

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 29 November 2016****Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit**

B/1013 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Information and Communication Technologies Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom and table information as to the qualifications, date of appointment and allowances payable to the Chairperson, the Board members and the Secretary thereof, including in respect of the sub-committee meetings?

B/1014 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to drug dealing/trafficking and other drug related offences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of minors arrested in connection therewith, since 2014 to date, indicating in each case, the charges lodged against them and (b) if Mr A. L. has handed over thereto a list of persons allegedly involved therein and, if so, indicate the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/1015 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the detainees/prisoners, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police and from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the total amount of money the detainees/prisoners have received by post over the past three years, indicating if consideration will be given for a review of the manner in which money is sent thereto?

B/1016 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Fowdar**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the practice of the Public Service Commission delegating its powers to Ministries for the recruitment of officers, he will state if consideration will be given for same to be done away with, in a spirit of transparency and fairness?

B/1017 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Fowdar**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Public Service Commission, the Disciplined Forces Service Commission and the Local Government Service Commission, he will state if consideration will be given for amendments to be brought to the eligibility criteria for the appointment of the Commissioners thereof to include the requirement for the applicants therefor to hold a Master's Degree or preferably a PHD and having at least 15 years' experience in the field of Human Resource Management or any related field and for the public calling of applications for the filling of the vacancies arising thereat?

B/1018 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to Mr P. M., Senior Adviser at his Office, he will state (a) the Boards on which he presently serves as representative of his Office, if any, indicating in each case (i) since when (ii) the term thereof and (iii) the number of overseas missions undertaken in relation thereto, indicating the countries visited, duration thereof and expenditure incurred in relation thereto and (b) if he has approved the issue of a diplomatic passport thereto and, if so, indicate the number of times he has travelled therewith, since January 2015 to date?

B/1019 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the diplomatic passport, he will (a) give a list of the categories of persons eligible to be issued therewith, indicating Government policy in case a holder thereof is charged with an offence before court, indicating since when the said policy is effective and (b) state the number thereof issued as at to date and which are presently valid?

B/1020 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Ameer Meea)**

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of a Freedom of Information Bill, he will state where matters stand?

B/1021 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to La Bastille Prison, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to (a) if it is operational (b) the number of officers presently posted thereat and (c) if the renovation thereof is envisaged?

B/1022 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

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 who are presently interdicted, indicating the (a) total amount of money presently being spent in terms of salary in respect thereof and (b) number thereof against whom (i) provisional and formal charges respectively have been lodged and (ii) no charge has been lodged?

B/1023 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Baloomoody)**

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the foreign prisoners who are presently serving sentences in our prisons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the number thereof, indicating if actions have been taken for the repatriation thereof in their country of origin for them to serve their respective sentence thereat?

B/1024 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jhuboo)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the arrest of Mauritian nationals in Ste Rose, in Réunion Island, in connection with the recent seizure of drugs thereat, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons who have been interrogated in relation thereto?

B/1025 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Selvon)**

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, he will state if his Office is in presence of a letter dated 11 November 2016 emanating from the *Regrupma Travayer Socyal* and bearing the signatures of some inhabitants of Bain des Dames, in Port Louis, protesting against the continuous hammering of a heavy compacter deep underground in the vicinity of several occupied houses and which have damaged the pillars of three farm tanks and several houses and, if so, indicate the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/1026 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Selvon)**

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to postal packets containing drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof intercepted in Mauritius since January 2016 to date, indicating the (a) estimated value of the drugs seized and (b) number of (i) arrests effected in connection therewith and (ii) outcome of the inquiries carried out thereinto?

B/1027 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)
To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –
Whether, he will state if it is Government policy to accept the financing by foreign States of official overseas visits undertaken by Ministers and officials and, if so, indicate the diplomatic and ethical rules applicable therefor?

