

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 15 July 2025

Questions addressed to Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister of Finance, Minister for Rodrigues and Outer Islands

B/641 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the Horse Racing Integrity Division, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the names of the successful candidates for all the positions advertised thereat, indicating (a) how the selection exercises were carried out and (b) whether due diligence exercises were carried out in relation thereto and, if so, how and, if not, why not?

B/642 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Babajee)

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

Whether, in regard to drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of arrests effected on the West Coast in connection therewith over the past five years, indicating (i) if the arrested persons are Mauritian or foreign nationals and (ii) where matters stand as to the inquiries initiated thereinto and (b) whether consideration will be given for the installation of Safe City Surveillance System Cameras on the four entrances of “La Passe”?

B/643 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

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

Whether in regard to reward money, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) quantum thereof allocated in each financial year to Police Officers over the past five years (b) procedures followed therefor and (c) check and balance mechanism put in place to prevent abuse and illicit use thereof?

B/644 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Mr Beechook)

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

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of individuals prosecuted thereunder, indicating the (a) number of convictions secured and (b) total value of the fines imposed and collected in relation thereto?

B/645 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the Safe City Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of cameras initially planned for installation, indicating the number thereof (i) actually installed and (ii) currently damaged, defective and non-operational and (b) initial contractual cost and actual cost thereof, including maintenance costs, indicating if consideration will be given to invoke the ‘Refresh’ clause in the contract and, if so, provide justifications for any additional investments therein?

B/646 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis South and Port-Louis Central **(Dr Aumeer)**

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

Whether, in regard to reward money, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether a (a) departmental inquiry has been initiated following recent alleged misappropriations thereof and (b) new increasingly transparent and accountable system is being envisaged to prevent corruptible practices?

B/647 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mr Babajee)**

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

Whether, in regard to Maubank Ltd., he will for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of Attorneys and Barristers in the private practice whose services were retained thereat since 2014 to 2024, indicating the total quantum of fees paid thereto?

B/648 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mr Babajee)**

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

Whether, in regard to the 95 kg of cocaine worth Rs 1.4 billion seized in a backhoe loader on 04 July 2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand regarding the inquiry initiated thereinto, indicating whether the (a) assistance of Interpol is envisaged in relation thereto and (b) cocaine is in the possession of the Police and, if so, further indicate whether (i) all the 95 kg is stored and where and (ii) regular monitoring thereof is carried out?

B/649 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle **(Mr Seeburn)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Public Sector Debt, he will state (a) the level thereof in the year (i) 2014 and (ii) 2024, respectively, indicating how same compare in nominal and real terms and (b) whether the rise thereof to Rs 642 billion is considered sustainable, indicating the long-term implications thereof for fiscal stability and debt servicing?

B/650 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr François)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Accounts of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will state (a) the measures and remedial actions, if any, taken to strengthen the governance and management of public funds for budget transparency, accountability and credibility and (b) whether new guidelines have been issued for the reallocation and virement of funds, as recommended in the Fourth Report of the Public Accounts Committee of the Seventh National Assembly and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/651 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or **(Mr Beejan)**

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

Whether in regard to the Dubai Expo 2020, he will state the names of the former Ministers, Parliamentary Private Secretaries and Members of Parliament who attended same, indicating in each case, the total participation cost thereof, giving details as to the (a) duration of stay and (b) *per diem* or any other allowance drawn?

B/652 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Jhummun)**

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

Whether, in regard to Mrs. S.O.¹, Attorney at Law, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the total quantum of fees and allowances paid out thereto, together with the other fringe benefits to which she was entitled over the period 2015 to 2024 in her capacity as legal representative, chairperson, board member and for any other legal services rendered to the different Ministries and parastatal bodies?

B/653 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Anquetil)**

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

Whether, in regard to Mrs. N. D. J. N.², he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority and the Commissioner of Police, respectively, information as to whether an alleged case of impersonation on an application form for excise duty concession submitted in her name has been reported and, if so, indicate if inquiries have been initiated thereinto and, if so, where matters stand?

B/654 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Apollon)**

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

Whether, in regard to the incident which occurred on or about 24 September 2024 at Malherbes, in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand regarding the inquiry initiated thereinto following the complaint lodged by Mr. G. G.³?

B/655 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle
(Mr Ramdass)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rose Belle Civil Status Office, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Civil Status Office, information as to whether consideration will be given for the relocation thereof in a premise of good standard and comprising basic amenities and in the vicinity of the Health Office delivering permits for cremation?

B/656 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Lukeeram)

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

Whether, in regard to the Advisers whose services were retained by the former Prime Minister, he will state the names and pay packages thereof, including the boards on which they equally served over the period 2015 to November 2024?

