

**MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY****Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 31 March 2026****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/149 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 incidents of 25 January 2026 at Palmar Public Beach, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) when was the request for police intervention received, indicating what followed (b) the reported number of persons present and allegedly contravening public order and noise pollution legislation, indicating the number thereof arrested and provisionally charged (c) why reinforcement was not mobilised and (d) the measures being contemplated to enhance law enforcement and maintenance of public order on public beaches?**

B/150 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or **(Mr Etwareea)**

*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 implementation of the New Master Plan for the Port Louis Harbour, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to where matters?**

B/151 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil  
(Mr Beehook)

*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, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the (a) number thereof having overstayed their respective residence and/or work permit, nationality-wise and (b) measures being taken to prevent overstaying of such workers?**

B/152 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 granting of licences to local and international apprentice jockeys and jockeys respectively, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the type of insurance required therefor, indicating (a) the monthly or yearly premium applicable category-wise and (b) if there is an age limit for apprentice jockeys and, if so, give the reasons therefor?**

B/153 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 drink driving, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof since 01 January 2026 to date, indicating the number thereof wherein the suspects are at their second and third offences, respectively and actions being contemplated to prevent such situations?**

B/154 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Caserne**)

*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 Registrar General's Department, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the existing vacancies thereat, grade-wise, indicating the expected date of filling thereof?**

B/155 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 Wage Support Loan Scheme for Export Oriented (Goods) Enterprises implemented to support enterprises severely impacted by COVID-19, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., (DBM), information as to the (a) means of financing thereunder (b) terms and conditions thereof, indicating the (i) security required and (ii) number of beneficiaries and amount of loans disbursed, in arrears, settled and written off, respectively and number thereof in liquidation/receivership, further indicating the impact thereof on DBM Ltd., and (c) obligations of Government in respect of the unpaid dues?**

B/156 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 motor vehicles seized by the Financial Crimes Commission since November 2024 to date, which are owned, controlled or acquired by or on behalf of persons involved in illicit transactions and of retail value exceeding Rs 3 million, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain and provide the list thereof, indicating (a) the make, model and value thereof and (b) whether fines were imposed and/or prosecutions initiated?**

B/157 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Caserne**)

*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 Emmanuel Anquetil Building, he will state the extent of the spaces available thereat, indicating whether consideration will be given for the refurbishment thereof and, if so, giving details thereof?**

B/158 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Rookny**)

*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 foreigners, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the (a) number thereof (i) currently employed, indicating the number thereof having overstayed their residence and/or work permits (ii) being students holding a work permit and not holding a work permit, respectively and (iii) sectors in which they are engaged and (b) measures being taken to enforce compliance with the existing legislation?**

B/159 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 Director of Audit Report for financial year 2024-2025, he will state whether an assessment of the content thereof has been carried out and, if so, indicate (a) the corrective measures being envisaged in relation thereto and (b) how the introduction of Performance-Based Budgeting is expected to help redress the situation?**

B/160 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 implementation of the New Master Plan for the Port Louis Harbour, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to where matters stand, indicating (a) the proposed initial phase-wise investment envisaged thereunder, including the timelines, sources of financing and priority projects and (b) whether consideration is being given for the participation of international partners in the development, operation or management of the Port Louis Harbour and, if so, give details thereof, including the proposed partnership model?**

B/161 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal  
**(Ms Joanna Bérenger)**

*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 increase in the eligibility age to benefit from the Basic Retirement Pension, he will state whether, in the context of the preparation of the forthcoming Budget, his Ministry has carried out any study or socio-economic impact assessment of the effects thereof on vulnerable groups, including low-income earners and, if so, indicate the main findings and conclusions thereof?**

B/162 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil  
**(Mr Beechok)**

*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 Mr. S. M., Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to his date and terms and conditions of appointment, indicating the circumstances under which his contract was renewed and the terms and conditions of his new contract?**

B/163 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 women, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof having been reportedly murdered or found dead in suspicious circumstances since 01 January 2026 to date, indicating (a) where matters stand as to the inquiries initiated thereinto and (b) whether (i) an online assistance service for crime prevention is available thereto and (ii) consideration will be given for a counselling facility to be put at the disposal of women at risk?**

B/164 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 mortuary vans, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof at the disposal of the Mauritius Police Force, indicating whether consideration will be given for the acquisition and deployment of at least one such van in each Police division?**