B/1028 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)
To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –
Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of the new Declaration of Assets Bill, he will state if the Ministerial Committee appointed to look thereinto has completed its assignment and, if so, indicate if (a) the Attorney General's Office has been requested to submit a draft thereof (b) it is proposed to require the Chief Executive Officers and Chairperson of Boards of parastatal and of Government funded companies to declare their assets and (c) consideration will be given for the advisability of requesting Honourable Members of the National Assembly to table copy of their declaration of assets pending the adoption thereof in the House?

B/1029 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Ganoo**)
To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –
Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Police Force, he will state if consideration will be given for proposed amendments to be introduced to the Public Bodies Appeal Tribunal Act to allow Police Officers aggrieved by any issue regarding promotion or discipline to refer their grievances thereto pending the adoption of a Bill allowing the setting up of the Police Syndicate?

B/1030 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the National Coast Guard, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of times it has controlled and intercepted suspicious boats off the west coast of Mauritius since January 2016 to date, indicating if such controls have yielded results with regard to drug trafficking?

B/1031 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Lesjongard)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the National Coast Guard, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of boats it has controlled at night around Mauritius, since January 2016 to date?

B/1032 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Sesungkur)**

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the National Development Unit, he will state (a) the number of Citizens Advice Bureau it operates, indicating the (i) number of officers attached thereto (ii) services provided thereat (iii) operation cost thereof in respect of the year 2016/17 and (iv) if an overall assessment of the performance thereof had been carried out in the past and (b) if a reorganization thereof is envisaged?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit

B/1033 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rugoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Technology, Communication and Innovation Strategic Plan 2015-2020 as proposed in the Government Programme, he will state the budget earmarked for training and development therefor for the year 2015-2016, indicating the total amount invested therein as at to date?

B/1034 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rugoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the strategy for the promotion of innovation among the youth, he will give a list of the initiatives undertaken in secondary and tertiary institutions, in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues respectively, in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research?

B/1035 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rugoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the results of the Global Innovation Index 2015, he will state the measures that have been taken to sustain the performance of Mauritius in Africa?

B/1036 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Rughooobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the OECD Innovation Strategy 2015, he will state the measures that have been taken for the implementation of the proposals contained therein?

B/1037 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central
(Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the second Wind Farm installed at Plaine Sophie, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the (a) present production capacity thereof (b) forecasted yearly generation in GWh (c) bidding process followed therefor (d) name of the promoter thereof (e) date of signature of the Energy Supply and Purchase Agreement in relation thereto (f) expected date of commissioning thereof and (g) expected yearly CO2 Emission Reduction thereof?

B/1038 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central
(Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the production of electricity from the second phase of photovoltaic farms, including the 5 X 2MW one, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the (a) date of initiation thereof (b) bidding process followed therefor and when (c) number of Energy Supply and Purchase Agreements signed in relation thereto, as at to date, indicating the (i) respective dates thereof (ii) names of the promoters thereof and (iii) location sites thereof (d) expected date of commissioning of each plant (e) forecasted total yearly generation in GWh and (f) expected total yearly CO2 Emission Reduction thereof?

B/1039 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)
To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –
Whether, in regard to the production of base load electricity, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if discussions are being held/completed with any sugar estate therefor and, if so, indicate (a) the name thereof (b) if an existing Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) will be renewed or a new one with additional production capacity will be signed (c) the current generation capacity in GWh and the expected capacity as stipulated in the new PPA (d) the bidding process followed (e) the proposed fuel to be used and (f) the expected total yearly increase in CO2 emission, if any?

B/1040 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms –
Whether, in regard to the properties acquired by the State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd. since 2005 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to the names of the lessees thereof, indicating the quantum of the rent paid by the said lessees since the acquisition of the said properties by the Company?

B/1041 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –
Whether, in regard to Dr G., Cardiac Surgeon at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam National Hospital, he will (a) state the number of cardiac surgeries he had performed thereat (i) within the period of his contract of employment (ii) outside the period of his contract of employment and (iii) from the waiting list of Dr B. who had resigned, indicating the quantum of the fees paid out thereto for the additional cardiac surgeries performed and (b) table copy of the contract of employment thereof?

