

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 26 March 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/1 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 proposed introduction of Kreol Morisien in the National Assembly, he will state where matters stand?

B/2 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/3 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 the exercise of sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago, he will state where matters stand as to the current discussions between Mauritius and the United Kingdom thereon?

B/4 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 implementation thereof and (b) if he will now table copy thereof and, if not, why not?

B/5 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East
(Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the new runway and jetty in Agaléga, he will state if the staff requirements for Mauritians and expatriates for the operation of the facilities thereof have been finalized and if so, give details thereof?

B/6 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 Agaléga, he will state when commercial flights will be operational thereto, indicating if discussion has already been initiated between his Office and Air Mauritius thereon and, if so, the outcome thereof and, if not, why not?

B/7 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/8 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 two successive oil spills in the Terre Rouge Estuary, in January and March 2024, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Environment Commission, information as to its response to the environmental impact resulting therefrom?

B/9 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Woochit**)

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

Whether, in regard to 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/10 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 actions taken, if any, by Government thereon to date?

B/11 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 new mobile identity card, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if provision has been made for the use thereof for the authentication of voters electronically in the next General Election and, if so, indicate the (a) technical framework devised therefor and (b) type of equipment to be used to read the card?

B/12 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 Director General and the Commissioners of the Financial Crimes Commission, he will state their respective terms and conditions of appointment, including their respective remuneration packages?

B/13 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)
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 exercise of sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago, he will state if (a) talks with the United Kingdom over our territorial integrity have been stalled and (b) a formal protest has been made to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in connection with the recent statement made by the Foreign Secretary, Lord Cameron to the effect that Chagos Archipelago remains a British Indian Ocean Territory?

B/14 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)
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 six young pilgrims at Arsenal whilst on their way to the Ganga Talao on 03 March 2024, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated to determine the circumstances of the incident?

B/15 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/16 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 as to the inquiry initiated thereto and (b) state the measures taken to ensure the security and safety of the inhabitants when crossing the motorway thereat?

B/17 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 Artificial Intelligence and the recourse thereto to create and circulate false information and fake videos, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the mechanism put in place to deter and prevent such practices and (b) state if consideration will be given for amendments to be brought to existing legislations to sanction same?

B/18 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 the private lawyers whose services have been retained by the State in cases before local and international courts since 2019 to date, he will give (a) a list thereof and (b) the amount of fees paid to each of them for each case?

B/19 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 detainees found dead in Police cells, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Police Complaints Commission, information as to the number of cases thereof referred thereto since 2020 to date, indicating the (a) number thereof wherein an inquiry has been carried out and (b) outcome thereof?

B/20 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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 taxi operating at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of illegal plying against illegal operators thereat, indicating the action that has been taken by the authorities 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/21 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 opening of the Horse Racing Season 2024, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority/Horse Racing Division, information as to if (a) a full-fledged audit has been carried out to ensure the security of all stakeholders and the public and, if so, by whom, giving details thereof and (b) the People's Turf PLC has been authorised to construct dormitories at the Champ de Mars and, if so, indicating when the necessary application has been made and approved?

B/22 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the supply of textbooks for primary and secondary students, she will state (a) when the tender exercise therefor was launched, indicating the (i) names of the bidders and the successful one (ii) contract value thereof and (iii) table a copy of the contract, together with its conditions and (b) if she has been informed of delays thereof, indicating the remedial actions taken?

B/23 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether in regard to households whose property have been damaged during the passage of cyclone Belal, he will state if consideration will be given to provide an adequate amount of financial compensations thereto and, if not, why not?

B/24 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 the roads in Constituency No. 20, Beau-Bassin and Petite-Rivière, he will state if a survey has been carried out to identify the damages caused thereto after the passage of cyclone Belal, indicating the remedial measures being envisaged in relation thereto?

