

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 07 April 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/233 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?

B/234 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 Silver Bank Limited, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius (a) copy of the audited accounts thereof, including copy of the balance sheet and table same (b) information as to (i) the quantum of deposits held thereat by public bodies/institutions (ii) whether an inquiry has been initiated into the circumstances surrounding the granting of the banking licence and the deposits by the public bodies/institutions and (c) whether the Conservator appointed therefor has submitted its report and, if so, table copy thereof?

B/235 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 modified motorcycle exhausts, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of contraventions booked by each police station in Constituency No. 6, Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or in relation thereto, since 01 March 2026 to date, indicating the number thereof relating to noise pollution?

B/236 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, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the other resignations that have followed in relation to (a) Mauritius Missions abroad (b) parastatal bodies (c) advisory positions (d) State-owned enterprises and (e) State institutions?

B/237 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 inquiries initiated into the scam allegations in relation to the Iréva Villas Project of Areva Immobilier Ltd. and Venezis Property by real estate promoters Mr A. C.¹ and Mr A. C. P.², he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police and the Financial Crimes Commission, information as to where matters stand?

¹stands for Amit Chetan

²stands for Avin Chetraj Purmanund

B/238 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 Police Stations, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police and table the list thereof identified for relocation and indicate whether new ones will be set up, indicating, in each case, the proposed new locations and where matters stand as to the setting up new ones?

B/239 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/240 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 therefor?

B/241 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jugurnauth)

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 baggage scanning equipment purchased in 2023 for the Women's Prison, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to whether it has been installed and, if so, indicate (a) by whom and (b) whether (i) it is operational and (ii) training has been imparted to the staff operating same?

B/242 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/243 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(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 Silver Bank Limited, following the placement thereof under conservatorship in February 2024 and in receivership on 30 March 2026 respectively, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Bank of Mauritius, information as to the total amount of (a) non-performing or toxic loans identified at the time of conservatorship, indicating the amount thereof recovered during the said period from local and foreign customers respectively and (b) deposits held therewith by public bodies/institutions as at the date of the receivership, giving a breakdown thereof?

B/244 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 the public consultation exercise in respect of the proposed Electoral Reforms, he will state the number of proposals received as at closing date, indicating (a) whether a special team or committee has been set up to consider same and (b) the timeframe for the preparation of a summary of the main proposals and whether same will be circulated prior to the drafting of any new legislation in relation thereto?

B/245 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 road accident which occurred on Tuesday 31 March 2026 at the Caudan Roundabout, involving a 40-tonne concrete mixer truck, 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 said vehicle was operating under a special permit or exemption during restricted hours and, if so, indicate the authority which granted same and the conditions attached thereto?

B/246 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 volatility of international oil prices amidst the escalation of tensions in the Middle East, he will state whether consideration will be given for temporarily reducing taxes, Value Added Tax and levies on petroleum products to mitigate rising cost of living and inflationary pressures in Mauritius and, if not, why not and whether consideration will be given for the introduction of a time-bound and targeted fuel tax adjustment mechanism linked to international oil price volatility?

B/247 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 the proposed establishment of a Special Economic Zone at Côte D’or, he will state the (a) proposed incentive package for prospective promoters, developers and operators thereof (b) estimated financial cost thereof to Government and (c) anticipated tangible benefits for the Mauritian economy in terms of foreign direct investment and job creation?

B/248 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 border control at the seaport and airport respectively, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) over the past three years, the number of (i) drug seizures carried out thereat and (ii) Police Officers, including officers of the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit, posted thereat allegedly involved in drug trafficking and the number thereof convicted therefor as at to date and (b) whether a profiling exercise is carried out prior to the posting of enforcement officers at strategic entry points thereof, indicating the measures being envisaged to ensure the integrity of officers posted thereat?

B/249 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 Air Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether Airport Holdings Ltd. is seeking a strategic partner therefor and, if so, where matters stand, indicating the names of any shortlisted partners?

B/250 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 Agreement signed between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius concerning the Chagos Archipelago including Diego Garcia, he will state the consequences, if any, of the judgment delivered by the Supreme Court (British Indian Ocean Territory) on 31 March 2026 on the ratification thereof?

B/251 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 recent escalation of conflict and prevailing tensions in the Middle East spilling over the neighbouring region, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) number of Mauritian nationals currently present thereat, indicating whether their safety has been ascertained and (b) nature of assistance requested therefrom, if any, and the support provided thereto?

