

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 03 November 2020****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity**

B/668 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to Port logistics at the Port Louis Harbour, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to whether the productivity, performance and efficiency of the port operations are being impacted upon due to faulty and lack of equipment and if so, indicate the remedial actions being envisaged?

B/669 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the police officers posted at the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof, since 2018 to date, who have been arrested and provisionally charged with (a) offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act and (b) other criminal offences, indicating in each case the number thereof interdicted and/or suspended?

B/670 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the recent incidents whereby several dogs and cats were found dead in the region of Mesnil and St. Paul, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry is being carried out thereinto, and, if so, indicate (a) where matters stand and (b) the measures being envisaged to avoid the recurrence thereof?

B/671 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, he will (a) table a list of projects financed over the past two financial years, indicating the criteria laid down and (b) state the actual balance thereof?

B/672 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the air-sea rescue operation at Poudre d'Or in the night of Monday 31 August 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) rank of the officer of the Police Helicopter Squadron responsible therefor (b) number of Helicopters requisitioned therefor (c) reasons as to why another helicopter, adapted to effect night rescue operations, was not requisitioned therefor and (d) time at which the bowser was requested to attend to the refuelling of the helicopter/s at Poudre d'Or, indicating the time taken therefor?

B/673 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of employees involved in alleged cases of drug trafficking, since January 2015 to October 2020, within the Port area indicating (a) their respective grades (b) whether a security profiling exercise is carried out prior to their recruitment thereat and (c) measures taken by the Corporation to enhance the surveillance system thereat?

B/674 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the electoral reforms, in particular for enhancing gender representation in the National Assembly, he will state if consideration will be given for the introduction of a Bill in relation thereto?

B/675 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the offences under the Prevention of Resurgence and Further Spread of Epidemic Disease (COVID-19) Regulations 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons (a) arrested (b) prosecuted and (c) convicted thereunder, indicating in each case the nature of the offence?

B/676 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Assirvaden**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit, he will state if consideration will be given for the disbandment thereof following the recent arrest of two officers thereof for alleged cases of money laundering?

B/677 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to drugs found on board of the carrier LSS Success on 13 June 2020, 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 therein?

B/678 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation (MBC), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (a) since when the post of Director General thereof is vacant, indicating who has been appointed in an acting capacity (b) when the vacancy will be filled and (c) if the Corporation is presently fulfilling its duties in a fair and equitable manner as per section 4 of the MBC Act, in particular, with regard to the broadcast of news bulletins?

B/679 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the tragic death of 3 crew members of the tug Sir Gaëtan which sunk on 31 August 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to (a) if any compensation has been paid to the bereaved families and, if so, when and (b) the additional support extended to the families to alleviate their hardship?

B/680 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to private jets, he will state the number thereof that have been granted permission to land at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport since 20 March 2020 to date, indicating in each case (a) the date of application and approval thereof (b) the number of passengers (c) their respective ports of embarkation (d) purpose of the visit and (e) if all quarantine procedures were followed for the passengers and members of the crew thereof?

B/681 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Freedom of Information Bill, he will state where matters stand in regard to the consultation process initiated thereinto, indicating the expected date of the introduction thereof in the National Assembly?

B/682 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to Dr C. G., he will state the (a) post held (b) terms and conditions of appointment thereof including the salary and benefits drawn (c) duties assigned thereto and (d) mode and criteria for the recruitment thereof?

B/683 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the alleged case of kidnapping of and sexual assault on minor N. M. R. A. reported at CID Pamplémousses on 10 October 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto, indicating the vehicle used to convey the victim to the hospital?

B/684 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the construction of an air strip and a new jetty in Agalega, he will state (a) where matters stand in each case and (b) the number of foreigners present on the island indicating the number of (i) civilians and (ii) military personnel deployed therefor?

B/685 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the members of the film crew who landed in Mauritius on the 08 August 2020 by a private jet for the shooting of the film entitled “Prisoners in Paradise”, he will state as to whether they were subjected to the Quarantine protocol indicating, if any member thereof was tested Covid positive?

B/686 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the release of the Report of the Pay Research Bureau, he will state where matters stand?

B/687 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to drugs found on the tarmac at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport on 23 October 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto, indicating the number of arrests effected in connection therewith, if any?

