical network protection, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the type thereof, indicating the (a) name of the manufacturer of the differential frequency relays installed therein (b) site where the relays are installed and (c) purchase price of each relay?

B/483 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Adrien Duval**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the Pleasure Craft Licenses, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Tourism Authority, information as to (a) the number thereof issued since January 2017 to date in the category (i) Commercial Pleasure Craft Licenses and (ii) Private Pleasure Craft Licenses, respectively and (b) if there has been a change of policy with regards the issue thereof and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/484 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Adrien Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Municipal Council of Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of employees who have been transferred since January 2015 to date, indicating in each case, the respective names, grade, posting and reasons therefor?

B/485 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Petroleum Port and Jetty Project at Albion, he will (a) give a description thereof and (b) state if (i) a full feasibility study, including the sociological and environmental impact assessments thereof, have been carried out and, if so, by whom, giving details thereof and (ii) consideration will be given for the carrying out of an Environment Impact Assessment and studies regarding the soil and the *Fond Marine*, indicating if public consultations will be held prior to the start thereof?

B/486 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to State-owned companies and institutions in which the State is a shareholder, such as the Bank of Mauritius, the State Commercial Bank Holding, the State Insurance Company of Mauritius and the Mauritius Telecom, amongst others, he will state if consideration will be given for the advisability of introducing necessary amendments to the existing legislation regarding transparency and good governance with a view to allowing disclosure of the salaries and conditions of service of the Chairpersons and of the Chief Executive Officers thereof?

B/487 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 fatal road accidents, he will state the number thereof over the past two years, indicating the (a) number thereof (i) in which motor vehicles and motor cycles respectively were involved and (ii) which occurred on pedestrian crossings and (b) expenditure incurred on sensitization campaigns for road security since July 2016 to date?

- B/488 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms –*
- Whether, in regard to the Conservators and Special Administrators of the ex-BAI Co. (Mtius) Ltd. and of the entities thereof, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, information as to the respective period of appointment thereof, giving in each case, a breakdown of the fees (a) claimed and (b) paid as at to date?**
- B/489 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)
- To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*
- Whether, in regard to the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to where matters stand regarding securing a proposed strategic partner therefor?**
- B/490 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)
- To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*
- Whether, in regard to Mr J. S. Chief Operating Officer of the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the (a) date and terms and conditions of appointment thereof, including the duties assigned thereto and the salaries and fringe benefits drawn and (b) qualifications laid down for the post, indicating the qualifications held by the latter?**
- B/491 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)
- To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*
- Whether, in regard to the Heads of Divisions of the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, a list of the Division and/or Section Directors appointed since January 2015 to date, indicating in each case, the respective (a) date of appointment thereof (b) Division and/or Section to which they are attached and (c) details of the total monthly remuneration package thereof?**

B/492 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 the Ring Road Phase II Project proposed for implementation in the forthcoming financial year, he will (a) give a brief description thereof and (b) indicate the expected impact thereof on the traffic situation at the end of the construction thereof, in terms of facts and figures?

B/493 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to Ward IV, in Port Louis, he will state if the construction of sports facilities thereat is being envisaged and, if so, indicate the (a) nature thereof (b) timeframe for implementation thereof and (c) quantum of investment that will be required therefor?

B/494 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jhuboo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the draft Allied Health Professions Council Bill prepared by Mr K. d. F. in 2015 in collaboration with professionals of the private sector, he will state where matters stand as to the consultations, if any, he has held with the respective stakeholders, indicating (a) the outcome thereof and (b) when he proposes to introduce the Bill in the House?

B/495 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jhuboo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Yves Cantin Area Health Centre, he will state if consideration will be given for the upgrading thereof into a full-fledged mini hospital, having regard to the increased number of people living in the region which it services?

B/496 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 Maurice Ile Durable, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the amount of funds available therein as at to date, indicating the amount thereof (a) contributed thereto from the price of diesel and petrol by the State Trading Corporation since January 2015 to date and (b) disbursed therefrom over the same period, giving the list of the projects (i) undertaken and (ii) earmarked for implementation thereunder?

B/497 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the children playground and the football pitch vested in the local authority in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if any project for the renovation thereof is being envisaged and, if so, indicate if the maintenance and cleaning thereof are being carried out by the said authority?

B/498 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 Constituency Number 20, Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of drug traffickers arrested thereat since January 2015 to date, indicating the (a) quantity and value of the drugs seized in connection therewith and (b) additional measures taken to curb the proliferation of drugs thereat, especially, amongst the youth?

B/499 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 Barkly Youth Centre, he will state the (a) opening and closing hours thereof (b) names of the Officer-in-Charge thereof and of the employees posted thereat, indicating the duties assigned thereto in each case (c) equipment and materials available thereat and (d) activities organized for the youth?

B/500 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 proposed setting up of the polytechnics, she will state when same will become operational, indicating the (a) names of the foreign institutions which will be collaborating therewith (b) minimum qualifications required to join same and (c) total capacity of students' intake thereat?

B/501 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Victoria Hospital, he will state the number of cameras of the Closed Circuit Television Surveillance System installed thereat, indicating the name of the company operating/maintaining same?

B/502 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 Prison Services, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the number of complaints of brutality made by inmates against Prison Officers in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and since January 2017 to date, indicating the actions taken in relation thereto as at to date?

B/503 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 the provisional charges of drug dealing with aggravating circumstances to wit possession of cannabis for the purpose of distribution against Mr D. G. and Mr O. L. which were struck out, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto, indicating the measures which are being envisaged to empower the Forensic Science Laboratory to analyse suspected cannabis samples in the least possible delay with a view to minimizing abusive and unjustified detention of suspects?

B/504 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 the men, women and children of the Rastafarian religion and culture who were, on 06 May 2016, brought to Police Stations, in Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof who were subsequently arrested on the same day, indicating the (a) number and nature of the charges lodged against each individual, indicating if any was related to marijuana which was scientifically identified as such and (b) number of provisional charges, if any, pending to date against those persons?

B/505 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General –

Whether, in regard to provisional charges, he will state the number thereof lodged against Mauritian and foreign nationals respectively since December 2014 to date, indicating in each case the (a) reasons therefor (b) outcome thereof and (c) number thereof in which Ministers were complainants, indicating the outcome thereof in each case?

B/506 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 to the female prisoners, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the present number thereof, indicating the (a) respective age thereof and (b) number thereof with a child living in prison premises, indicating the provisions made therefor?

B/507 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the subsistence allowance, he will state the (a) number of households whose applications to benefit thereunder have been unsuccessful and who have appealed against the decision of the Ministry and (b) total amount of funds disbursed thereunder?

B/508 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Henry)

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

Whether, in regard to his visit to Agalega on 10 May 2017, he will state the (a) duration thereof (b) composition of the delegation thereof (c) total cost thereof and (d) purpose thereof?

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Port Louis

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