B/165 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 Mauritius being reclassified as a democracy in the Report of the Varieties of Democracy Institute 2026, he will state whether a detailed comparative analysis of the factors and indicators which, according to the reports thereof of the past five years highlighting the evolution of Mauritius, has been carried out and, if so, indicate whether same will be laid on the Table of the Assembly?**

B/166 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 project for the construction of a new runway at Plaine Corail Airport, in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airports of Mauritius Co. Ltd., information as to where matters stand?**

B/167 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 the laundering of money suspected of being proceeds of drug trafficking, since November 2024 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Crimes Commission and the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of suspected drug dealers arrested in relation thereto and (b) list of vehicles including cars, motorbikes and quads and pleasure craft seized in connection therein, indicating the total estimated value thereof?**

B/168 The Honourable First Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Savabaddy**)

*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, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof having had to vacate their lodging in police quarters on retiring due to sudden or serious illness, indicating (a) the delay granted thereto and their families to find alternative accommodation and (b) whether consideration will be given for a review of the current practice in such circumstances?**

B/169 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 upgrading of Mauritius to the Special Data Dissemination Standard Plus (SDDS+) status by the International Monetary Fund, he will state the (a) measures taken by Government that led thereto and (b) key benefits associated therewith, particularly, in terms of access to financing, investment prospects and economic resilience?**

B/170 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 recent resignation of Honourable Paul Raymond Bérenger, GCSK as Deputy Prime Minister, he will state the other resignations that have followed in the wake thereof in relation to our missions abroad, parastatal bodies, advisory positions, State-owned enterprises and State institutions?**

B/171 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 recent resignation of Honourable Paul Raymond Bérenger, GCSK as Deputy Prime Minister, he will state whether he met the Honourable Member in the days prior to the said resignation and, if so, indicate the reasons put forward by the latter?**

B/172 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil  
(Mr Ramkalawon)

*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 forthcoming FIFA World Cup 2026, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to the arrangements being made, if any, for the broadcast of the matches thereof on the channels of the Corporation?**

**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/173 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 Lodging Accommodation Permit (LAP) required in connection with the application for a Work Permit, he will give the list of potential employers having submitted applications therefor over the past six months, indicating the (a) date of submission thereof and the date of the accommodation inspection and average time taken between the submission of a LAP application and the conduct of the said inspection and (b) number of accommodation inspections carried out?**

B/174 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière  
(Mr Quirin)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –*

**Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA), he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to whether it is maintaining and strengthening its membership with the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers and (b) state the measures his Ministry proposes to take to assist MASA to fully meet the international requirements necessary to preserve the said membership?**

B/175 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Apollon)**

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

**Whether, in regard to bare and neglected lands, he will state the measures his Ministry is taking or envisaging to prevent same from being prolific breeding grounds for mosquitoes and the subsequent spread of diseases, including Chikungunya?**

B/176 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal **(Ms Joanna Bérenger)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –*

**Whether, in regard to the cycle lanes incorporated into thirteen road projects across 31.4 kilometres at the cost of Rs 546 million, including the 9.2 kilometres stretch along Phase 2 of the La Vigie–La Brasserie–Beaux Songes Link Road valued at Rs 199.1 million, he will state whether any post-implementation assessment or monitoring framework was established, prior to or following the commissioning thereof, to evaluate the (a) usage frequency (b) impact on accident reduction and (c) user satisfaction thereof and, if so, give details thereof, including the methodology adopted, frequency of assessments carried out and findings thereof?**

B/177 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mr Lobine)**

*To ask the Honourable the Attorney-General –*

**Whether, in regard to the use of electronic monitoring bracelets, he will state where matters stand as to the (a) implementation thereof, indicating the reasons (i) why the relevant provisions for electronic monitoring have not yet been proclaimed or put into operation as at to date and (ii) for the absence of regulations defining the operational protocols and monitoring procedures and (b) proposed timeframe for the full implementation thereof?**

B/178 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or  
(Mr Beejan)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –*

**Whether, in regard to the installation of high-raised speed breakers and traffic lights, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the consideration given therefor in localities of Constituency No. 6, particularly, in the vicinity of schools, religious places, area health centres and accident-prone areas over the past two years, indicating the timelines for the installation of any outstanding or proposed ones?**

B/179 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes  
(Ms Anquetil)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*