B/657 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ms Thannoo)

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

Whether, in regard to cyberbullying on social media, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof since January 2025 to date, indicating the (a) number thereof (i) in which female victims are involved and (ii) resolved as at to date and (b) measures envisaged to address the severity of the problem on a national level?

B/658 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jhummun)

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

Whether, in regard to foreign workers recruited since January 2015 to November 2024 having overstayed their Occupation Permit and currently illegally staying on the Mauritian territory, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the number and nationality thereof?

B/659 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Adrien Duval)**

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

Whether, in regard to Police Officers assigned to foot and bicycle patrols, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the standard equipment currently issued thereto, indicating whether any upgrade thereof is currently being envisaged in line with international norms and, if so, further indicate the (a) equipment being proposed (b) quantity being contemplated and (c) expected timeline for implementation?

B/660 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Anquetil)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Sodnac Wellness Park, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Employees Welfare Fund, information as to whether consideration will be given for the replacement of the outdoor equipment found thereat and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/661 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr François)**

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

Whether, in regard to the recent mission undertaken by the Chairperson and officers of the Mauritius Ports Authority to Rodrigues, on or about 9 to 13 June 2025, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the purposes thereof and give details of the outcome thereof and of any action taken for improved service delivery?

B/662 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Apollon)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airport Terminal Operations Ltd., information as to whether consideration will be given for the provision of (a) additional parking slots, roads and exit gates thereat and (b) adequate directional signage on the parking areas of the old terminal, indicating the current use made thereof and if same will be operational anew and, if so, when, giving details thereof?

B/663 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jhummun)

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

Whether, in regard to the allegations levelled against Mr P.K.J.⁴ and Mrs K.J.⁵ in relation to the acquisition of immovable properties at Angus Road, in Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand regarding the inquiry initiated thereinto, indicating the (a) names of the witnesses heard in relation thereto, further indicating if late Mr L.G.⁶ and Mr P.K.J. have been heard and (b) if there has been any evidence of attempts to close the inquiry?

B/664 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Adrien Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the current Governor and Deputy Governors of the Bank of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, in each case, obtain information as to the remuneration drawn, including other allowances/benefits received, whether in cash or in kind?

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

B/665 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Adrien Duval)**

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

Whether, in regard to the declining birth rate, he will state the measures being taken to address same?

B/666 The Honourable First Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mrs Savabaddy)**

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

Whether, in regard to Child Beyond Control, she will state the number of reported cases thereof at the level of her Ministry, indicating the actions taken in relation thereto and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/667 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mr Jugurnauth)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Tertiary Education, Science and Research –

Whether, in regard to the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Quality Assurance Agency of the United Kingdom and the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the HEC, information as to the date of signature thereof and the list of academic programmes/courses from British universities which have been approved subsequent thereto?

B/668 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr François)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Post Offices in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the present state thereof and any corrective measures taken in relation thereto and (b) whether the suspension of air shipment of packets and parcels to Rodrigues has been waived?

B/669 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Venkatasami)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the speed cameras, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit, information as to the number of spots where same are installed, indicating (a) if they are operational (b) the maintenance cost thereof (c) the name of the suppliers thereof and (d) if a survey was recently carried out to identify new spots for the installation thereof and, if so, when, giving details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/670 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Mr Beehook)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the Public Service Vehicle (Taxi) Licence, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to whether holders thereof have submitted thereto their concerns regarding the (a) transferability thereof to persons other than the legal heirs and (b) issuance of part-time taxi driver "pass" and, if so, indicate the measures taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/671 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of a new administrative framework and a new Sports Bill, he will state where matters stand, indicating if (a) prior consultations have been or will be held with Rodrigues sports communities and (b) Government is agreeable to the setting up of a special committee to make recommendations on the setting up and missions of a Comité Régional Olympique et Sportif (CROS) for Rodrigues and, if so, when?

B/672 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or
(Mr Beejan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations –

Whether, in regard to the payment of the Transition Unemployment Benefit, he will, for each of the years since 2020 to 2024, state the number of applications received therefor, indicating the (a) number thereof approved and (b) average processing time prior to disbursement, calculated from the date of registration of a worker?

B/673 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart
(Dr Prayag)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the road from Cottage to Poudre d'Or Hamlet, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand regarding the implementation of road safety measures thereat, including road widening works (a) through compulsory acquisition, installation of pavements and handrails to ensure pedestrian security and (b) of the narrow and impracticable Cottage and Goodlands Branch Road, especially, at the stretch where a bus recently went off-road?

B/674 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning –

Whether, in regard to the Office of Public Sector Governance, she will (a) state new approach adopted, if any, regarding the functioning thereof and (b) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of reports and investigation carried out over the past five financial years on public sector malpractice, indicating the remedial measures taken in relation thereto?