B/25 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 Dengue fever, he will state the preparedness plan devised by his Ministry as at 05 February 2024 in relation thereto, indicating the (a) number of (i) fogging machine available in use and trained personnel for the manning thereof, further indicating the frequency and timing of fogging and (ii) mosquito coils and repellent cream in stock at his Ministry available for distribution to the general public and (b) number of active cases and deaths related to Dengue as to date?

B/26 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Doolub)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Methadone treatment, he will state if the induction thereon is being extended to drug users as from the age of 15 years and, if so, indicate if same is recommended internationally?

B/27 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in regard to roads damaged with the passage of cyclone Belal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to the quantum of fund allocated thereto for the resurfacing thereof?

B/28 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 fire incident involving a *kanwar* in Arsenal on Sunday 03 March 2024, she will state the assistance and support extended by her Ministry to the members of the six bereaved families and the twenty-two injured pilgrims and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/29 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to stray dogs in the region of Rose-Hill and its surroundings, he will state the measures taken to address the proliferation thereof?

B/30 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 fee paid therefor to date, giving details thereof?

B/31 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rivulet Terre Rouge Estuary Bird Sanctuary, he will state if (a) consideration will be given for the setting up of an inter-Ministerial Committee to assess the impact of the oil spill thereat and to devise (i) an oil contingency plan and (ii) a rehabilitation plan with a view to coming up with an environmental and social governance report of the industries in the nearby zone and (b) sanctions have been taken against the polluters thereof?

B/32 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 road at Baza lane at Camp Fouquereaux damaged since 15 January 2024 following the passage of cyclone Belal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas-Phoenix, information as to when rehabilitation, tarring and reconstruction works will be effected thereat, indicating the total costs to be incurred therefor, giving details thereof?

B/33 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 Mr R. A. M., Chief Finance Officer of the National Housing Development Company Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to the (a) total remuneration being drawn by the latter and (b) mode of recruitment resorted for the appointment of the incumbent?

B/34 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to vegetables, he will state (a) the number of permits granted for the importation thereof and (b) amount thereof imported this year, indicating if a mark-up policy was applied to control the high price thereof?

B/35 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East
(Mr Juman)

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

Whether, in regard to the Silver Bank, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the amount of public funds, deposited thereinto by Government, parastatal and government companies, indicating in each case the (a) name of the depositor (b) amount and date the deposits were effected and (c) maturity date and expected interest rate to be earned on each deposit?

B/36 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the recurrent disruption in electricity supply at the Floréal State Secondary School, she will state the actions that have been taken in relation thereto?

B/37 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 construction of an access road to Boulingrin Long Mountain, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Development Unit/Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/38 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 waste collection lorries in the local authorities, he will state, in each case, the number thereof currently undergoing repairs or maintenance due to breakdowns, indicating if there is any proposal for the procurement of new lorries and, if so, give details as to the funds to be allocated to each local authority therefor for this financial year?

B/39 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether, in regard to the newly inaugurated Sir Anerood Jugnauth Bridge, he will state if (a) a Suicide Deterrent System also known as Safety Net and Safe City Camera will be installed thereat to prevent suicide and other crimes and (b) any Risk Management Study was conducted?

B/40 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 the construction of a wall across a river on Frederic Bonnefin Street 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 from the inhabitants regarding same?

B/41 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mr David)**

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

Whether, in regard to the flooding of the region of Canal Dayot in January 2024, he will state (a) if an assessment has been conducted to identify the causes thereof and, if so, indicate the (i) conclusions thereof and (ii) consequential damages caused to private houses and public infrastructure and (b) the measures envisaged by his Ministry to avert the recurrence thereof?

B/42 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the renovation of the Mahebourg Market fair, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Grand Port, information as to the (a) details of the works order (b) costs thereof and (c) duration of the project?

B/43 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/44 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/45 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 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/46 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to Canal Dayot at Grand River North West, he will give details of the flood mitigating works carried out thereat since March 2022 to date to avoid the recurrent flooding in the region, indicating (a) the total amount disbursed therefor to date and (b) if there is a preparedness plan for an urgent evacuation following a flooding?