**Whether, in regard to water leakages in Constituency No. 18, Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to whether leak detection equipment is being deployed thereat and, if so, give details thereof, the areas covered and the timeline for the carrying out of a comprehensive leak detection exercise?**

B/180 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet  
(Mr Rookny)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the post of Specialist/Senior Specialist in the field of Endocrinology/Diabetology, he will state the (a) duties and scope of practice thereof, indicating whether they are authorised to perform invasive procedures, including wound opening and surgical interventions in the management of diabetic foot and, if not, the reasons therefor and (b) patients requiring such procedures are systematically referred to other specialists and, if so, whether a review of the existing protocols will be considered to allow for specialised diabetic foot care within the discipline of diabetology?**

B/181 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River  
(Mr Babajee)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –*

**Whether, in regard to social housing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Social Living Development Ltd., information as to the number of units thereof currently available and the number of applicants therefor on the waiting list in Constituency No. 14 and at national level, respectively, indicating the allocation procedures and the timeline therefor?**

B/182 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle  
(Mr Ramdass)

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

**Whether, in regard to services provided in post offices, including payment of bills and road tax, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Post Ltd., information as to the accepted modes of payment thereat?**

B/183 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Apollon)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the proposed relocation of the methadone distribution from the Mahebourg Hospital to a dedicated Methadone Distribution Centre in January 2026, he will state where the matters stand?**

B/184 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal  
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Pesticides Regulatory Office, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the reasons for the reduction in the number of officers posted thereat?**

B/185 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis South and Port-Louis Central **(Dr Aumeer)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –*

**Whether, in regard to the 'Rent-to-Own' Scheme launched in November 2025, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the number of (a) eligible applicants therefor and (b) housing units available thereunder, indicating the respective locations and expected delivery dates thereof?**

B/186 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Dr Ms Daureeawo)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the residential care homes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Residential Care Home Board, information as to the (a) current number thereof being (i) registered and (ii) unregistered (b) frequency of inspections carried out thereat, indicating the number of cases of non-compliance or abuse detected in the course thereof and the actions taken in relation thereto in each case and (c) policy framework put in place to ensure compliance with hygiene and safety standards for residents?**

B/187 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River **(Mr Babajee)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –*

**Whether, in regard to the Black River district, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the number of football grounds available thereat, indicating the number thereof which are fully operational, indicating the infrastructural conditions thereof in each case and (b) whether consideration will be given for the construction of football grounds at Le Morne, Chamarel, Case Noyale and Rivière Noire, respectively?**

B/188 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr François**)

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

**Whether, in regard to small farmers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Small Farmers Welfare Fund, information as to the number of registered farmers from mainland Mauritius, Rodrigues Island and Agalega, respectively, over the past five years, indicating the number of farmers of Rodrigues Island (a) awaiting renewal of their farmers' cards and the expected delivery dates thereof and (b) benefiting from the Smart Agri-Business Programme, the Farm Production Support Programme, the Risk Management Programme and the Quality of Life Programme, respectively?**

B/189 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 bats, he will state (a) whether an increase in the population thereof has been observed and (b) when the last culling exercise thereof was carried out and (c) the measures being envisaged to address the impact thereof on local fruits?**

B/190 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Anquetil**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the three-year-old girl and the seven-month-old baby boy of late Mrs Y. B., she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the arrangements made to ensure the safety and protection thereof and the assistance extended for the well-being thereof?**

B/191 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Ms Collet**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the initiatives being led by his Ministry to overcome implementation challenges in the promotion of the blue economy, he will state the benefits for Rodrigues in terms of scientific, technological, innovative and capacity-building initiatives and opportunities for Rodriguan stakeholders in sustainable ocean resource management, following the recent holding of the Blue Economy Roadmap Consultative Workshop, indicating whether any collaboration with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in relation thereto is being envisaged?**

B/192 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr François**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –*

**Whether, in regard to the implementation of the Land Drainage Master Plan and National Development Unit Projects for Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?**

B/193 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Ms Collet**)

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

**Whether, in regard to his recent mission to Rodrigues, he will state the objectives, findings and outcomes thereof, indicating the measures identified, in collaboration with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, to strengthen educational performance and providing support to the students and their respective families?**

B/194 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Mr Beehook**)

