

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 30 March 2021****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity**

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

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

Whether, in regard to ships calling from overseas and boarding in the Port Louis Harbour, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to the (a) COVID-19 protocol established for entry and operation thereof and (b) total number of PCR tests carried out on (i) crew members, giving details of positive COVID-19 tested cases and the actions taken and (ii) Port-based staff, giving details of positive COVID-19 tested cases and the actions taken?

B/71 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Assirvaden**)

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

Whether, in regard to Mr P. H., he will state if he will consider waiving the *persona non grata* status declared against him to enable the latter enter the Mauritian territory to perform the religious mourning/ceremonies of the Mauritian spouse thereof, late Mrs I. H., who recently passed away in Belgium?

B/72 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the cameras of the Safe City Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of days during which the video footages thereof are stored?

B/73 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to the cameras of the Safe City Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) who will be responsible for the (i) maintenance thereof at the end of the maintenance agreement period and (ii) storage of the video footages thereof (b) the duration of the storage of the video footages thereof and (c) if they are in good running condition and, if not, indicate the number thereof being faulty?

B/74 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to the cameras of the CCTV Surveillance Systems, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons why the video footages thereof are destroyed after 30 days, indicating the volume in gigabytes required to store 30 days of video footages?

B/75 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state if there is an established Roadmap therefor and, if so, indicate, according thereto (a) the earliest proposed date for the lifting of the foreign travel ban (b) if the proposed framework for travel would be robust, workable and able to stand the test of time and (c) if safe and responsible foreign travel would automatically include vaccination certificates?

B/76 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to Agalega island, he will state where matters stand as to the projects being implemented thereat?

B/77 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to the seizure of 95 kgs of cocaine worth Rs 1.4 billion found in a Wheel loader on 10 July 2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto, indicating the number of arrests effected in connection therewith, if any?

B/78 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state if consideration will be given for the setting up of a select committee to consider and report to the House on all matters relating to the management thereof?

B/79 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to fishing vessel Lu Rong Yuan Yu 588, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if (a) the Video Data Recorder onboard same has been secured and (b) an inquiry has been initiated into alleged acts of unauthorized individuals boarding same soon after the crew members thereof were taken away by the authorities?

B/80 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

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

Whether, in regard to alleged breaches of banking laws, regulations and directives since 2016 to date at the State Bank of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information, as to if any police inquiry has been initiated thereinto, indicating the number of persons (a) arrested (b) prosecuted and (c) convicted, if any?

B/81 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 vaccine administered to the population under the National Deployment and Vaccination Programme, he will state if consideration will be given for the provision of a compensation scheme to cover cases resulting in permanent impairment or death associated therewith?

B/82 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to synthetic drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons arrested in connection therewith, since 2015 to date, on a yearly basis?

B/83 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of a Freedom of Information Bill, he will state where matters stand?

B/84 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Safe City Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if (a) necessary arrangements will be made for the video footages of the cameras thereof to be stored on the server for more than 30 days and (b) there is a back-up system and/or disaster recovery system in place therefor and, if not, why not?

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

B/85 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to Mauritian passengers stranded abroad, he will state the (a) number thereof since 10 March 2021 to date and (b) measures taken by his Ministry to ensure the repatriation of those who left Mauritius on medical grounds?

B/86 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the members of the Vaccination Committee, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) date of appointment (b) qualifications held and (c) terms and conditions of appointment thereof, indicating the (i) number of meetings held and (ii) date of the last meeting and names of the members who attended same?

B/87 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Corporate Social Responsibility contributions, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Social Inclusion Foundation, information as to the quantum of funds disbursed to Non-Governmental Organisations to support the vulnerable people during the COVID-19 lockdown, since 10 March 2021 to date?

B/88 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to utility tariffs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Utility Regulatory Authority, information as to if consideration could be given to proposing lower quantum thereof amid the Covid-19 lockdown period in respect of the (a) middle class and those of the lower rungs of the ladder and (b) small and medium enterprises?

B/89 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the recent decision of the Saudi authorities not to accept pilgrims who have been vaccinated with vaccines that are not approved by the World Health Organisation, he will state if he will initiate discussions with the Saudi authorities in order to address this issue?

B/90 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the post of Director, Health Services, responsible for Public Health, he will state the name, qualifications and experience held by the present incumbent thereof?