B/47 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Woochit**)

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

Whether, in regard to the bereaved families of the six pilgrims who lost their lives in the fire incident involving a *kanwar* in Arsenal on Sunday 03 March 2024 whilst proceeding to Ganga Talao, she will state if her Ministry proposes to provide any psychological assistance thereto and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/48 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/49 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr David)

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

Whether, in regard to the oil spill in the region of the Rivulet Terre Rouge Estuary Bird Sanctuary since January 2024 to date, he will state the (a) number thereof, indicating in each case the source and volume of oil spilled (b) consequential damages caused to the environment and the ecosystem (c) cleaning and restoration action plan put in place, indicating the costs thereof and (d) measures envisaged by his Ministry to avert the recurrence thereof?

B/50 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/51 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 Methadone, he will state if the dispensing thereof to young individuals below the age of 18 is in line with current international evidence-based practice?

B/52 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Dengue fever, he will give details of the measures taken to contain the proliferation of cases thereof in Mauritius, indicating the weekly trend of new cases as at date?

B/53 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the application for an Environment Impact Assessment certificate (EIA) for a morcellement project at Albion by the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd., he will state if (a) consultations were held with the inhabitants of the region thereon and, if so, when and, if not, why not (b) his Ministry is in presence of any representation from the platform Moris Lanvironnman thereon and, if so, since when, indicating if same was referred to the EIA Committee for consideration and (c) the Ministry will commission a strategy EIA study in view of the size and location of the project, in particular with regard to flooding?

B/54 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Bodha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the textbooks to be provided to school children for the current academic year, she will state where matters stand?

B/55 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to our foreign currency reserves, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to if the latest figures thereof have been published and, if so, indicate (a) the amount borrowed from international market and (b) if there are any contingent liabilities thereon?

B/56 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 minors consuming drugs, he will state the (a) reported number thereof since 2019 to 2023 on a yearly basis and for the period January 2024 to date, indicating their respective age and sex (b) number having been successfully treated against drug addiction and (c) number of deaths thereof resulting from overdose?

B/57 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to the Local Authorities, he will state where matters stand as to the recommendations to be made by the Ministerial Committee set up for the reform thereof?

B/58 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 Utility Regulatory Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to the (a) recruitment process resorted to for the employment of Mr M. N. as Chief Executive Officer thereof, indicating the terms and conditions of employment, including his duties and responsibilities and table copy thereof and (b) reason as to why the incumbent was suspended as Chief Executive Officer?

B/59 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/60 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the coloured photograph to be submitted upon the registration of a person's SIM Card, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Information and Communication Technologies Board, information as to the (a) place of storage thereof and (b) persons who can have access thereto, indicating the purpose for the access thereto?

B/61 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to the support extended to planters whose cultivations have suffered damages following the passage of cyclone Belal, he will state the different schemes put in place therefor by his Ministry, indicating the (a) number of planters who applied for compensation thereunder and (b) quantum disbursed to date?

B/62 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 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/63 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 increasing trend in the number of deaths due to fatal road traffic accidents since 2023 to date, he will (a) give a detailed breakdown as to the types of vehicles involved therein and (b) state if a comprehensive study has been carried out to identify the causes thereof?

B/64 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the assets and liabilities of the Bank of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank, information as to the (a) reasons for the non-publication of its monthly return since August 2023 and (b) current amount of the (i) Official Foreign Reserve, giving a breakdown thereof and (ii) Special Reserve Fund?

B/65 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 damages caused to motor vehicles during the passage of cyclone Belal, he will state the amount of funds disbursed as compensation as at date, indicating the number of (a) beneficiaries thereof (b) cars having incurred total loss and (c) pending cases thereof?

B/66 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the old-aged persons, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof having been victims of sexual assault at their place of residence since January 2020 to date, indicating the measures taken and/or envisaged by her Ministry to ensure their protection?

B/67 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

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

B/68 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to flooding caused during the passage of cyclone Belal on 15 January 2024, she will state if (a) her Ministry has carried out an assessment of the damage caused to property and furniture loss resulting therefrom by the residents living in the vicinity of rivers and streams and (b) any compensation scheme has been put in place for these residents?

