

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 08 December 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/979 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

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 controlled delivery of drugs operation carried out by the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit in the Beau Vallon Mall, on 24 November 2020, wherein Ms D. R., Woman Police Constable, lost her life, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if all required basic measures had been undertaken to ensure the security of the officers who participated therein?

B/980 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 controlled delivery of drugs operation carried out by the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit in the Beau Vallon Mall, on 24 November 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of (a) officers who participated therein, indicating if they were equipped with guns and protective gears and (b) vehicles involved in connection therewith?

B/981 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivi  re
(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, 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 Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation Act, in particular, with regard to the broadcast of news bulletins?

B/982 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivi  re
(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 death of three crew members of the Sir Ga  tan tug 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 hardships?

B/983 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivi  re
(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 by the passengers and members of the crew thereof?

B/984 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, in regard to the Officers of the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police (a) details of the training/s provided thereto over the past two years, including to Ms D. R., Woman Police Constable, who lost her life in the course of the controlled delivery of drugs operation of 24 November 2020 and (b) information as to the equipment provided thereto, indicating the frequency of renewal thereof?

B/985 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, in regard to the Municipal Council Elections, he will state if any date for the holding thereof in 2021 has been finalized?

B/986 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 controlled delivery of drugs operation carried out by the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit in the Beau Vallon Mall, on 24 November 2020, wherein Ms D. R., Woman Police Constable, lost her life, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of officers who participated therein (b) number of vehicles used in connection therewith and (c) other resources mobilized therefor?

B/987 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 Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of Police Officers and other grades of officers attached thereto (b) equipment and logistics provided thereto and (c) budget allocated thereto?

B/988 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 statement made by one Mr K. R., on 24 November 2020 at the Eau Coulée Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, indicate where matters stand, including, the number of persons arrested in connection therewith, if any?

B/989 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 controlled delivery of drugs operation carried out by the Anti Drug and Smuggling Unit in the Beau Vallon Mall on 24 November 2020, wherein Ms D. R., Woman Police Constable, lost her life, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to when was the said operation planned, indicating (a) who was in charge thereof and (b) the number of (i) Officers who participated therein, indicating if any one of them was in possession of a firearm (ii) vehicles involved therein and (iii) persons who were aware of the pre-planning stage thereof?

B/990 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 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/991 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 thereof allegedly involved in cases of drug trafficking within the port area, since January 2015 to October 2020, indicating (a) the respective grades thereof (b) if a security profiling exercise is carried out prior to the recruitment of employees thereat and (c) the measures taken to enhance the surveillance system thereat?

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/992 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Xavier-Luc Duval**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the COVAX Facility, he will give a list of the manufacturers of the Covid-19 vaccines concerned therewith, indicating the number of doses thereof to be procured by Mauritius and the expected delivery date/s thereof?

B/993 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Xavier-Luc Duval)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the 50 ventilators purchased from Pack and Blister, he will state if same have now been commissioned and are operational and, if so, indicate the public health institutions wherein same have been installed?

B/994 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Xavier-Luc Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to, over the period 01 January to 30 September 2020, the (a) quantum of revenue generated from (i) the sale of tickets and (ii) advertising (b) number of paid passenger trips effected and (c) accumulated losses incurred?

B/995 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central
(Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the Nationally Determined Contribution submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as part of the Paris Agreement in 2015, he will state the progress thereof concerning the attainment of the set target for CO₂ emission for the Republic of Mauritius?

B/996 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central
(Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the utilities sector, he will state if consideration will be given for proposed amendments to be introduced in the Assembly in relation to the existing legislation pertaining thereto with a view to empowering the Utility Regulatory Authority to exercise its regulatory functions?

B/997 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to Rose Belle Green Energy Co. Ltd, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the quantum of funds invested by the Central Electricity Board therein, indicating the projects implemented as at to date?

B/998 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Utility Regulatory Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the names of the Chairperson and Commissioners thereof, indicating in each case the (a) qualifications held (b) terms and conditions of employment and (c) monthly pay package drawn since the date of appointment to date?

B/999 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of drains at Camp-Carol in Grand' Baie by the National Development Unit, he will state the reasons for the stalling of the works being carried out in relation thereto?

B/1000 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the recent tests and investigations carried out into damages caused to several vehicles allegedly due to the quality of fuel imported by the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as to if same have now been completed and, if so, table copy of the results thereof?

B/1001 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 Pointe aux Cannoniers Beach, he will state if any project for the felling of trees and removal of sand thereat has recently been approved and, if so, table the documents relating thereto?

B/1002 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

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

Whether, in regard to the renovated cremation grounds at Solferino and Saint Paul, in Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix, he will state when same will be operational?

B/1003 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 Metro Express Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the amount of money owed by Metro Express Ltd. thereto in terms of works carried out in connection therewith?

B/1004 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 PV Installation for Residential Purpose, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the (a) maximum allowed capacity in terms of kilowatt and (b) number of cases, if any, wherein the maximum allowed capacity has been exceeded prior to the issue of clearances from the Central Electricity Board therefor?

B/1005 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 amount of funds disbursed in relation thereto since 2014 to date, giving details of the projects implemented?

B/1006 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 sanctions imposed by the *Fédération Internationale de Football Association* on the Mauritius Football Association which resulted in a fine of 10,000 swiss francs following the illegal transfer of five Malagasy players to the Cercle de Joachim, he will state the actions, if any, taken by his Ministry in relation thereto?