B/91 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Assirvaden**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the utility bills, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Utility Regulatory Authority, information as to if special measures will be taken regarding the imposition of penalty for late payment, disconnection of supply for non-payment due to the current Covid-19 lockdown, especially, regarding customers living in the declared red zone areas?

B/92 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the educational psychologists, she will state the (a) number thereof employed by her Ministry and working on a full time/part time basis in each of the 4 Zones and in Rodrigues, indicating the number and nature of the cases they addressed and the follow-up done during the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown and (b) number of students they are supporting during the current Covid-19 lockdown?

B/93 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the Allocation of Digital Tablet Project launched by her Ministry, she will state the (a) number of digital tablets distributed, grade-wise (b) cost thereof and (c) outcome of the research carried out, if any, to assess the benefits drawn, if any, by the students in terms of enhanced quality performance from the use of the digital tablets?

B/94 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the Academies at the secondary school level, she will state if those which were formerly single gender schools, are now infrastructurally equipped and ready to run as mixed schools?

B/95 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to public transport, he will state if consideration will be given for the introduction of a new bus route to and from Grand Bay La Croisette and Cap Malheureux and or other villages in the vicinity thereof, through the Vingt-Pieds main road with a view to alleviating commuting difficulties thereat?

B/96 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state if local laboratories are adequately equipped to carry out necessary sequencing tests to detect the presence of variants in the PCR samples and, if not, indicate the type of equipment required therefor and (a) the reasons why same have not been acquired as at to date (b) when his Ministry proposes to acquire same and (c) the estimated cost thereof?

B/97 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the on-going administration of Covid-19 Vaccine to the population under the National Deployment and Vaccination Programme, he will state if, prior to administration, medical and nursing practices standards are being observed and, if not, why not?

B/98 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the death, on 07 February 2021, of triathlete H. R., while participating in an official competition organized by the Mauritius Triathlon Federation, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if his Ministry has caused an inquiry to be carried out thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof and, if not, why not?

B/99 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the staff of the hospitals, he will state the (a) measures taken for the safety thereof (b) Personal Protective Equipment provided thereto and (c) other sanitary measures taken for the protection thereof?

B/100 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed carrying out of a situational analysis of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic from a gender perspective, she will state where matters stand?

B/101 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed preparation of a Blue Print on Women Entrepreneurs post the Covid-19 pandemic, she will state where matters stand?

B/102 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to the Interim Protection Orders, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of applications made thereunder, indicating the number thereof issued by the Courts during the current Covid-19 lockdown?

B/103 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Dr Boolell)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport and Light Rail, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to Mr S. S., he will state if the latter still holds accreditation in Saudi Arabia and if he is posted in Riyadh and, if not, why not?

B/104 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Dr Boolell)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state if there is an established Preparedness Plan for the Covid-19 Pandemic and, if so, will he table copy thereof?

B/105 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

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

Whether, in regard to the newly constructed A1-A3 Link Road, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to (a) the name of the contractor therefor (b) the date of award of the contract, indicating the duration and completion date thereof and (c) a breakdown of the cost thereof?

B/106 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

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

Whether, in regard to the reconstruction of the Decaën Flyover, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if an assessment of the new structure has been made and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/107 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

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

Whether, in regard to the online services set up by her Ministry to assist and help victims of domestic violence, she will state the total number of calls received since the beginning of the current lockdown to date, indicating the (a) actions taken and (b) number of persons having used the mobile application *Lespwar*?

B/108 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to the representative office of the Economic Development Board in Tokyo, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Economic Development Board, information as to the (a) missions thereof (b) running cost thereof, including salaries cost and (c) outcome thereof as at to date, including, the number of Japanese investors who visited Mauritius since?

B/109 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if a selection exercise was carried out prior to the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer thereof, indicating the salary, allowances and other fringe benefits drawn?

B/110 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Côte d'Or National Sports Complex, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Multisport Infrastructure Ltd., information as to the monthly running cost thereof, including maintenance and other relative costs?

B/111 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritian Embassy in Saudi Arabia, he will state (a) if it is fully operational and (b) the name of the current ambassador posted thereat?

B/112 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the wreck vessel MV Wakashio, he will state the (a) cost incurred for the salvage thereof, indicating the duration thereof and (b) quantum of compensation and/or insurance claims (i) claimed and (ii) received as at to date?