B/1042 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Dr Sorefan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cardiac Surgery Department at the Queen Victoria Hospital, he will state if open heart surgeries have been performed thereat, since its coming into operation to date and, if so, indicate the number thereof performed and who performed same and, if not, why not?

B/1043 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 the proposed implementation of a Code of Conduct in respect of the Chairpersons and Board Members of parastatal bodies and State Owned companies, Chief Executive Officers, Advisers of Ministers and Press Attachés, he will state if same has been finalized and, if so, indicate when same will become enforceable?

B/1044 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Director of the Mauritius Examination Syndicate, she will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (i) name of the incumbent thereof and (ii) date and terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (b) state if her Ministry is in presence of representations to the effect that she has participated in a political activity held at Grand Bois and, if so, the actions taken in relation thereto, if any and, if not, why not?

B/1045 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the last Hajj pilgrimage, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre (ICC), information as to (a) the composition of the Ministerial Pre-Hajj Mission and of the Hajj Mission respectively, giving in each case a breakdown of the costs incurred in relation thereto (b) details as to the cost of the hotels booked for the pilgrims in Makkah and in Madinah respectively and table copy of the agreement signed between the ICC and the hotels and (c) if the Hajj Mission report is ready and, if so, table copy thereof?

B/1046 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 cycling, he will state if his Ministry has been consulted and has given its agreement to the Mauritius Cycling Federation for the recruitment of Mr B. R. as National Technical Director thereof?

B/1047 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 10th Indian Ocean Island Games to be held in Mauritius in 2019, he will state if the Comité d'Organisation des Jeux des Iles (COJI) has identified a site for the setting up of the Village des Jeux and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1048 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 Handball Federation, he will state where matters stand as to the state of affairs existing between his Ministry and the said Federation, indicating the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/1049 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Statutory Bodies Mutual Aid Association Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to if (a) it is licensed to take deposit from the public and, if so, indicate the aggregate amount thereof it has taken from the public as at to date and (b) the Bank has conducted a special examination thereof and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/1050 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the lease of State land for residential purposes in Constituency No. 2, Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, he will, for each of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively, state the (a) number of applications received therefor (b) number of leases awarded, indicating in each case the (i) name of the lessee thereof (ii) location thereof and (iii) extent thereof and (c) criteria for the award thereof?

B/1051 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Harbour View I and II complexes, in Port Louis, he will state if consideration will be given for the transfer of the State land on which the said complexes stand to the owners of the apartments thereof?

B/1052 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the public beaches which have been de-proclaimed since January 2015 to date, he will state the (a) location thereof (b) extent thereof and (c) reasons why the beach has been de-proclaimed in each case?

B/1053 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Fowdar**)

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

Whether, in regard to Avastin, he will state the number of patients who have been victims thereof and who have lost their eyesight, since 2010 to date, indicating if (a) consideration will be given for the payment of compensation thereto and (b) the use thereof has been banned in Mauritius?

B/1054 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Fowdar**)

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

Whether, in regard to Betamax Ltd., he will state if Government has proposed any sum thereto as an amicable settlement for the termination of the contract thereof?

B/1055 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a new and modern market fair at Plaine Magnien, he will state where matters stand, indicating the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/1056 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the replacement of the old water pipes under the Build Mauritius Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand in relation to (a) Riche en Eau, Grand Bel Air to Ville Noire (b) Plaine Magnien Village (c) Beau Vallon and (d) Royal Road, Trois Boutiques and Cité Trois Boutiques?

B/1057 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the street lighting system found on the M1, M2 and M3 Motorways, he will state if (a) all the street lanterns are now operational and, if not, indicate the segments thereof which are (i) operational and (ii) not operational (b) if his Ministry is now (i) equipped with street lighting lorries and (ii) appropriately staffed for the timely maintenance thereof and (c) regular surveys are carried out at night to detect faulty street lanterns and, if not, why not?