B/1007 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 Trochetia National Housing Development Company Residential Complex, in Chebel, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., the list of beneficiaries thereof, indicating the (a) date of receipt of the corresponding application for the allocation of a housing unit (b) address of the beneficiaries (b) number of beneficiaries being disabled persons and/or families on the Social Register of Mauritius?

B/1008 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the allowance granted to those found in situation of absolute poverty, she will state (a) the number of beneficiaries thereof in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues, respectively, region-wise and (b) if consideration will be given for a review upwards of the quantum thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1009 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 Sports Act 2016, he will state if his Ministry has carried out any assessment to determine the level of compliance of National Sports Federations thereto and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/1010 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)
To ask the Honourable the Attorney General, Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –
Whether, in regard to the Requests for Mutual Assistance in Criminal and Related Matters addressed by the Central Authority of Mauritius to the competent authorities of foreign States since January 2010 to date, he will state the number thereof, indicating (a) in each case, the (i) foreign State involved and (ii) purpose thereof and nature of the assistance sought and (b) the number thereof discontinued, indicating in each case, the reasons therefor?

B/1011 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –
Whether, in regard to children in good health placed in public health institutions by the Child Development Unit, since January 2015 to date, she will state the number thereof on a yearly basis, indicating in each case, the (a) age thereof (b) duration of the stay (c) reasons therefor and (d) measures taken to ensure the welfare thereof thereat?

B/1012 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –
Whether, in regard to contracts awarded to Best Construct Ltd. since January 2015 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the number thereof, indicating in each case, the (a) contract value thereof (b) delay, if any, in the implementation thereof and (c) variation costs, if any, claimed and paid?

B/1013 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 his Ministry (a) was consulted by the administrators thereof prior to imposing an additional unilateral pay cut on the salaries of all the employees thereof and, if so, indicate when and (b) is in presence of representations from *Plateforme Syndicale Travayer Air Mauritius* in relation thereto and, if so, indicate if he has discussed same with the administrators and, if so, when and, if not, why?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the single use plastic and related items, he will state the (a) alternatives therefor identified, if any, following the banning of the use thereof with effect from 15 January and 15 April 2021, respectively and, if so, give details thereof and (b) measures taken or that will be taken, if any, to preserve the industries involved therein, indicating the expected number of job losses in relation thereto?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a slaughterhouse at La Vigie, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/1016 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the School Net II Project for secondary institutions, he will state (a) the contract value thereof, indicating the amount paid to the contractor (b) if the telecommunication tests have been carried out and the project completed and (c) if liquidated damages are due by the contractors and, if so, indicate the quantum thereof and the amount recovered, if any, and, if not, why not?

B/1017 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Free Travel Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to if the (a) Technical Committee set up to look thereinto has submitted its report and (b) findings of the Price Water House Coopers have been implemented and, if not, why not?

B/1018 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 progress of Phase 2 of the Metro Express network in Constituency No. 16, Vacoas and Floréal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Metro Express Ltd., information as to the number of (a) households affected by works being carried out in connection therewith and (b) compulsory acquisitions effected as at to date, indicating the quantum of compensation paid in each case?

B/1019 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the Islamic Cultural Centre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the composition thereof, indicating the date of appointment of the Chairperson and members of the Board thereof?

B/1020 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 50 ventilators purchased from Pack and Blister, he will state if the installation thereof by foreign experts have been successfully completed?

B/1021 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

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

Whether, in regard to the *Police de l'Environnement*, he will state the number of (a) officers attached thereto and (b) equipment and offices put at the disposal thereof, island-wide?

B/1022 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

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

Whether, in regard to loans, grants and line of credit taken or received by the Government, including parastatal bodies, Government owned companies or public and private companies where government is a shareholder since January 2015 to date, he will give details thereof, indicating in each case the (a) types of facilities (b) amount received (c) rate of interest, if any (d) terms of repayment and (e) names of the donor agencies and institutions?

B/1023 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 pandemic, he will state the Preparedness Plan put in place by his Ministry in case of a second wave thereof, indicating the (a) measures taken to prevent the spread thereof and (b) logistics put in place for the treatment of infected and sick patients, indicating the therapeutic protocol that will be implemented?

B/1024 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –
Whether, in regard to aluminium composite panels, he will state (a) the number of Government buildings cladded therewith over the past five years (b) if any survey of the use thereof in the private sector has been carried out and (c) if consideration will be given for the regulation of the use thereof for safety and security reasons?

B/1025 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –
Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Volleyball Association, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if the Association has (a) approved the participation of Mr K. T. in the Zone 7 election and (b) informed the African Volleyball Confederation that Mr. K.T is facing trial for the offence of sexual assault in Gold Coast, Australia?

B/1026 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)
To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation –
Whether, in regard to the National Council for Sports in Schools and Universities, he will state, since the setting up thereof to date, the (a) composition of the successive Boards thereof (b) number of activities organized by the Council and (c) yearly budget allocated thereto?

B/1027 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 medical equipment in public health institutions, he will state the number thereof having been reported faulty since January 2020 to date, indicating the actions taken for the replacement or repair thereof, as the case may be, indicating the timeframe set therefor?

B/1028 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 medicines, he will state (a) where same are stored and (b) the method used for the (i) storage and (c) order forecasts thereof?

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Port Louis

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