B/113 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

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

Whether, in regard to the budget allocation of Rs 1.2 million from the National Environmental Fund for the construction of drainage infrastructure in high-risk flood-prone areas across Mauritius and Rodrigues, he will state the number of drain works carried out as at to date in the flood-prone areas, region-wise, indicating the total cost thereof?

B/114 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance –

Whether, in regard to the removal of Mauritius from the Financial Action Task Force’s list of Jurisdictions under Increased Monitoring, he will state where matters stand?

B/115 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the ‘Kreol Morisien’, she will state the reasons why students will no longer be allowed to take same as an examinable subject at the Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Local Examinations?

- B/116 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)
- To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –*
- Whether, in regard to student V. R., she will state if facilities were provided thereto to allow him take part in the forthcoming Cambridge School Certificate Examinations and, if not, why not?**
- B/117 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –*
- Whether, in regard to the door-to-door distribution of the Basic Retirement Pension, she will state the additional cost incurred in relation thereto, giving a breakdown thereof?**
- B/118 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping –*
- Whether, in regard to the Wakashio Shipwreck, he will state where matters stand as at to date regarding the (a) claim for compensation against the Insurance Company and (b) quantum of compensation paid, if any, to the persons and/or entities affected thereby?**
- B/119 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –*
- Whether, in regard to unemployment, he will state, since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, the number of complaints received at the Labour Offices in relation thereto, indicating the number of workers having (a) been paid transitional unemployment benefit under the Workfare Programme Fund (b) been involved in applications for workforce reduction and (c) applied for reinstatement before the Redundancy Board?**

B/120 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to indecent photos and videos of children and non-consenting women circulating on the social media during the Covid-19 lockdown, particularly, in private groups on the application Telegram, she will state the actions taken, if any, to (a) encourage victims to register complaints (b) give psychological support to the victims and (c) raise awareness about child pornography and revenge pornography?

B/121 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the Chairperson of the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the name of the incumbent, indicating the (a) date and terms and conditions of appointment, including total monthly pay packet drawn and (b) number of board meetings he has chaired since January 2021 to date wherein issues concerning procurement of goods and services for Covid-19 were discussed and approved?

B/122 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Yeung Sik Yuen)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives –

Whether, in regard to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the small and medium enterprises, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from SME Mauritius Ltd., information as to the various strategies which are being envisaged to save the small and medium enterprises in difficulty?

B/123 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Yeung Sik Yuen**)

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

Whether, in regard to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy, he will state if Government will consider taking measures to require commercial banks to grant a moratorium period for repayment of capital including interests from the operators of the tourism sector?

B/124 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Côte d’Or Sport Complex, including the parking area, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Multisport Infrastructure Ltd, information as to the (a) monthly maintenance cost thereof, indicating the (i) name of the contractors therefor and (ii) terms and conditions thereof and (b) list of activities held thereat since July 2020 to date, indicating the monthly revenue obtained in terms of rental and other activities?

B/125 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Basic Retirement Pension, he will state the quantum of funds disbursed in terms thereof since January 2021 to date, indicating (a) the strategy of Government for the increase thereof accordingly over the next four years and (b) if there has been an increase in the quantum thereof for year 2021 and, if not, why not?

B/126 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Ittoo**)

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

Whether, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Football Association, information as to if (a) the present football league will be maintained or cancelled and (b) any financial assistance will be made available to football clubs?

B/127 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the administration of Covid-19 Vaccines under the National Deployment and Vaccination Programme, he will state if there is a safety monitoring mechanism therefor, indicating if (a) health safety problems and side effects have been recorded regarding the first phase of around 100,000 vaccines already administered and (b) a strict monitoring will be done regarding the administration of the Covaxin Vaccine?

B/128 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the contract already signed with the COVAX Facility for the procurement of Covid-19 vaccines, he will state what Government proposes to do regarding the reduction in the delivery of the number of vaccines?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
Clerk of the National Assembly

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A/23 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the latest remarks of the Director of the National Audit Office to the effect that he could not have access to information on procurement procedures and the sixty documents submitted to the Independent Commission against Corruption, he will state the measures he proposes to take to prevent the recurrence of similar impediment to the exercise of the constitutional duties of the Director of Audit?

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A/24 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Albion Village, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Post Ltd., information as to if consideration is being given to set up a Post Office thereat and, if not, why not?

