

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 25 June 2024

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

B/444 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 Police inquiry initiated, in or around
June 2022, into alleged cases of Police brutality by Police Officers
of the Central Investigation Division of Terre Rouge, he will, for
the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police,
information as to where matters stand, indicating the sanctions
taken, if any, against the Police Officers involved therein?

B/445 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 the case filed by the Republic of
South Africa at the International Court of Justice for alleged
violation by the State of Israel of its obligations under the 1948
Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of
Genocide in relation to Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, he will state
the stand the Government of Mauritius proposes to take thereon?

B/446 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 High-Level Committee on the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence, he will state the number of meetings thereof held since January 2022 to date, indicating the main recommendations thereof?

B/447 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 Local Government Elections, he will state if consideration will be given for amendments to be brought to the relevant legislation with a view to render the holding thereof mandatory within a prescribed time period?

B/448 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 Port cranes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd., information as to the number thereof which is (a) operational and (b) defective, indicating in each case the (i) date thereof and (ii) loss of revenue resulting therefrom?

B/449 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 an alleged case of Police brutality on a young man of 21 years residing at Pamplemousses, on 10 May 2024, 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 (a) number of Police Officers involved therein and (b) actions taken, if any, in relation thereto?

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/450 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 Extended Programme, she will state the methodology devised for the assessment of the Extended Stream students of the 2024 cohort for the end of year National Certificate of Education examinations?

B/451 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to registration as Specialists, he will state the facilities his Ministry proposes to extend to the Medical Practitioners of Rodrigues for their participation in the interview held therefor by the Postgraduate Medical Education Board in Mauritius?

B/452 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the donation of USD 6 million by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the purpose of building new mosques and renovation of existing mosques, he will state where matters stand?

B/453 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the market fair of Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas-Phoenix, information as to the frequency of the cleaning thereof, indicating the cleaning programme put in place therefor and further indicating the actions being envisaged for the enhancement of hygiene thereat?

B/454 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 foreign exchange, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to if there is any shortage thereof on the market and, if so, the reasons therefor, indicating the measures being envisaged to address same?

B/455 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the national heritage sites in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will state the total amount disbursed for the refurbishment and restoration thereof since 2019 to date, giving details of the works effected?

B/456 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 AstraZeneca Vaccines used for vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state (a) the number of people inoculated therewith, indicating the country of origin thereof and (b) if any case of adverse effects following the inoculation thereof has been reported at his Ministry?

B/457 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 Central Electricity Board Manual Workers Pension Fund and the Central Electricity Board Staff Pension Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the actual financial state thereof, respectively?

B/458 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to a fatal accident which occurred on Wednesday 19 June 2024 involving an employee of the Municipal Council of Vacoas-Phoenix and the scavenging lorry thereof, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to if all safety measures were complied with and, if so, give details thereof?

B/459 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the application for a work permit for Mr G. M., a French national acting actually as Coach for the Mauritius National Football Team (Club M), he will state if same has been issued and, if so, give details thereof, indicating if his Ministry is in presence of a request therefor by the Mauritius Football Association?

B/460 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the distribution of plastic household bins by the District Council of Pamplemousses from January 2023 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to the number thereof distributed in each village, indicating the respective dates thereof?

B/461 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to alcohol and spirits beverages, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the number of bottles thereof imported since January 2024 to date, indicating the (a) cost thereof and (b) amount of taxes collected therefrom?

B/462 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Metro Express Ltd., information as to the quantum of fees paid to the consultants/consultancy firms as at date, indicating their respective scope of work?

B/463 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 proposed introduction of online services for the public at the National Land Transport Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to where matters stand, giving details thereof?

B/464 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the Catch Neuter and Release (CNR) Program, he will state the (a) decision taken by the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare (MSAW), if any, for the procurement of the services of the International Animal Welfare and Protection Coalition via Worldwide veterinary services for the conduct of mass sterilisation of dogs and, if so, give details thereof and (b) number of stray dogs sterilised and released by MSAW thereunder since 2021 to date on a monthly basis?

B/465 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the Native Terrestrial Biodiversity and National Parks Advisory Council, he will state the (a) current composition thereof and (b) recommendations, if any, made to the Minister with regard to the conservation of wildlife since June 2023 to date?

- B/466 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance –*
- Whether, in regard to the Financial Services Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of buildings being leased to house same and the offices thereof, giving details thereof, indicating in each case the (a) name of the lessor/s and (b) monthly rental fee?
- B/467 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 setting up of new private healthcare institutions, he will state the number of applications received therefor to date, indicating the (a) name of the applicants therefor and (b) number thereof (i) under construction (ii) having obtained clearances and (iii) awaiting clearances?
- B/468 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –*
- Whether, in regard to drains projects in flood-prone areas in Constituency No. 21, Rodrigues, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Development Unit and the Land Drainage Authority, information as to the number thereof implemented and completed since 2016 to date, indicating their (a) location and (b) contract value?
- B/469 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 a fatal accident which occurred on Wednesday 19 June 2024 involving an employee of the Municipal Council of Vacoas-Phoenix and a lorry thereof, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to the (a) circumstances thereof (b) number of such recent accidents and (c) measures being taken to enhance the safety of the workers of the Council?

