

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 02 April 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/82 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine
Magnien (Mr Doolub)

*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 Agaléga, he will state how the construction
and operationalization of the new airstrip and jetty facilities thereat
fit in the developmental agenda of the Republic of Mauritius?

B/83 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

*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 Air Mauritius planes, he will, for the benefit
of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to the
current number thereof in the fleet of the Company, indicating (a)
the types and seating capacity thereof and (b) if any plane is
presently grounded?

B/84 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 frequent cancellation and postponements of Air Mauritius flights over the last few months, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airport of Mauritius Ltd., information as to (a) the reasons therefor and (b) if consideration will be given for a full-fledged audit of the viability of the planes owned and/or leased by the company to be carried out by a reputable firm?

B/85 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

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 overhead pedestrian bridge in Roche Bois which was damaged following a road accident, involving a lorry on 24 February 2024, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto and (b) state the measures taken to ensure the security and safety of the inhabitants when crossing the motorway thereat?

B/86 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 an alleged case of child abuse of a little girl of 4 years old, involving a foreign citizen, 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, where matters stand, indicating (a) since when the accused is working in Mauritius and (b) if there has been any similar case reported against him and, if so, give details thereof?

B/87 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 thefts with assault, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of (a) reported cases thereof since January 2022 to date, indicating the number thereof perpetrated on (i) foreigners and (ii) elderly persons and (b) arrests effected in relation thereto?

B/88 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

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 a new runway in Rodrigues Island, he will state where matters stand?

B/89 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Wochit**)

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 next National Assembly Elections, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Office of the Electoral Commissioner, information as to if arrangements will be made for the counting of votes to be effected on the polling day and, if not, why not?

B/90 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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 forthcoming National Assembly Elections, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the measures being envisaged to protect the public against threats arising from the misuse of Artificial Intelligence in the circulation of deepfake videos and disinformation?

B/91 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 an alleged case of assault reported to the Police by one Mr R. K. B. against Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms on 10 February 2024, 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, where matters stand?

B/92 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 Report of the Court of Investigation set up to look into the grounding of the MV Wakashio, he will state the findings of the Inter-Ministerial Committee set up to examine the implementation contained therein, indicating (a) where matters stand as to the implementation thereof and (b) if he will now table copy thereof and, if not, why not?

B/93 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 he will state if he has been made aware of the difficulties faced by incoming and outgoing passengers as a result of the recent frequent cancellation and postponements of Air Mauritius flights and, if so, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Airport of Mauritius Ltd., information as to the remedial measures that have been initiated with the Airport Terminal Operation Ltd., Air Mauritius, Health services and Police to address same?

B/94 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(Mr Ittoo)

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 Police Officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof on a yearly basis since 2015 to 2023 and from January 2024 to date (a) recruited and (b) promoted gradewise?

B/95 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 Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees intercepted and reported to be detained in an inhuman condition on Diego Garcia since 2021, he will state the diplomatic and/or other follow up action taken, if any, by Government thereon to date?

B/96 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 legal representation of the Commissioner of Police in legal proceedings by private law practitioners for appearance in Court cases since April 2023 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to the list thereof and the associated fees claimed and disbursed therefor?

B/97 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West
(Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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 promotion exercise in the Police Force, he will state if he has been made aware of the dissatisfaction expressed by Women Police Officers for not having been promoted during the said exercise and, if so, indicate the remedial measures taken or envisaged in relation thereto?

B/98 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 incidents which occurred at Rivière-du-Rempart on 17 March 2024 involving activists of two political parties, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an enquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, where matters stand?

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/99 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 public concerts and other cultural events, he will state where matters stand as to the alternatives sites proposed by his Ministry for the organization thereof, indicating (a) if any appropriate site has been identified, giving details thereof (b) if any meeting has been held with event organizers and artists in connection therewith and, if so, give details thereof and (c) when Government will authorize the holding thereof?

B/100 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

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 information as to the measures proposed for the improvement of traffic flow in Baie du Tombeau?

B/101 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 the Rs 500 million earmarked for repairs of public infrastructure and amenities damaged by cyclone Belal, he will state (a) where matters stand as to the works carried out thereunder, giving a list of the works effected as at date, indicating (i) the cost thereof and (ii) expected date of completion and (b) if any contract has been allocated for same and, if so, indicate the names of the respective contractors?