B/688 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius Ltd., information, as to whether there has been any recent case of alleged discrimination in regard to four female pregnant cabin crew and, if so, indicate if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity

- B/689 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –*
- Whether, in regard to the Immigration Square Urban Terminal Project, he will state whether the contract for the consultancy services for the clearances pertaining to the Heritage Impact Assessment and Visual Impact Assessment have already been awarded by his Ministry and if so, indicate the name of the successful bidder?**
- B/690 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*
- Whether, in regard to the payment of treatment fees for foreign spouses of Mauritian nationals in public hospitals, he will state where matters stand as to the new policy being worked out for the exemption thereof, giving details thereof?**
- B/691 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)
- To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –*
- Whether, in regard to the recent health problems encountered by the students and staff members of the Renganaden Seeneevassen State Secondary School following the pest control exercise carried out thereat in October last thereat, she will state if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?**
- B/692 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Xavier-Luc Duval**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of loan applications received as at to date, indicating (a) the names of the applicants therefor (b) if same have been approved and disbursed, indicating in each case the amount thereof?**

B/693 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Xavier-Luc Duval)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to funds invested into the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd., by the Bank of Mauritius, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the amount thereof, indicating if same was raised from the sale of foreign reserves, loans from the market or from other sources?

B/694 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Xavier-Luc Duval)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the composition of the members of the (a) Board of Directors thereof (b) Investment Committee thereof and (c) Legal and other financial advisers thereof, indicating in each case the fees paid/or payable thereto?

B/695 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Xavier-Luc Duval)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to foreign exchange reserves, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to (a) the total amount (i) invested in the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd., (ii) released on the foreign exchange markets to stabilise the Rupee and (iii) received by way of loans from overseas lenders, giving a breakdown thereof and (b) any other transfers made to Government or parastatal bodies, indicating the amount thereof?

B/696 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the reasons for the frequent drastic water cuts and to the recent water supply problems encountered in certain regions thereat, indicating the measures being taken to provide an adequate supply of water thereto?

B/697 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail –

Whether, in regard to phase II of the Metro Express project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Metro Express Ltd., information as to (a) when part of the Vacoas Market fair will be demolished (b) the duration of the construction works thereof (c) the immediate measures being taken to alleviate traffic congestion during the construction phase and (d) the impact thereof on the surrounding environment, including green spaces and trees, indicating the measures envisaged for the restoration thereof?

B/698 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information, as to the (a) total amount of funds collected and (b) number of the beneficiaries thereunder, indicating the amount disbursed thereto as at to date?

B/699 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed payment of an allowance of Rs 15,000 to the frontliners who were mobilized during the curfew period, as announced in the Budget Speech 2020-2021, he will state (a) the number of beneficiaries thereof, indicating the (i) Ministries/Departments to which they are attached and (ii) cost involved and (b) if request for payment of same to other beneficiaries have been received and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/700 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the wreck of the MV Wakashio Vessel, he will state if the professionals to assist in the preparation of the compensation/insurance claims have already been appointed and if so, indicating the terms of reference thereof?

B/701 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 6, Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the (a) number of complaints registered on the hotline since January 2020 to date in relation to the erratic water supply on a 24/7 basis thereat (b) areas which are mostly affected and (c) remedial measures taken in relation thereto?

B/702 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –

Whether, in regard to the changes in the age of admission of children ranging between 5 to 6 years in Grade 1 in 2021, she will state if (a) prior consultations with stakeholders were held and, if so, when and with whom and (b) a thorough pedagogical impact assessment thereof was carried out and, if so, table copy thereof?

B/703 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –

Whether, in regard to the filao trees on the beach of Pointe Aux Cannoniers, he will state if permission was recently granted to allow the felling thereof and, if so, the reasons therefor?