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

**Whether, in regard to food security concerns amidst the ongoing crisis in the Middle East, he will state the measures being implemented to boost local food production, particularly, in terms of increasing self-sufficiency in staple crops, supporting farmers with resources, new technologies and diversification?**

B/195 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Dr Ms Daureeawo)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister National Infrastructure –*

**Whether, in regard to road congestion, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to whether a study has been carried out to identify the reasons thereof and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof and the road decongestion strategy put in place?**

B/196 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Dr Ms Daureeawo)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations –*

**Whether, in regard to youth unemployment, he will state (a) the current rate thereof gender-wise, region-wise and by educational level and (b) outline the programmes being implemented to promote employment opportunities for young graduates?**

B/197 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues **(Ms Collet)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –*

**Whether, in regard to the Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation signed with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for 2026–2029, he will state the initiatives envisaged thereunder, indicating how the implementation thereof are expected to ensure equitable opportunities for Rodriguan artists and practitioners in exchanges, training and heritage promotion?**

B/198 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet **(Mr Rookny)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*

**Whether, in regard to the costs associated with new connections to the grid of the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the details of any previous scheme for the provision of network extension works free of charge, if any, indicating whether consideration is being given to introducing measures to review same with regards to low income households and vulnerable groups, if so, give details thereof, including the proposed implementation timeframe therefor?**

B/199 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis South and Port-Louis Central **(Dr Aumeer)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to Mauritian nationals proceeding overseas for medical treatment, he will state the number thereof over the past three years, indicating (a) whether his Ministry has a list of the medical institutions attended (b) the names of the organisations offering private medical services overseas and whether they are registered with his Ministry and (c) whether an audit of the outcome of treatment proposed thereto has been carried out?**

B/200 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart **(Dr Prayag)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –*

**Whether, in regard to recurrent water accumulation on the public roads and certain localities in Constituency No. 7, Piton and Rivière du Rempart, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the relevant local authorities, information as to the sites currently being reviewed, indicating the drains and absorption pits (a) cleaned, desilted, upgraded or reconstructed since January 2025 to date and (b) earmarked for cleaning, desilting, upgrading or reconstruction under the forthcoming financial estimates?**

B/201 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr François)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the impact of international wars and climate change on food security and self-sufficiency, he will state whether he has re-prioritised the agricultural policy of the country in the face of potential food supply chain disruptions and, if so, give details thereof?**

B/202 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière  
(Mr Quirin)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –*

**Whether, in regard to handball, he will state the measures taken by his Ministry for the revamping thereof in Mauritius, indicating whether his Ministry proposes to help the new Managing Committee of the Mauritius Handball Association in reimbursing a debt of more than Rs 10 M following the organization of the Under 17 Beach Handball World Championships in Mauritius in 2017?**

B/203 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal  
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –*

**Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction in the Assembly of amendments to the Tourism Act for the enhanced protection of marine mammals within our waters, he will state where matters stand?**

B/204 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jhummun)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –*

**Whether, in regard to the lagoons in Mauritius, he will state (a) the present status of the demarcation of swimming zones and speed limit zones, indicating the number of reported accidents or incidents having occurred thereat over the past six months and (b) where matters stand as to the proposed maintenance, repairs and reinstatement of the said demarcation zones, giving details of any ongoing or planned works, timelines and key milestones in relation thereto?**

B/205 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle  
(Mr Ramdass)

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

**Whether in regard to the Fisherman Registration Card, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether it is a prerequisite for the applicants for the issue thereof to hold a clean Certificate of Character for eligibility thereto?**

B/206 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac **(Mr Jhummun)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the performance of Mauritian candidates in the last Cambridge International Examinations, he will state the remedial measures being taken to address same and the responsibility of the different authorities, particularly, the Quality Assurance and Inspection Division, in relation thereto?**

B/207 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis South and Port-Louis Central **(Dr Aumeer)**

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

**Whether, in regard to the leasing companies, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission/Bank of Mauritius, information as to the current number thereof registered therewith/operating in Mauritius, indicating whether any one of these companies has reportedly failed to comply with international standards such as Financial Action Task Force?**

B/208 The Honourable First Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mrs Savabaddy)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the Brown Sequard Hospital, he will state the current number of unclaimed corpses in the mortuary thereof, indicating since when same have been lying there and the measures being envisaged to deal with this issue and whether his Ministry is in presence of requests from medical colleges to be handed over same for research purposes and, if so, where matters stand?**