B/252 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 motor vehicles of retail value exceeding Rs 3 million seized by the Financial Crimes Commission since November 2024 to date, owned, controlled or acquired by or on behalf of persons allegedly involved in illicit transactions, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain the list thereof, indicating (a) the make, model and value thereof in each case and (b) whether fines have been imposed and/or prosecutions initiated in connection therewith, indicating whether car dealers and leasing companies are involved therein?

B/253 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 Mr. S. M.³, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) his date of appointment and the terms and conditions thereof and (b) the circumstances under which his contract was renewed, indicating the terms and conditions of his new contract?

B/254 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 the (a) corrective measures being envisaged in relation thereto and (b) how the introduction of Performance-Based Budgeting is expected to help redress the situation?

B/255 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?

³stands for Sachin Mohabeer

B/256 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?

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/257 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/258 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.⁴, 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?

⁴stands for Fabiano Antalica

B/259 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mr Caserne)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, SME and Cooperatives –

Whether, in regard to the Cooperatives Sector, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Cooperative Development Unit, information as to the schemes available for the promotion and development thereof, indicating the list of beneficiaries thereunder and the quantum of funds disbursed in each case?

B/260 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Anquetil)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning –

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/261 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/262 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or **(Mr Beejan)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the Anse la Raie public beach near the Youth Centre, he will state whether consideration will be given for the widening of the existing lateral road and construction of an alternative road leading thereto to avert traffic congestion thereat, especially, during the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations?

B/263 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues **(Mr François)**

To ask Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Multi-Use Games Area infrastructure, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sports Council, information as to (a) the number thereof constructed in Rodrigues Island to date, indicating the total cost thereof and (b) whether consideration will be given for the construction of two additional ones in the central and eastern regions of Rodrigues?

B/264 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 wastewater connections in Constituency No. 18, Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/265 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues **(Mrs Collet)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Free Internet Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of beneficiaries on the Social Register having benefitted from the provision of free installation and monthly fibre internet service thereunder, indicating the measures being taken, in collaboration with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and other relevant institutions, to bridge the digital divide among vulnerable households?

B/266 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 electricity, he will state whether consideration is being given for measures to be taken to encourage the reduction in the consumption thereof in public offices and spaces, wherever possible, in the light of the challenges currently being faced by the Central Electricity Board for the production thereof?

B/267 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr François**)

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

Whether, in regard to the recurrent delays in the payment of allowances, including night shift allowance, overtime and extra duty allowances payable to public officers in accordance with the recommendations of the Pay Research Bureau Report and the provisions of the Human Resource Manual, he will state whether consideration is being given for appropriate measures to be introduced to ensure the timely settlement of all overdue and accrued amounts payable?

B/268 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jugurnauth**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to Avenue Pelicans, in St Martin, Bel Ombre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether (a) same is State Land (b) new constructions are being allowed thereat and, if not, why not and (c) consideration will be given for the regularisation of the situation of residents whose houses stand thereat?

B/269 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 public health sector, he will state the quantum of outstanding overtime allowances as at to date, indicating the (a) categories of officers concerned therewith and (b) timeline for the full settlement thereof?

B/270 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 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/271 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/272 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or **(Mr Etwareea)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the prevailing inflationary pressures, he will state whether consideration will be given for the introduction of an assistance scheme through the Stabilisation Fund targeted at supporting the most vulnerable segments of the population and, if so, give details thereof?

B/273 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix **(Mr Lobine)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the incinerator at Highlands, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to whether a fire certificate has been issued in respect thereof and, if so, indicate the date of coming into operation thereof and, if not, why not?

B/274 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, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, information as to the current number thereof registered therewith and operating in Mauritius, indicating whether any one of these companies has reportedly failed to comply with international standards, including the core components of the Financial Action Task Force standards?

B/275 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jugurnauth)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the drain works being effected at the new housing estate at Terracine, Souillac, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) scope of works and cost thereof (b) name of the contractor and (c) expected completion date thereof?

B/276 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Dr Ms Daureeawo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, SME and Cooperatives –

Whether, in regard to the small and medium enterprises, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from SME Mauritius Ltd., information as to the number thereof registered therewith as at date, indicating (a) the total amount of loans granted thereto over the period 2020 to 2024 (b) whether an assessment has been carried out in respect of the obstacles faced by same and (c) the measures being envisaged to support same in overcoming trade barriers and expanding internationally?

B/277 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart (Dr Prayag)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the Amitié Football Ground in Constituency No. 7, Piton and Rivière du Rempart, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the current status thereof?

B/278 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/279 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Juman)**

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

Whether, in regard to State Secondary Schools, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof with a student population of less than 150 as at date, indicating, in each case, the number of teaching and non-teaching staff attached thereto?