B/1058 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Ramano**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to the shipwreck of the MV Benita, at Le Bouchon, he will state if an assessment has been made of the (a) damage caused to the environment and (b) amount of money that has been recovered as at to date by the Mauritian Government out of the expenditure incurred in relation thereto and, if so, give details thereof?

B/1059 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 companies which have been in default of the contracts awarded thereto, he will state if there exists a system of blacklisting thereof and, if so, indicate the names of the companies which are presently blacklisted and, if not, why not?

B/1060 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-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 the number of reported cases of accidents at work having caused severe injuries thereat since January 2015 to date, indicating the outcome thereof in each case?

B/1061 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to Engineering, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council of Registered Professional Engineers of Mauritius, information as to if any benchmarking of the graduates thereof is carried out with international organization/s?

B/1062 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to Welding, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of graduates thereof who are fully accredited as at to date?

B/1063 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

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

Whether, in regard to the former Appollo Bramwell Hospital, he will state the (a) bed capacity thereat and (b) number of medical, paramedical and support staff in post thereat?

B/1064 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recruitment of preregistered doctors, he will state the (a) time frame for the next intake thereof and (b) number thereof to be recruited?

B/1065 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Dr Joomaye**)

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

Whether, in regard to Diabetes Type 1, he will state the (a) present number of pediatric cases thereof and (b) overall strategy of his Ministry for the prevention, education and treatment thereof?

B/1066 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sesungkur**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Freight Rebate Scheme for the exportation of fruits and vegetables, he will state the names of the companies/individuals who have benefitted therefrom since 2008 to date, indicating the (a) quantum of the rebate benefitted by each one of them and (b) total amount of fruits and vegetables exported for the relevant years?

B/1067 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivi  re du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

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

Whether, in regard to the public sector, he will state the (a) number of posts created over the period 2005 to 2010, 2010 to 2013 and 2014 to date respectively, indicating the number of recruits sector-wise and (b) expected number of posts to be created by the year 2018?

B/1068 The Honourable Third Member for Piton and Rivi  re du Rempart
(Mr Rutnah)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Loan Scheme for the Acquisition of Computers of the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to the total quantum of the loans granted since the introduction thereof to date and (b) and table the list of the debtors in respect thereof, indicating the (i) total amount of money in arrears and (ii) actions taken for the recovery thereof, if any?

B/1069 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivi  re
(Mr Lepoigneur)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a medi-clinic at Coromandel, in Beau Bassin, he will state where matters stand?

B/1070 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 students in Grade 5/Standard 5 and being given that they will have to take a modular assessment (Module 1) Science and History and also in Geography in October/November 2017 and a School-based Assessment in two non-core subjects, namely Communications Skills and IT Skills, she will state (a) if the syllabuses therefor are ready and, if so, table copy thereof (b) the number of teachers trained in the respective subjects, indicating the duration of the training therefor and (c) if all the schools are equipped with the appropriate IT equipment?

B/1071 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jhuboo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Good Governance and Integrity Reporting Services Agency, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of complaints the Agency has received since the setting up thereof to date, indicating the number of cases under investigation?

B/1072 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will state the number of inhabitants thereof who have applied for land for the purpose of building houses since 2014 to date, indicating the number of applications (a) accepted (b) rejected and (c) pending?

B/1073 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the Pleasure Craft Owners, he will state if he has received representations therefrom concerning the new policy framework being proposed by his Ministry, indicating if consideration will be given thereto and, if not, why not?

B/1074 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to the environmental pollution caused by the disposal of hospital waste through the incinerator of the Princess Margareth Orthopedic Centre, he will state if his Ministry is in presence of complaints emanating from any Non-Governmental Organisation or from the inhabitants of Residence Kennedy with a view to putting an end thereto and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given thereto?

B/1075 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Barbier)**

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

Whether, in regard to the use of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers in the growing of vegetables in Mauritius, he will state if it has been established that the use thereof is one of the cause factors for the high level of cancer in Mauritius and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the introduction of appropriate legislation and the setting up of a mechanism for the control thereof?