B/209 The Honourable First Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mrs Savabaddy)**

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

**Whether, in regard to food security, he will state the contingency plan being put in place, if any, in the light of the current geopolitical situation?**

B/210 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (**Ms Collet**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Free Internet Scheme, he will state the number of persons listed on the Social Register having benefitted free installation and free monthly fiber internet service thereunder, indicating the measures taken, in collaboration with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, to ensure the said scheme bridges the digital divide among vulnerable households?**

B/211 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Mr Ramkalawon**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the secondary schools, he will state the number of reported cases of introduction, possession and consumption of synthetic drugs thereat over the past ten years, indicating the measures being taken to prevent the recurrence thereof?**

B/212 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 minor F.A., admitted to the Brown Sequard Hospital and subsequently transferred to the Dr A.G. Jeetoo Hospital, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Child Development Unit, information as to the (a) name of the shelter of which he was an inmate (b) reasons for the hospitalisation and (c) medical conditions thereof?**

B/213 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Anquetil**)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –*

**Whether, in regard to the premises which formerly hosted the Council of Ministers and the Office of the first Prime Minister of Mauritius, namely, Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, both situated on the second floor of the Old Government House, he will state whether consideration will be given for the classification thereof as national heritage sites?**

B/214 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle **(Mr Seeburn)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –*

**Whether, in regard to road safety, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit, information as to the actions taken, if any, in response to requests from residents of Constituency No. 11 for the enhancement thereof in the highly residential areas thereof, including the installation of speed tables or other traffic calming measures, indicating whether site surveys, feasibility studies or traffic assessments have been carried out and, if so, give details thereof, including implementation timelines and interim measures being envisaged, if any?**

B/215 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Apollon)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –*

**Whether, in regard to the proposed replacement of the steel jetty situated at the Mahebourg Waterfront, he will state where matters stand, indicating the (a) estimated cost and (b) expected start and completion dates thereof?**

B/216 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 Mauritian Global Business Sector, she will state whether her Ministry has conducted a thorough and detailed assessment of the impact of the recent judgment of the Supreme Court of India in the case of Tiger Global International II Holdings vs. The Authority for Advance Rulings thereon, particularly concerning the future eligibility of Mauritius-resident entities for capital gains tax exemptions under the India-Mauritius Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement?**

B/217 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or  
(Mr Etwareea)

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

**Whether, in regard to agricultural land, he will state the total extent thereof currently unexploited country-wide, indicating the (a) reasons therefor and (b) measures being proposed to incentivize the cultivation thereof to ensure self-sufficiency and food security?**

B/218 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes  
(Ms Anquetil)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –*

**Whether, in regard to transitional housing, he will state whether his Ministry has put in place a comprehensive national policy framework to govern same and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?**

B/219 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Dr Ms Daureeawo)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Maldives, he will state whether following the recent suspension of our diplomatic relations therewith, his Ministry has drawn an updated list of Mauritian nationals currently residing or employed thereat, indicating the communication channels and consular mechanisms established, if any, to provide timely guidance, assistance and protection thereto and whether any Mauritian national has reached out accordingly and, if so, indicate the measures taken in relation thereto?**

B/220 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jhummun)

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

**Whether, in regard to the proposed renovation of the Britannia Post Office, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Mauritius Post Ltd., information as to the expected start, completion and reopening dates thereof?**

B/221 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart  
(Dr Prayag)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –*

**Whether, in regard to vehicles declared total loss, decommissioned or otherwise considered not roadworthy but returned on the public circuits following extensive repairs, he will state whether consideration will be given for a review of the existing legislation to ensure stricter traceability, disclosure and roadworthiness certification in respect of such vehicles?**

B/222 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Seeburn)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –*

**Whether, in regard to the project for the installation of lighting facilities at the football ground of Grand Sable, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Grand Port, information as to the expected date of implementation thereof?**

B/223 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues  
(Mrs Henriette-Manan)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations –*

**Whether, in regard to labour disputes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Rodrigues Labour Office, information as to the number thereof registered thereat since 2023 to date in respect of which employers involved therein but domiciled in Mauritius could not be sued before the Industrial Court in Rodrigues, indicating the measures taken by his Ministry regarding same, including whether consideration is being given for proposed amendments to be brought to the relevant legislation to ensure that the place of performance of work remains the primary criterion for territorial jurisdiction?**