B/280 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/281 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Juman)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the 8,000 housing units project being implemented by the New Social Living Development Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House (a) obtain information as to the (i) contract values thereof, indicating the initial estimated and revised costs, giving details thereof (ii) total mobilisation advances disbursed and (iii) cost overruns, variations or contract amendments approved, if any, and, if so, give details thereof and (b) whether a quality assessment of the Arsenal Project has been carried out and, if so, table the findings thereof?

B/282 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues **(Mrs Collet)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the proposed signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the period 2026–2029, he will state (a) the reasons therefor and (b) how the implementation thereof is expected to ensure equitable opportunities for Rodriguan artists and practitioners in respect of exchanges, training and heritage promotion at local, regional and international levels?

B/283 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 (a) remedial measures being taken to address same and (b) responsibility of the different authorities, particularly, the Quality Assurance and Inspection Division, in relation thereto?

B/284 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 recently launched 24/7 free hotline 146 for the registration of patient complaints, requests and recommendations relating to public health services, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of calls received category-wise, indicating the (a) mechanism put in place to ensure timely follow-up and resolution thereof and the average time taken therefor and (b) whether a monitoring and evaluation framework has been set up to assess the effectiveness thereof and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/285 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière **(Mr Quirin)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the request made by the Bakers' Association for an increase in the price of bread, he will state (a) whether an assessment of the impact of such an increase on consumers has been carried out and (b) the measures being envisaged to ensure the continuous supply of bread and prevent any shortage thereof on the local market?

B/286 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Juman)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to sports infrastructure falling under the purview of the Mauritius Sports Council, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the said Council, information as to the (a) number of facilities being (i) fully operational (ii) partially operational and (iii) currently non-operational, indicating, in respect of the latter, the reasons therefor and (b) monthly running costs incurred in respect of each such infrastructure?

B/287 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or **(Mr Beejan)**

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

Whether, in regard to officers in the public sector, he will state the total budget earmarked for the training and capacity-building thereof in financial year 2025-2026, indicating the number of officers who have benefited therefrom since January 2026 to date?

B/288 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 unexploited agricultural land, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the total extent thereof country-wide, indicating the (a) reasons therefor and (b) measures being envisaged to incentivize the cultivation thereof to ensure food self-sufficiency and security?

B/289 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Venkatasami)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Mohunlall Mohit Government School, situated at L'Avenir, he will state whether the electricity supply issues occurring in a few classrooms thereat have been addressed and, if so, when and, if not, indicate the timeframe therefor?

B/290 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/291 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue **(Mrs Savabaddy)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the production of musical works by local artists, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the incentives currently available therefor, indicating the procedures applicable and the financial facilities provided thereunder?

B/292 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, an updated list of Mauritian nationals currently residing or employed thereat has been drawn, 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/293 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis South and Port-Louis Central **(Dr Aumeer)**

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

Whether, in regard to the recent outbreak of the Foot and Mouth disease in South Africa, he will state (a) the measures taken to secure alternative sources for the supply and importation of cattle, including any contingency plan, put in place to avert any shortage for the forthcoming Eid Ul Adha celebration and (b) whether consideration will be given for the imposition of strict and rigorous testing protocols on cattle imported from other countries?

B/294 The Honourable First Member for Piton and Rivière du Rempart **(Dr Prayag)**

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

Whether, in regard to nursing studies, he will state whether consideration (a) is being given for the provision of scholarships or other financial assistance schemes therefor coupled with bonds requiring beneficiaries thereof to serve in Mauritius for specified periods and (b) will be given, in the longer term, for the expansion of the national nursing training capacity beyond domestic requirements once local shortages are adequately addressed?

B/295 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues **(Mrs Henriette-Manan)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the participation of athletes from Rodrigues in international competitions, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the amount of funds allocated therefor since January 2025 to date, giving a breakdown thereof by discipline and (b) state whether consideration will be given for the setting up of a mechanism, in collaboration with the National Sports Federations, to ensure that funding is made available to the said athletes for their participation in national selections for international competitions?

B/296 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

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/297 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 the Tamarin Public beach, he will state whether the upgrading thereof is being envisaged and, if so, indicate whether consideration will be given for (a) the provision of toilet facilities and additional amenities thereat and (b) desilting works to be carried out at the mouth of the river thereat to prevent beach erosion?

B/298 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/299 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/300 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 the Pharmacy Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) name of the members and of the Officer-in-Charge thereof and (b) frequency of the quality control exercises conducted over the drugs and health supplements imported over the past three years, indicating whether adverse reports have been recorded in relation thereto?