B/1076 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr Barbier)**

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

Whether, in regard to the farmers/breeders affected by the Foot and Mouth Disease, he will state the mechanism and facilities put in place by his Ministry to help their respective businesses?

B/1077 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd. (CHCL), he will state if on 18 May 2015, he had requested the Commission for Conciliation and Mediation to inquire and report on the state of affairs prevailing thereat and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/1078 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the Port, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the issue of securing a strategic partner therefor, indicating if discussions are still ongoing with D.P. Word Ltd. therefor?

B/1079 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of core housing units at Rivière Noire Road and Beethoven Avenue, at Petite Rivière, in Black River, he will state (a) if soil tests were carried out thereat prior to the choice of the site therefor and (b) the actions taken to avoid flooding thereat during heavy rainfalls, if any, indicating if his Ministry has received complaints from the inhabitants of Cité Richelieu and from the vicinity thereof as regards potential dangers that could be caused by the said construction in case of heavy rainfall?

B/1080 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Ring Road Project, he will state where matters stand, indicating when it will become operational?

B/1081 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sesungkur**)

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

Whether, in regard to defamation, libel and slander perpetrated by social network users/subscribers, he will state if (a) an assessment of the incidence thereof has been effected (b) the social networks are monitored to detect habitual perpetrators/offenders and (c) consideration is being given for a toughening of the legislation in relation thereto?

B/1082 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the proposed implementation of new hotel projects on the west coast, he will state the number thereof, indicating the expected start and completion dates thereof in each case?

B/1083 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Lesjongard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Medine Sugar Estate, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the extent of land owned by the Estate, indicating (a) the extent thereof presently under sugar cane cultivation (b) the extent of agricultural land thereof converted for residential, commercial and industrial purposes respectively, since 2005 to date (c) the amount of land conversion taxes paid by the Estate and (d) if the conversion concern prime agricultural land?

B/1084 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Asset Recovery Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Intelligence Unit, a list of the cases that have been transferred from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions thereto following the coming into operation of the amendment to the Asset Recovery Act in relation thereto, indicating in each case if the Restraining Order or the Confiscation Order has been renewed and, if not, why not, giving a list of all new cases where a Restraining Order or Confiscation Order has been obtained by the FIU?

B/1085 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the shipwreck MV Benita, he will state the amount of compensation, if any (a) claimed and obtained from the insurer and (b) granted to the fishermen who have been affected therewith?

B/1086 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions –

Whether, in regard to the Basic Invalidity Pension and the Social Aid Benefit, she will state, since January 2015 to date the (a) number of (i) applications received for renewal thereof, indicating the number thereof renewed and/or rejected and (ii) number of new applications received, indicating the number thereof rejected and (b) present composition of the Medical Board and Medical Tribunal, respectively, indicating the qualifications of the Chairperson and of the members thereof respectively?

B/1087 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Reform Institutions –

Whether, in regard to the old age pension, she will state if consideration is being given for the introduction of targeting therefor?

B/1088 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 insurance cover for athletes, he will state if all the national federations are abiding by section 5(1)(d) of the Sports Act 2013 and, if so, indicate the conditions attached thereto?

B/1089 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mahebourg Hospital, he will state if his Ministry has received any request from the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life to carry out a comprehensive survey of the building with a view to renovating/upgrading same and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/1090 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Monty**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent outbreak of the Foot and Mouth Disease, he will state if the registered cattle breeders of Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue have been compensated for the loss of their cattle and, if so (a) give details thereof and (b) indicate if consideration will be given for additionally compensating them for the consequential loss of income as a result thereof?

B/1091 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sesungkur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Housing Company Ltd., the National Housing Development Company Ltd., the Mutual Civil Service Mutual Aid Association Ltd. and the Co-operative Credit Unions, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to if they carry out deposit taking activities and, if so, indicate (a) if they are subject to the supervision of the Bank of Mauritius and (b) how the interests of the depositors thereat are protected?

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