B/102 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 construction of a New Community Health Centre at Roche-Bois, he will state where matters stand, indicating when the bid therefor was (a) launched and (b) awarded, indicating the (i) name of the successful bidder and (ii) expected completion date thereof?

B/103 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Ittoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the E-Health project, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating the cost incurred therefor to date?

B/104 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 proposed demolition of the premises of the Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet and parking areas constructed on canal Le Pouce, following the recommendation of the Judicial Inquiry of 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to where matters stand?

B/105 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Dengue fever, he will state the number of persons in Rodrigues who have died therefrom, indicating if there is an increase in the prevalence of death resulting therefrom in Rodrigues over the last two years and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/106 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the increase in the price of commodities and cost of living, she will state if consideration will be given for (a) a price mechanism control to be put in place therefor and (b) certain products, including medicines, to be subsidised by Government to alleviate the burden of consumers?

B/107 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the Rs 80 million earmarked for the upgrading of the Anjalay Coopen Stadium to also host concerts as announced in the Budget Speech 2023-2024, he will state where matters stand?

B/108 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the forthcoming 2024 Horse Racing season, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to (a) the amount of stake money that has been agreed upon, indicating if the Authority has approved same (b) the number of stables registered with the Authority to date therefor and (c) if any due diligence exercise has been carried out with regard to the owners/shareholders participating therein by the relevant authority?

B/109 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 gas incinerator and the cremation ground at Highlands, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas Phoenix, information in each case as to the (a) dates of the coming into operation thereof and (b) number of times these facilities have been used since January 2023 to date?

B/110 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Wochit)

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

Whether, in regard to road accidents, he will state the reasons for the increase in the number thereof compared to last year, indicating the measures envisaged to combat the rising trend thereof?

B/111 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to Colline Candos, he will state if a master plan has been prepared to address the risk of flooding thereat?

B/112 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 Morcellement Ramalingum in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to if the Council is in presence of any complaint of flooding thereat and, if so, indicate the drains projects earmarked thereat, if any?

B/113 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of social housing units at Arsenal, opposite to the pépinière d'Arsenal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Social Living Development Ltd., information as to if it was subjected to severe flooding during the passage of cyclone Belal and, if so, state the measures being taken to reduce the risk of inundation thereat?

B/114 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Public Service, Administrative and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the E-HR Project, he will state the (a) status thereof, including the coverage thereof in Ministries and Departments (b) number of public officers accessing the system (c) cost thereof (d) transformative impact thereof in service delivery and (e) plan, if any, to interface with other government IT systems?

B/115 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Richard Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the Fully Concrete Housing Scheme, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Empowerment Foundation, information as to the number of (a) housing units constructed thereunder in Constituency No 12, Mahébourg and Plaine Magnien, since January 2020 to date, indicating the (i) location thereof (ii) date of delivery and (iii) names of the beneficiaries thereof and (b) on-going projects thereunder, indicating their (i) respective cost (ii) expected date of completion and (iii) delivery thereof?

B/116 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to incinerators in Constituency No. 16, Vacoas and Floreal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the recent systems installed, indicating the number thereof in working conditions, in particular the one situated at Glen Park?

B/117 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the regions of Canal Dayot and Sable Noir, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the connection of pipes to the reticulated sewerage system thereat?

B/118 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether, in regard to the football match Club M v/s Chad for the preliminary round of the Africa Nations Cup held at the Côte d’Or stadium on 26 March 2024, he will state the
(a) total seating capacity available at the stadium during the match
(b) number of complimentary tickets distributed and
(c) number of spectators present?

B/119 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 State land earmarked for cultural centres at Réduit Triangle, he will state if any decision has been taken thereon by Government in the light of representations made by the Mauritius Tamil Temple Federation and the Indo Mauritian Catholic Association thereon?

B/120 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 works being undertaken on the road B104 at Chamarel, he will state if an Environmental Impact Assessment has been carried out thereinto prior to the start thereof and, if so, when, indicate if a copy thereof will be tabled and, if not, why not?

B/121 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

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

Whether, in regard to flooding in Constituency No. 20, Beau-Bassin and Petite Rivière, he will state if a survey has been carried out to identify the flood-prone areas following the recent floods caused by cyclone Belal thereat, indicating the (a) damages caused as a result thereof and (b) remedial measures envisaged to address same?

B/122 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 setting up of the 4 technical committees in the private sector, academia, media and civil society organisations, as recommended in the National Gender Policy, she will state if same have been set up and, if so, when, indicating in each case (a) the number of meetings held and (b) the outcome thereof?