B/301 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/302 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka **(Mr Venkatasami)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the projected installation of speed cameras along the Valetta bypass, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Traffic Road Management Support Unit, information as to where matters stand, indicating the expected date of coming into operation thereof?

B/303 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/304 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 Grand Bay Waterfront, he will state whether consideration is being given for the preparation of a Masterplan for the development thereof under a Public Private Partnership model and, if so, indicate the expected timeframe for the preparation and implementation thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

B/305 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Mr Venkatasami)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the St. Pierre Traffic Centre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Development Unit, information as to where matters stand regarding the urgent repairs to be effected to the bus platform thereat, indicating the (a) the nature and scope of the works to be undertaken and (b) expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/306 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Mr Ramkalawon)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to drama, music and arts, he will state whether consideration will be given for the setting up of appropriate infrastructure for the promotion thereof amongst the youth?

B/307 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Mr Ramkalawon)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Pensions Fund and the National Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Investment Committee thereof, information as to the (a) balance currently standing to the credit thereof and (b) investments effected since 2015 to date, indicating the profit or loss realised thereon?

B/308 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/309 The Honourable First Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Savabaddy)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the Festival International Kreol, he will state whether consideration will be given for a review of the concept and orientation thereof with a view to enhancing its cultural heritage and content, incorporating symposiums and conferences, increasing local and foreign participation and developing same into a major annual tourist attraction?

B/310 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 abandoned and/or unutilised vehicles lying under the purview of the District Council of Pamplemousses, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof, indicating the measures being envisaged for the removal and disposal thereof?

B/311 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the Penalty Point System effective from January 31, 2026, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to the outcome of the implementation thereof as at to date?

B/312 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle
(Mr Ramdass)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the project for the inauguration and opening of the La Tour des Hollandais at Vieux Grand Port, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?

B/313 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the recent torrential rain and flooding that severely affected the northern region of Rodrigues Island, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority and the National Development Unit, information as to (a) where matters stand as to the implementation of the Accacia drain works and (b) whether consideration will be given to implement, through emergency procurement, the Port Mathurin phase 3 drain project?

B/314 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Juman)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to Liquefied Petroleum Gas, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the (i) State Trading Company, as to the current stock level thereof, forthcoming consignments thereof, indicating the expected quantities and estimated arrival dates and details of the last procurement contract therefor, indicating the name of the supplier/s, volume, agreed price and duration of the contract and (ii) Petroleum Pricing Committee, the reasons for the recent increase in the price thereof and (b) state the impact of the said price increase on households and businesses, particularly, small and medium enterprises?

B/315 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Apollon)**

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

Whether, in regard to the KOREK Application, he will state where matters stand as to the coming into operation of the digital driving licence features thereof?

B/316 The Honourable Third Member for Rodrigues **(Mrs Henriette-Manan)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations–

Whether, in regard to Labour Officers, he will state the number of training sessions, workshops and seminars organised by his Ministry for the professional development thereof, 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 and (b) number of officers from the Rodrigues Labour Office invited to attend same, indicating the measures taken, if any, to ensure that training is decentralised or made accessible via digital platforms for officers stationed in Rodrigues?

B/317 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 stable and continuous water supply thereat, giving details thereof?

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A/13 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 private pre-primary and primary
schools, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain
information as to the (a) number thereof registered since the
introduction of the Grant-in-Aid Scheme (b) regulations
governing the operation thereof and (c) qualifications of the
teaching staff employed therein?**

A/14 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 labour exploitation and workplace
bullying, he will state (a) the measures currently in place to
support victims thereof and (b) whether consideration will be
given for the development of a digital platform to facilitate
reporting and access to assistance in relation thereto?**

A/15 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka
(Dr Ms Thannoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the proposed development of flood management systems, he will state where matters stand, indicating whether (a) collaborative work has been undertaken with agricultural land users for the planning of effective drainage systems to prevent severe flooding arising from de-rocking activities in areas under cultivation (b) surveys have been carried out in respect of areas affected by flooding on account of the recent mass concreting of agricultural land (c) measures have been identified for implementation by real estate developers to prevent flooding in all areas affected by such developments and (d) the conservation of flood waters through the use of retention basins and other similar proven measures is being promoted?

A/16 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 sheltered farming, he will state whether consideration will be given for (a) an assessment to be carried out of the level of treated water required therefor and for the identification of key measures, in collaboration with the Central Water Authority, to allow access thereto from local sources and (b) the promotion of open-air resilient agro-ecological farming, in view of its lower water requirements as compared thereto?

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