- B/704 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping –*
- Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 6, Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or, he will state the number of Fishing Licences (a) issued to fishers since January 2020 to date, indicating the eligibility criteria therefor and (b) not yet processed?**
- B/705 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central
(Dr Aumeer)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*
- Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 Laboratory at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will state if (a) any other tests are conducted thereat other than PCR – RT COVID-19 (b) provisions have been made for Quality assurance, indicating if any comparison in terms of false negative and false positive have been conducted with accredited foreign World Health Organisation laboratory and (c) a doctor will be posted on a full time basis thereat to arrange clinical screening of high risk symptomatic in-bound passengers for the purpose of early segregation?**
- B/706 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central
(Dr Aumeer)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*
- Whether, in regard to the regions of Vallée Pitot, particularly along Boulevard Pitot, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the (a) reasons for the repetitive interruptions of domestic water supply thereat over the last few years and (b) measures being envisaged to ensure a prompt water supply through tankers thereat, especially on Fridays and religious festivals?**
- B/707 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the economy, he will give a revised estimates thereof for the year 2020-2021 in respect of the (a) Gross Domestic Product (b) rate of unemployment (c) Public Sector Debt (d) total estimated revenue and expenditure (d) budget deficit and (e) the balance of payments, indicating how they compare to the figures stated in the budget speech?**

B/708 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to Public Enterprises Debt, he will give details of the loan amount and accrued interests as at to date in respect to each and every Public Enterprises?

B/709 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the stranded dolphins found along the south eastern coast of the island and at Poudre D’Or, he will state if forensic tests have been carried out to determine the cause of death, indicating the results thereof?

B/710 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the compensation claims from the insurance company in relation to the environmental and economic impact caused by the MV Wakashio Vessel wreckage, he will state where matters stand?

B/711 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Luchmun Roy)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail –

Whether, in regard to the number of fatal road accidents since January 2020 to date, he will state (a) the age group thereof and (b) if a sensitization campaign in respect thereof has been conducted?

B/712 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to parcels, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Post Ltd., since the lockdown period to date, information as to (a) the number thereof undelivered and (b) if special means have been deployed to ensure that parcels purchased from other countries reach the recipients within a proper time frame?

B/713 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to the incinerator at Vallée des Prêtres, he will state the date of the coming into operation thereof?

B/714 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the quantum of funds (a) collected to date, indicating the amount thereof representing the levy on the sale of mogas and gas oil and (b) disbursed, indicating the criteria for disbursement?

B/715 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to investment made at the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd., since its incorporation to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) number of applications (i) received and processed therefor in each case and (ii) approved, indicating the name thereof and amount invested thereinto and (b) criteria used for the selection thereof?

B/716 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to alleged fraud perpetrated by Mr N. M. and his team to the prejudice of Punjab National Bank, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, information as to if the Commission has conducted any investigation in relation thereto to ascertain if any Mauritian entities are involved therein, indicating the outcome of such investigation, if any, and (b) state the measures, if any, taken in connection therewith?

B/717 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Assirvaden**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the water sector, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the (a) level of water in the reservoirs and (b) regions severely affected by interruptions in water supply, indicating the remedial measures taken in relation thereto?

B/718 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Assirvaden**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Trainee Technicians at the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, since 2015 to date, information as to (a) the number thereof recruited from the Employment services who were (i) holders of the required qualifications and (ii) not holders of full technical qualifications such as NC3 and (b) if any arrangement was made by the Board with the MITD with a view to allowing the unqualified trainees to sit for NC3 course in the relevant field?

B/719 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether he will state if government proposes to allocate funds from the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd., to Air Mauritius and, if so, the amount thereof and if not, why not?

B/720 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –

Whether, in regard to the National Sports Federations, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Registrar of Associations, information as to the Pentathlon Modern, Canoë-Kayak and Aviron, indicating in each case the (i) date of Registration (ii) composition of the Executive Committee, indicating the respective club of each member and (iii) list of clubs registered therewith, indicating their respective executive committee and (b) state (i) the list of competitions organised for the year 2018-2019 and 2020, indicating if his Ministry has provided any financial support thereto and (ii) if his Ministry is officially recognising these sport disciplines as National Federation under the Sports Act 2016?

B/721 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the agreement between the National Housing Development Corporation and the National Empowerment Foundation, he will give a list of the beneficiaries, registered under the Social Register of Mauritius, of a housing unit region-wise, during the recent allocation thereof in St-Julien d'Hotman, Camp Levieux and Calebasse, respectively?

B/722 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the economic and financial situation actually prevailing in Mauritius, he will state if his Ministry is considering to review the commercial agreement of around Rs 400 million signed with the Liverpool Football Club for the promotion of Mauritius as a global tourist destination?