B/470 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to hybrid and electric cars, he will state if consideration will be given for a scheme to be devised to assist the users thereof for the replacement of the battery thereof?

B/471 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 tourist arrivals for the period January to May 2024, he will state the number thereof, indicating the revenue generated therefrom?

B/472 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the 23 overhead irrigation systems on wheels not functioning properly and affecting sugar cane and vegetable planters in the region of the Triolet bypass, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Irrigation Authority, information as to the urgent measures being envisaged therefor?

B/473 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the 8000 social housing units, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the New Social Living Development Ltd., information as to the (a) cost of construction thereof, indicating the amount already incurred and paid in relation thereto (b) cost of offsite infrastructural work in connection therewith and (c) proposed selling price of each housing unit?

B/474 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the public garden situated at Saint François Xavier Street, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to the measures that will be taken for its maintenance and rehabilitation in view of the current state thereof and, if so, when?

B/475 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to alleged escape of a teenager from the Relay Shelter at Cap Malheureux on 05 May 2024, she will state if her Ministry has initiated an inquiry thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/476 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of a Multisport Complex and Music School on the first-floor level of the Abercombie Market Fair building, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if a retendering exercise has been conducted for the resumption of the works thereof, indicating the (a) outcome and (b) revised contract value thereof?

B/477 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to recurrent flooding and non-maintenance of drains in the region of Beau-Bassin, namely at Meldrum, Napier Broom, Colonel Draper and adjoining streets, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau-Bassin and Rose-Hill, information as to if consideration has been given to the petition dated 18 May 2024 from the inhabitants thereof, indicating the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/478 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of buses thereof currently propelled by electric engine?

B/479 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)

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

Whether, in regard to the importation of live animals from Rodrigues to Mauritius, he will state where matters stand, indicating the facilities extended therefor by his Ministry?

B/480 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis
Central (Dr Aumeer)

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

Whether, in regard to the procurement of garbage bins by the District Council of Flacq in 2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, information as to if any tender was launched therefor and, if so, indicate the (a) number thereof, giving details of the specifications mentioned therein (b) list of bidders, giving details thereof and (c) name of the successful bidders, further indicating the (i) date of the award of the contract and (ii) cost thereof?

B/481 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to the alleged escape of two minors from the Pure Mind Haven Shelter in Vacoas on 23 May 2024, she will state if her Ministry has initiated an inquiry thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/482 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Wochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the works for the upgrading of drains along La Bord Street and Hollywood Street at Bois Rouge, Pamplemousses with a view to mitigating flooding from Mon Rocher vicinity, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Pamplemousses, information as to where matters stand?

B/483 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to petroleum products, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, for the period January 2024 to date, information as to the (a) volume of diesel and Mogas imported, indicating the expenses incurred at CIF value and (b) taxes collected from the sales thereof?

B/484 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 the Metro Express Ltd., he will state the amount of loans and other financial support extended thereto by Government since its inception to date?

B/485 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 indiscipline in private and public primary and secondary schools since January 2015 to 2023 and January 2024 to date, she will state the number of reported cases thereof category-wise, on a yearly basis?

B/486 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to the wage relativity adjustment for workers following the increase in minimum wage, he will state where matters stand?

B/487 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to Morcellement Chapman View, Coromandel, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin and Rose Hill, information as to when works for the reinstatement of the roads severely damaged thereat during the passage of cyclone Belal will start?

B/488 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the refund of training fees by the Human Resource Development Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the procedures established therefor?

B/489 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to "*L'Accord Cadre de Cooperation Franco-Mauricienne*" concerning postgraduate degrees in "*Imagerie Medicale*" and "*Anesthesie-Réanimation*", he will state the number of seats allocated to Rodriguan candidates in each intake, indicating if consideration will be given for the increase of the number of seats allocated thereto?

B/490 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the 2000 arpents of land which are managed
by Landscape Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House,
obtain information as to the number of planters who have
benefitted therefrom, indicating the number thereof in the regions
of La Marie, Glen Park and Plaine Sophie?

B/491 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the Municipal Council of Vacoas-Phoenix,
he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information
as to the financial situation thereof?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

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A/30 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 Integrated Modern Agricultural Morcellement Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Economic Development Board, information as to the number of applications therefor (a) received and (b) approved since its inception to date?

A/31 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 National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if the mechanics thereof are properly trained for the repairs and maintenance of buses thereof?

A/32 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the St Louis Metro Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Metro Express Ltd., information as to the average daily ridership thereat?

A/33 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the new contract allocated to the Joint
Venture Sotravic/Enetotech for two months for an amount of
Rs 70m, he will state if emergency procedure has been resorted to
for the allocation thereof and, if so, the reasons therefor?

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