B/123 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 cigarettes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the quantity thereof imported since January 2023 to date, indicating the (a) amount paid therefor (b) country of origin and (c) amount of taxes collected therefrom?

B/124 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of Froppier Bridge at Canton Nancy, Pamplemousses, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Development Unit, information as to the (a) date for the award of the contract, indicating the name of the contractor (b) specified duration of the works (c) contract value thereof and (d) expected completion date thereof?

B/125 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to pharmaceutical products, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if the Corporation has applied to the Pharmacy Board for the importation thereof and, if so, where matters stand?

B/126 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Doolub)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a motorway (M5) in the South, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/127 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Centre Équestre de Petit Gamin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to if a licence to operate same has been issued to Global Equestrian Ltd., and, if so, since when?

B/128 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 renovation works to be undertaken at the Serge Alfred Swimming Pool at Beau Bassin, he will state where matters stand, indicating if a proposed reopening date has been scheduled and, if not, why not?

B/129 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in regard to the overhead pedestrian bridge along M2 at Roche Bois which was damaged following a road accident involving a lorry on 24 February 2024, he will state the (a) immediate remedial measures taken to ensure the safety of inhabitants when crossing the motorway thereat and (b) future project, if any, to replace same?

B/130 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 segregated waste collection, he will state where matters stand as to the provision of appropriate bins to households?

B/131 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rs 500 million earmarked for repairs of public infrastructure and amenities damaged by cyclone Belal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority and the National Development Unit, information as to the number of roads and lanes earmarked therefor in Constituency No. 15, La Caverne and Phoenix, indicating (a) the sums allocated therefor and (b) the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/132 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 Public Sector Debt, he will state the (a) quantum thereof as at December 2023, indicating the quantum thereof (i) denominated in Mauritian rupees and foreign currencies, respectively and (ii) as a ratio of the Gross Domestic Product and (b) measures that will be taken for the reduction thereof?

B/133 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 HeForShe Clubs in Community Centers, she will give a list thereof, giving details of the (a) modus operandi thereof and (b) members thereof, indicating their age groups?

B/134 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

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

Whether, in regard to the MoKloud Government Application, he will state if the uploading of a photograph is a mandatory requirement for registration thereto?

B/135 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

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

Whether, in regard to the 13th edition of the African Games, which was held Ghana, in Accra from 08 to 23 March 2024, he will state the composition of the Mauritius delegation having participated therein?

- B/136 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr Léopold)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*
- Whether, in regard to electricity supply, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board of Rodrigues, information as to if there is an increase in the demand thereof, indicating the (a) measures being taken thereon and (b) reasons for the recurrent disruption thereof in some regions in Rodrigues?
- B/137 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 Power Purchase Agreement, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to when the latest Agreement was signed between the Board and Corexsolar International (Mauritius) Ltd., indicating the total amount of legal fees paid therefor to date, giving details thereof?
- B/138 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –*
- Whether, in regard to the National Empowerment Foundation, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the total amount of funds disbursed after the passage of cyclone Belal in January 2024 to help affected families who are listed on the Social Register of Mauritius?
- B/139 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training –*
- Whether, in regard to infrastructural works being carried out at the Mauritius Institute Training and Development in ex-MEDCO in Cassis, he will state where matters stand, indicating the (a) cost thereof (b) scope of work (c) name of the successful bidder and (d) expected completion date thereof?

B/140 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Supply, Design, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of the E-Health System, he will state the (a) start and closing dates of the bidding process (b) number of bids received (c) name of the successful bidder and (d) date of the award of the contract, indicating the value thereof?

B/141 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 Harm Reduction Unit of his Ministry, he will state if Dr C. G. and Dr L. T. are attached thereto and, if so, (a) indicate the responsibilities assigned thereto and (b) if they are both accredited as Specialists in Psychiatry or Addictology by the Medical Council of Mauritius and, if not, indicate their respective specialist qualifications as recognised by the Medical Council of Mauritius?

B/142 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 Power Purchase Agreement signed between the Central Electricity Board and Corexsolar International (Mauritius) Ltd., for the purchase of electricity from Renewable Energy Hybrid Facilities, in particular in relation to 2 projects of SPV 30 mw, he will state if the delay in fulfilling the Conditions Precedents continued for more than 120 days from the Long Stop Date and, if so, indicate if the Board will terminate the entire agreement and encash the entire development security?