B/69 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recent oil spill at Rivulet Terre Rouge Estuary, he will state when same was reported to his Ministry, indicating (a) the immediate action initiated thereon and (b) if any study has been commissioned to assess the impact thereof on the Terre Rouge bird sanctuary?

B/70 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to MV Peros Banhos trip to Rodrigues on 01 March 2024, he will state the number of containers (a) registered for shipment on its first inaugural trip and (b) having reached the destination, indicating the reasons as to the non-shipment of some containers?

B/71 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the rivers and canals in the regions of Tranquebar, Valley Pitot, Ward IV and Pailles which overflowed during cyclone Belal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to the urgent measures, if any, taken to prevent the recurrence thereof?

B/72 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 inquiry set up following the suspension of Mr R. D., Director of the Mauritius Meteorological Services, he will state where matters stand?

B/73 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recurrent power cut in electricity supply at the Floréal State Secondary School since 2022 culminating into a student protest on Thursday 14 March 2024, she will state the actions that have been taken to address same, indicating the outcomes of the enquiry initiated into the four cases of theft of copper wires thereat?

B/74 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 (a) 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 (i) been hospitalised and (ii) passed away as a result thereof and (b) management and prevention protocol put in place therefor?

B/75 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, he will state if any decision has been taken thereon by Government in the light of representations made by the Mauritius Tamil Cultural Centre Trust and the Indo Mauritian Catholic Association thereon?

B/76 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 long tailed macaque, he will state if a survey has been conducted to ascertain the population thereof in Mauritius and, if so (a) when and by whom, indicating (i) the methodology used therefor and (ii) if same was compliant to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora and (b) the number thereof (i) found in the wild and (ii) kept under breeding and captivity?

B/77 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 setup and, if so, when, indicating in each case (a) the number of meetings held and (b) the outcome thereof?

B/78 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 ongoing military attacks by the State of Israel on the people living in the Palestinian regions of Gaza and Rafa, he will state if the Government of Mauritius proposes to (a) suspend all diplomatic relations and freeze all commercial ties with Israel and (b) initiate actions to urge the international community within the United Nations for the imposition of an immediate arms embargo on Israel?

B/79 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 overseas missions undertaken by Honourable Ministers, including the Honourable Prime Minister and the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister since 01 July 2023 to date, he will state in each case the (a) country visited (b) purpose and duration thereof and (c) amount spent in terms of airfare, *per diem* and other allowances?

B/80 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether, in regard to the tender for the Supply of African Origin Well Cured Red Onions by the Agricultural Marketing Board in January 2024, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the reasons for the cancellation thereof on 23 February 2024, indicating the impact thereof on the availability of red onions on the local market?

B/81 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?

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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

A/1 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the cleaning and maintenance of existing drains in Constituency No. 16, Vacoas and Floreal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas Phoenix, information as to the (a) list of regions having benefitted therefrom (b) maintenance work being undertaken thereat and (c) total costs thereof?

A/2 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 poor and erratic supply of potable water in the region of Vallée Pitot, Tranquebar, Guibies and Pailles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the remedial measures envisaged to address same?

A/3 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 severe damages caused to the road infrastructure at Sorèze during the passage of cyclone Belal, he will state the timeframe for the repair works being envisaged, if any?

A/4 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(**Mr Quirin**)

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

Whether, in regard to Kreol Morisien, she will state if she has taken cognizance of a list of books, shorts stories and other publications thereof by Mauritian authors widely circulated in the social media and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the use thereof in the process of introducing the Kreol Morisien at the Higher School Certificate and, if not why not?

A/5 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(**Mr Quirin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of new drains in Constituency No. 20, Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière, he will state the (a) budget allocated therefor for financial year 2023/24, indicating the total sum disbursed (b) list of projects implemented, indicating the start and completion dates thereof and (c) name of contractor for each project?

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