B/224 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Caserne)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*

**Whether, in regard to the Priest Peak Reservoir, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand regarding the proposed increase of the water supply capacity thereof, indicating the expected implementation timeframe thereof?**

B/225 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien  
(Mr Lukeeram)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –*

**Whether, in regard to the Mahebourg Museum, he will state the expected re-opening date thereof, giving details of the renovation works which have been or will be carried out thereat?**

B/226 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 the street lighting systems on public roads, he will state whether consideration will be given for the maintenance thereof to be entrusted to the Central Electricity Board and, if so, when and, if not, why not?**

B/227 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or (Mr Beejan)

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

**Whether, in regard to the services provided under the National Clean Up Campaign by Mauri-Facilities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Mauri-Facilities and table information as to the (a) number of employees thereof posted (i) constituency-wise and (ii) in each District Council and Municipal Council, respectively (b) budget allocated thereto over the past six months and (c) number of (i) lawn mowing (ii) tree and bush truncating and (iii) high-pressure cleaning services carried out respectively, over the past six months in Constituency No. 6?**

B/228 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues (Mrs Henriette-Manan)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations –*

**Whether, in regard to the professional development of Labour Officers, he will state the number of training sessions, workshops and seminars organised by his Ministry therefor since January 2025 to date, indicating the (a) themes covered, particularly, regarding the enforcement of the Workers' Rights Act and the Occupational Safety and Health regulations (b) number of officers from the Rodrigues Labour Office invited to attend same and (c) measures taken to ensure that training is decentralised or made accessible via digital platforms for officers stationed in Rodrigues?**

B/229 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle **(Mr Seeburn)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –*

**Whether, in regard to the water pump failures at Nouvelle France over the past few months, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the short-term and long-term measures being envisaged respectively, to restore a stable and continuous water supply thereat, giving details thereof?**

B/230 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet **(Mr Rookny)**

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

**Whether, in regard to agricultural land conversion projects approved over the past fifteen years, he will state (a) the number of private promoters or developers who were required to vest land in the State for public purposes but failed to do so, indicating the (i) extent of land concerned therewith (ii) reasons therefor and (iii) measures being taken to ensure compliance thereto, indicating the expected implementation timeframe therefor and (b) whether consideration is being given for the vesting of land for food production and for the regularisation of places of worship currently established on such lands?**

B/231 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Quirin)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –*

**Whether, in regard to the renovation of the football playground at Morcellement La Confiance, in Beau-Bassin, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau Bassin/Rose Hill, information as to where matters stand?**

B/232      The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart  
(Dr Prayag)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –*

**Whether, in regard to abandoned, derelict or unsafe private buildings and premises in Constituency No. 7, Piton and Rivière du Rempart, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the relevant local authorities, information as to the (a) number of complaints received in relation thereto since January 2025 to date, indicating the number of notices served upon the owners or occupiers thereof and (b) action/s taken by the relevant local authorities to secure, clean, close off, repair or carry out the demolition thereof?**

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

A/9 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 Agalega, he will give a breakdown of the number of children enrolled in pre-primary, primary and secondary levels for the 2026 academic year, indicating the (a) specific pedagogical support and infrastructure provided thereto and (b) arrangements made (i) for students travelling to Mauritius for further studies, giving details of the accommodation and psychological support provided and (ii) to bridge educational gaps and ensure the full integration of each of these students?**

A/10 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 glyphosate, he will state whether consideration will be given for the banning thereof and ensuring the implementation of safe agro-ecological practices to protect both human health and nature having regard to the high incidence of cancer, especially, among women whose reproductive bodies have been scientifically proven to absorb more toxins emanating from chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers?**

A/11            The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka  
**(Dr Ms Thannoo)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*

**Whether, in regard to the current need for more nurses and health assistants in public hospitals, he will state whether consideration will be given for the promotion of the current health assistants with over ten years' experience through recognition of prior learning and the provision of continuous professional development to the grade of nurse?**

A/12            The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka  
**(Dr Ms Thannoo)**

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations –*

**Whether, in regard to the proposed establishment of the 40-hours' work week, as stipulated in the Government Programme 2025-2029, he will state whether consideration will be given for measures to be taken to ensure that it is the standard employment structure across all relevant industries and sectors in Mauritius?**

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