B/143 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Gambling Regulatory Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) current composition of the board thereof, indicating the names of the Chairperson and members thereof, giving details in each case as to the (i) remuneration and (ii) other allowances and benefits drawn and (b) number of subcommittees of the board, indicating (i) their respective Chairperson and members and (ii) allowances payable thereto?

B/144 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to Horse Racing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to (a) if any licence has now been issued to Global Equestrian Ltd., therefor at the Petit Gamin Racing Track and, if so, since when and (b) if all the necessary clearances have been sought and obtained therefor by the company, including fire certificate and operational permit from the Pamplemousses District Council, further indicating in each case the date thereof?

B/145 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 the upgrading works being carried out at the Vacoas Bus Terminal, he will state where matters stand?

B/146 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to roads in Constituency No. 18, Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes, he will state if an assessment has been made to determine the number thereof requiring repairs or resurfacing and, if, so, give a list of the sites identified therefor and entrusted to the Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes by the Citizen Support Unit?

B/147 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 Dengue fever, he will state the number of reported cases thereof on a yearly basis since 2019 to 2023 and from January 2024 to date, indicating the number of persons having (a) been hospitalised and (b) passed away as a result thereof?

B/148 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 child prostitution, she will state if she has been made aware of the increase in the number of cases thereof, indicating the preventive measures taken by her Ministry to combat same?

B/149 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction in the Assembly of a Police and Criminal Justice Bill, he will state where matters stand as to the consultations initiated thereinto with stakeholders concerned, indicating if consideration will also be given for the doing away with the practice of lodging of provisional charges?

B/150 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Woochit)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Dengue fever, he will state the number of patients hospitalized since January 2024 to date, indicating the medical treatment administered thereto?

B/151 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether, in regard to consumer protection, she will state if consideration will be given for amendments to be brought to the existing legislation in line with the recommendation made by the Law Reform Commission to regulate e-Commerce?

B/152 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 E-Health project, he will state when the contract therefor was awarded, giving details as to the (a) list of bidders and amount of their respective bids and (b) name of the successful bidder?

B/153 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Ms Tour)

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

Whether, in regard to the daily traffic congestion along M1 at Labourdonnais, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the remedial measures envisaged to address same?

B/154 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Assirvaden)

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

Whether he will state if he is in presence of a request from the representatives of the Mon Desir Kalimata Mandir situated at Mon Desir Vacoas for the putting up of a pedestrian crossing and/or speed breaker near the said Mandir for the safety of the pedestrians and, if so, indicate when same will be implemented and, if not, why not?

B/155 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the decision of his Ministry to allow young drug users to have access to methadone treatment as from the age of 15 years, he will state the reasons therefor, indicating (a) the number of drug users concerned therewith, gender wise (b) how same will be distributed and the conditions attached thereto and (c) if Non-Governmental Organisations engaged in the treatment and rehabilitation of drugs users have been consulted prior to the implementation thereof?

B/156 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 case of child pornography involving a 4-year-old girl, she will state if an officer from her Ministry was present at the victim's bedside during her hospitalization and, if not, why not?

B/157 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 thefts and damages caused to the premises and lands of planters and breeders, he will state the number of reported cases thereof to his Ministry, indicating, in each case, the remedial measures and actions taken in relation thereto?

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A/6 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 procurement of goods and services exceeding Rs 50,000 since 2020 to date, he will, table a list of all bids, indicating in each case the (a) names of the bidders invited to tender and the corresponding items being procured, indicating the (i) date and time invitation to bid was sent to the potential bidders (ii) date and time the bids were closed (iii) date bids were evaluated and (iv) date an award was made (b) name of the successful bidder (c) cost estimate of the bids and (d) bidding price by the bidders?

A/7 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 Jardin Coco, in Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to the (a) absence of lighting thereat and the adjoining road (Magon Street) (b) leakage of water thereat and under the bridge adjacent thereto and (c) absence of slabs at its entrance and, if so, indicate the remedial measures that will be taken to address same?

A/8 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the overhead pedestrian crossing which was recently damaged at Roche Bois, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to when it will be reconstructed?

A/9 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 poor road and drainage conditions prevailing in the region of Guibies/Pailles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to the remedial envisaged therefor?

A/10 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 request of the inhabitants of Plaine Lauzun addressed to the Municipal City Council of Port Louis on 18 June 2021 for the construction of a synthetic football playground, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council information as to where matters stand?

A/11 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 White Paper entitled Creative Mauritius-Vision 2025, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation of the recommendations thereof?

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