B/675 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Baboolall)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the Village of Bel Air Rivière Sèche, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bel Air Rivière Sèche Village Council operating under the aegis of the Flacq District Council, information as to whether there is a project for the setting up of public toilets thereat and, if so, indicate the sites identified therefor?

B/676 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Lukeeram)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Acute Cardiac Emergencies, he will state the number of patients referred from the SAMU of the Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital to the Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory of Victoria Hospital in relation thereto over the past five years, indicating the number thereof who were refused emergency intervention thereat and the reasons given to the SAMU by the doctors thereat, in each case?

B/677 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Baboolall**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the football pitches in the Villages of Bel Air Rivière Sèche, St Michelle and Ernest Florent, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether consideration will be given for the reinstatement thereof and for provision of lighting facilities thereat?

B/678 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Dr Ms Thannoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the synthetic football pitches, also known as “futsal”, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof constructed and operational island-wide, indicating (a) the number thereof falling under the purview of his Ministry and/or under that of other public entities, further indicating the construction and maintenance costs of the ones constructed since 2015 to 2024 (b) the reported number of cases of severe physical injuries sustained by players using same and (c) if consideration will be given for the replacement of synthetic football pitches by natural football pitches for safety reasons?

B/679 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Caserne**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to green spaces, children’s playgrounds and public gardens falling under the aegis of the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Council, the list thereof presently being maintained and embellished by private companies and, if not, if consideration will be given to seek sponsors from private companies therefor?

B/680 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Anquetil**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the dispensary at Palma, he will state if consideration will be given for the renovation or relocation thereof and, if so, indicate when, giving details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/681 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ms Thannoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries –

Whether, in regard to the tuna fishing industry, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the revenue obtained by the Mauritius Government therefrom over the period 2019 to 2024, giving details thereof and indicating in which forms same is received?

B/682 The Honourable First Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Savabaddy)

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

Whether, in regard to minor B. C. G. A. L.⁷, he will state the reasons why the Invalid's Basic Pension to which he was entitled was discontinued when he proceeded for overseas treatment?

B/683 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or (Mr Beejan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the recent accident that occurred in a diving centre in the north of the island, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) whether an inquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof (b) remedial actions taken, if any, in relation to the suspected cause thereof and (c) the measures taken, if any, to accompany family members of the victim thereof?

B/684 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Venkatasami)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the St Martin Dam Leisure Park project in Quartier Militaire, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Moka, information as to (a) the names of the contractor/s involved therein, indicating the quantum of funds paid to each in respect of works carried out (b) if the Council supplied materials therefor and, if so, give details thereof and (c) the expected completion date thereof?

B/685 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Adrien Duval)**

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

Whether, in regard to Mauritius Diplomatic Missions Overseas, he will state (a) the number thereof currently in operation, indicating the names of the heads thereof, giving details as to the remunerations and allowances paid thereto, whether in cash or in kind (b) the annual operation costs incurred in respect of each such mission over the past financial year, including rental charges and other staff-related expenses and (c) whether any reduction in the number thereof is being envisaged, and, if not, why not?

B/686 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Apollon)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the Résidence Hortensia at Mare d'Albert, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to (a) the number of unoccupied housing units thereat and (b) who is responsible for the maintenance thereof in the absence of a syndic?

B/687 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Caserne)**

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

Whether, in regard to the new Government Mobile App KOREK!, he will state the Government services and documents that will be available through same, indicating if the said services will also be available on a dedicated portal for each user on the website?

B/688 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart **(Dr Prayag)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Tertiary Education, Science and Research –

Whether, in regard to public higher education institutions, he will state the (a) number of overseas students enrolled therein in each case since 2015 to 2024, indicating the number thereof currently enrolled in undergraduate and postgraduate programmes and their countries of origin and (b) measures being implemented by his Ministry with a view to attracting more students?

B/689 The Honourable First Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mrs Savabaddy)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of an incinerator at Crève Coeur, he will state where matters stand, giving details thereof and indicating the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/690 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart **(Dr Prayag)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries –

Whether, in regard to the small sugarcane planters, he will state the measures being taken to secure (a) adequate labour availability for the cultivation and harvesting of the fields thereof (b) availability thereto of mechanized solutions to address labour shortage (c) improved targeted financial assistance, subsidies or credit schemes to support mechanization and improve overall productivity and viability thereof and (d) importation of labour with other ministries?

B/691 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Quirin)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the New Cancer Centre, he will state (a) the number of patients undergoing treatment thereat, indicating the types of cancer being treated and (b) if it is equipped with a fully functional Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scan and, if not, why not?

B/692 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Lukeeram)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the plots of State land at Camp Carol and Kenya, he will state the mechanism, if any, put in place for the regularisation thereof?