B/723 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Society of Authors, he will state (a) if a new Chairperson has been appointed thereat and, if so, indicate the name of the incumbent, indicating the terms and conditions of appointment attached thereto and (b) composition of the board thereof, indicating the date of nomination of each member?

B/724 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the supply of water on a 24/7 basis across the island, he will state where matters stand?

B/725 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed payment of an allowance of Rs 15,000 to the frontliners mobilized during the confinement period, as announced in the Budget Speech 2020-2021, he will state where matters stand?

B/726 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training –

Whether, in regard to Air Mauritius Ltd., he will state if (a) the administrators thereof have consulted his Ministry prior to imposing a unilateral additional pay cut on the salaries of all the employees thereof and, if so, indicate when and (b) his Ministry has received representations by the trade unions namely, *Plateforme Syndicale Travayer Air Mauritius* to that effect, indicating if he has discussed same with the administrators and, if so, when and if not, why?

B/727 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to COVID-19, he will state the current therapeutic regimen and drug therapy administered for the treatment of patients tested positive therefor in mild, moderate and severe cases?

B/728 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the MV Wakashio Vessel oil spill, he will state (a) the number of reported cases of patients suffering from health problems related to the oil spill and (b) if an assessment of the short and long term effect thereof on the inhabitants of affected areas has been conducted and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/729 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

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

Whether, in regard to the seafood contamination resulting from the MV Wakashio Vessel oil spill, he will state if a recent assessment on the safety of seafood consumption has been conducted and if so, indicate when and the outcome thereof?

B/730 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Social Inclusion Foundation, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) amount of Corporate Social Responsibility contributions received and receivable from the Accountant General for the period 01 July 2019 to date (b) amount of cash balances and amounts receivable from the Accountant General as at to date and (c) amount paid to the Non-Governmental Organisations in respect of approved projects for period 01 July 2019 to date?

B/731 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the tenders for the Handling of Containers of Rice and Other Commodities launched by the State Trading Corporation, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to (i) the name of the service provider therefor and (ii) the terms and conditions of the contract and (b) table the company profile of the service provider as specified in the bid document?

B/732 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to loans secured by the Government of Mauritius from international monetary institutions, for the period 2019-2020, he will give details thereof, indicating the (a) interest rates and reimbursement period thereof (b) guarantee provided by Government in each case and (c) the disbursement thereof?

B/733 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the Beach Traders Licence, he will state (a) the reasons as to why the applications thereof have been frozen since 2017 to date (b) the number thereof still active, giving the list thereof, region-wise and (c) when application therefor will be released?

- B/734 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –*
- Whether, in regard to the forthcoming cyclonic season for the year 2020/2021, he will state the measures that have been taken by his Ministry in regard to the high risk flood prone areas?**
- B/735 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of drains, pavements and roads in the region of La Pointe, Pointe aux Sables, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Development Unit, information as to the (a) scope of works of the contractor, Best Construct Ltd., and (b) contract value, indicating the start and completion dates thereof?**
- B/736 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –*
- Whether, in regard to the renovation works of the Mahebourg Youth Centre, he will state where matters stand?**
- B/737 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dhunoo**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the Road Decongestion Programme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?**
- B/738 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dhunoo**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*
- Whether, in regard to the sewerage connection at La Rue Couvent and Dubreuil Village, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to where matters stand?**

B/739 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dhunoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the CEB Renewable Energy Schemes for the Non-Governmental Organisations and the Charitable Institutions as announced in the Budget Speech 2020-2021, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to where matters stand?

B/740 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the replacement of 37 kms of old and defective pipes in the Upper Mare aux Vacoas supply zones, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to (a) the regions which are mostly affected by the frequent burst and leakages thereof and (b) when the pipes replacement project will be implemented?

B/741 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project Phase 2, he will state (a) if a cultural impact assessment has been carried prior to the implementation thereof and (b) if any structure of historical significance or unique architecture that may be impacted upon have been identified, indicating the measures that will be taken to preserve and integrate these structures into the project?

B/742 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent case of a dog found in a dying state within the compound of the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare (MSAW) as reported by one Mr R. C. at the Plaine Verte Police Station, he will state if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto by MSAW and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/743 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, (a) indicate the total amount collected therein as at date and (b) table a list of the beneficiaries thereof, indicating the amount of funds disbursed therefrom in each case?

B/744 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the health and safety measures, he will state if all hospitals, mediclinics, area health centres, warehouses and stores of the Ministry have a valid Fire Certificate?

B/745 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change –

Whether in regard to the MV Wakashio Vessel oil spill, he will state (a) the dates on which samples of sea water have been taken for testing, indicating the results thereof in each case and (b) when fishing and other sea borne activities is expected to resume in the affected regions?

B/746 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the hotels which have been converted into Quarantine Centres, following the re-opening of our borders on 01 October 2020, he will state (a) the number and names thereof (b) the mode and criteria used for the selection thereof (c) the hotels which are also opened to members of the public and (d) if Government is paying any additional fee to the hotels over and above the quarantine fee charged and if so, whether a contract has been signed in relation thereto?

B/747 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed payment of an allowance of Rs 15,000 to the frontliners who were mobilised during the lockdown period as announced in the Budget Speech 2020-2021, he will state (a) if the payment thereof has already been effected (b) the criteria for selection of the beneficiaries and (c) if consideration will be given for the payment thereof to other frontliners?

B/748 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to the repatriation of Mauritian nationals, he will state the (a) amount of money claimed therefrom as quarantine charges and (b) number of Mauritians (i) still stranded abroad and (ii) unable to return to the country due to the quarantine fees charged?

B/749 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in regard to the household registered under the Social Register of Mauritius as at to date, she will state the number of applications dealt with on a monthly basis since January 2020 to date?

B/750 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the proposed payment of an allowance of Rs 15,000 to the frontliners of his Ministry who were mobilised during the lockdown period as announced in the Budget Speech 2020-2021, he will state if payment has already been effected thereto and, if not, why not?

B/751 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to stray dogs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare, information as to the urgent measures to be taken to address the presence thereof on public roads, beaches and hospitals' premises, indicating if consideration will be given for the catching exercises thereof to be carried out at night in the hospitals?

B/752 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail –

Whether, in regard to the work in progress of Phase 2 of the Metro Express network in Constituency No. 16, Vacoas and Floréal, he will state the number of (a) households affected with the installation of the tramway and (b) compulsory acquisitions effected as at to date, indicating the amount of compensation paid in each case?

B/753 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Yeung Sik Yuen**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the hotels which have been converted into Quarantine Centres, following the re-opening of our borders on 01 October 2020, he will state (a) the number thereof, indicating the names and duration thereof and (b) if all health and quarantine protocols are being followed thereat?

B/754 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Yeung Sik Yuen**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –

Whether, in regard to drain projects in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to (a) the list of flood prone regions and (b) where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/755 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –

Whether, in regard to the Extended Programme, she will state if any study has been carried out by the World Bank thereon, indicating (a) the outcome thereof and (b) if she proposes to table a copy thereof?

B/756 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –

Whether, in regard to the tutors for the Fortified Learning Environment Unit, she will state the authority responsible for the training and recruitment thereof, indicating the (a) sum allocated thereto (b) eligibility criteria for the recruitment thereof and (c) number thereof recruited?

B/757 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –

Whether, in regard to the National Certificate of Education, she will state if students from the Extended Programme will have the opportunity to resit or otherwise study for one additional year in the event they do not achieve the required level at the first attempt?

B/758 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –

Whether, in regard to Splendid View in Albion, in Constituency No. 20, Beau Bassin Petite Rivière, he will state if consideration will be given for the construction of drains thereat before the next rainy season?

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A/51 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the Security Services contracts entered into by the Ministries, including parastatal bodies and Government owned companies, he will table a list thereof as at to date, indicating in each case the (a) procurement mode thereof (b) date on which the contract was awarded (c) name of the contractor (d) duration and (e) contract value thereof?

A/52 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –

Whether, in regard to the Public Relations and Communication Services contracts entered into by Ministries, including parastatal bodies and Government owned companies, he will table a list thereof as at to date, indicating in each case the (a) procurement mode thereof (b) date on which the contract was awarded (c) name of the contractor (d) duration and (e) contract value thereof?

A/53 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to offences of domestic violence as provided for under section 3(a)(d) of the Protection from Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act 2016, she will state the number of (a) reported cases thereof from 2019 to date (b) prosecutions initiated and (c) convictions secured?

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