B/693 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Lukeeram)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the current diversion of the exit road from Place d'Armes to the North through the Royal Street or SSR Street, he will state if consideration will be given for the reverting of same through the motorway, back to how it was prior to the construction of the Metro Line?

B/694 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the free transport allocation paid to bus operators in respect of students and beneficiaries of the Basic Retirement Pension, he will state (a) the quantum thereof paid to bus companies and private bus owners in financial year 2024-2025 and (b) if consideration will be given for a review of the formula for the payment thereof?

B/695 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Baboolall)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to bus routes 16, 80, 113 and 113a, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to the remedial measures undertaken to ensure regular and reliable public transport services, especially in the morning regarding the students?

B/696 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ms Thannoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resource–

Whether, in regard to the current practice of enlistment of supply teachers in Mauritius, he will state if an assessment of the adverse impacts thereof on employee retention and motivation, in view of the precarity thereof, has been carried out and, if so, indicate (a) the outcome thereof and (b) if consideration will be given for the replacement thereof with a practice consisting of secured work contracts for enhanced career progression of the teachers and quality-driven long-term teaching for the students?

B/697 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jugurnauth)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the disposal of pet carcasses, he will state if consideration will be given either for the allocation of a plot of State land for burial thereof or for the identification of a designated site for pet cremation with the collaboration of the local authority in Constituency No. 14, Savanne and Black River?

B/698 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Seeburn)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the Terre Rouge/Verdun Link Road, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the (a) total construction (i) cost and (ii) duration of the initial project and (b) major repairs/rehabilitation works carried out over the past ten years, indicating the outstanding works, if any, further indicating the (i) expected completion, complete rehabilitation and coming into operation dates thereof and (ii) total variation costs incurred, if any?

B/699 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jugurnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to beach erosion in the region stretching from Riambel to Rivière Noire, he will state the measures currently being implemented for the prevention and/or mitigation thereof, giving details of the estimated costs thereof?

B/700 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Babajee)

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

Whether, in regard to the Morne Public Beach, especially, at the stretch between the Riu and St Regis hotels, he will state if consideration will be given for the (a) renovation of the existing toilets and provision of electricity and water thereat and (b) installation of (i) showers (ii) shops for beach hawkers selling food and drinks and (iii) a mess room for the toilet cleaners?

B/701 The Honourable First Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mrs Savabaddy)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the collapse of a concrete electricity pylon on a car on 29 June 2025 at St Joseph, in Baie du Tombeau, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to whether (a) an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof and (b) regular assessment of the state of electricity pylons over the whole network is carried out, indicating if any replacement thereof has been carried out over the past five years?

B/702 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Venkatasami)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the number of vehicles equipped with Autogas kit using Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) as fuel decanted from cooking gas cylinders, he will state if consideration will be given to request local petroleum companies to equip their fuel stations with Autogas dispensers with a view to render the exercise of filling vehicles with LPG safe and, if so, when, indicating the estimated cost per kg/litre thereof and, if not, why not?

B/703 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East **(Mr Baboolall)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the proposed Construction of a New Fire Station at Montagne Blanche, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service, information as to where matters stand?

B/704 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle **(Mr Seeburn)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries –

Whether, in regard to the protected sandalwood species, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) how the harvesting and trade thereof, including on private land, are regulated, indicating the number of licences issued therefor over the past five years and the terms and conditions thereof and (b) whether (i) any reforestation, monitoring or conservation programmes are being implemented to ensure sustainable growth thereof and (ii) a toughening of the legal or enforcement measures to address illegal harvesting and/or export thereof is being considered?

B/705 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart **(Dr Prayag)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the reduction in the number of funded posts for the position of Principal Medical Laboratory Technologists (PMLT's) from 18 to 12 in the 2025-2026 Budget, he will state the (a) reasons therefor and (b) measures envisaged, if any, to prevent risks of decline in supervision, technical and scientific oversight of the laboratories concerned therewith in the absence of PMLTs given the ongoing expansion?

B/706 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Jhummun)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to incinerator services in Constituency No.13, Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac, he will state the current status thereof?

B/707 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Apollon)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries –

Whether, in regard to the Wakashio Shipwreck, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) where matters stand as to the (i) inquiry initiated thereinto and (ii) payment of the compensation due to people of the South East affected therewith and (b) whether the report of the Commission of Inquiry set up to look thereinto will be made public?

B/708 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Venkatasami)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the new Belle Rive Hermitage Bypass connecting the Verdun-Terre Rouge-Trianon Link Road through the B48 Road, he will state if consideration will be given for the widening and reinstatement of the B48 Road from Morcellement Aurea to its junction with the Verdun-Terre Rouge roundabout and, if so, indicate the expected start and completion dates thereof?

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