A/25 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the Distribution of Hot Meals in the Zones d'Education Prioritaire Schools Project, she will give the list of schools where same has been implemented, indicating in each case, the (a) starting date thereof (b) name of caterer (c) type of menus proposed and (d) monthly cost?

A/26 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the public sector debt, he will state the current level thereof, indicating the amount thereof (a) denominated in Mauritian rupees and foreign currencies, respectively (b) representing both the short and long terms borrowings and (c) expressed as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product at the current market price?

A/27 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

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

Whether, in regard to the renovation of the Plaza theatre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Beau-Bassin/Rose-Hill Municipal Council, information as to (a) when the bid therefor was launched (b) the name of the contractor (c) contract value and (d) expected completion date thereof?

A/28 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to the incinerator at Highlands, he will state if the testing and commissioning thereof have been completed and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

A/29 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(**Mr Lobine**)

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

Whether, in regard to the widening and upgrading of Abbatoir Bridge, in Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to (a) when the contract was re-awarded to Gamma Construction Ltd. (b) when a new works order was approved and given to Gamma Construction Ltd. to complete the works and (c) if additional costs have been earmarked and approved for the completion of the works?

A/30 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the public sector debt, he will state the (a) current amount thereof (i) in absolute terms and (ii) as a ratio to the Gross Domestic Product and (b) measures Government proposes to take for the reduction thereof?

A/31 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to requests for mutual assistance in criminal and related matters, he will state, for the period 2010 to date, the number thereof (a) made to competent authorities of foreign States, indicating in each case, the purpose of the request and the nature of the assistance sought and (b) discontinued, indicating in each case, the reasons therefor?

A/32 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to yellow tuna, he will state if a virtual meeting of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission was recently held among member States regarding the over plummeting of the stocks thereof in the Indian Ocean and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

A/33 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource Development and Training, Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to redundancy, he will state the number of cases thereof registered since the beginning of the current Covid-19 lockdown sector-wise, indicating the gender and age-group thereof?

A/34 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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

Whether, in regard to the persons with disabilities, she will state if, amid the current Covid-19 lockdown, her Ministry has taken measures to (a) enable them have access to (i) assistive devices and (ii) day to day information related to the Covid-19 pandemic (b) communicate with others to procure their basic needs and (c) give any other form of support thereto?

A/35 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Vaccination Committee, he will state the (a) composition and mode of appointment thereof (b) basis on which it validated the vaccines to be administered to the population under the National Deployment Vaccination Programme, indicating when same were validated?

A/36 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to electricity bills, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to if, amid the current Covid-19 lockdown, consideration will be given for the advisability of (a) applying special tariffs to consumers and (b) providing facilities for payments of bills?

- A/37 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –*
- Whether, in regard to the allocation of social housing units by her Ministry, she will table the list of the beneficiaries thereof region-wise, since January 2020 to date, indicating the (a) number of social housing units allocated to her Ministry by the National Housing Development Company Ltd. for vulnerable persons and (b) criteria for selection and allocation of the said units thereto?**
- A/38 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*
- Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of an Area Health Centre at Pointe aux Sables, he will (a) state where matters stand, indicating the (i) time frame for execution thereof and (ii) tender launched for the project, if any and (b) table the layout plans of the project?**
- A/39 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*
- Whether, in regard to the Medical and Health Officers/Senior Medical and Health Officers, he will (a) give the list of those benefiting from overseas courses/scholarships and study leave without pay for post graduate studies since March 2017 to date and (b) state the (i) name of the university (ii) field of course and (iii) start and completion dates thereof?**
- A/40 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Disaster Risk Management –*
- Whether, in regard to the construction/relocation of new Fire Stations and the Head Office, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service, information as to the (a) status of implementation and (b) start and completion dates of construction?**

A/41 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Sir Gaëtan Duval Recreational Park, in Roche Bois, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to if remedial measures will be taken for the (a) installation of fences and a gate thereat (b) monitoring of the lighting system and (c) fencing of the bleachers thereat?

A/42 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Dr A. S., he will state (a) if contact tracing has been carried out on the close contacts thereof, following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic at the Melbees Nursery School and (b) when was the latter first requested to do the PCR test and attend quarantine, indicating when did he do so and the actions taken by his Ministry in relation thereto?

A/43 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cambridge School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Local Examinations of March-April 2021, he will state if Cambridge International Education has been apprised of possible psychological impact of the current second wave of Covid-19 on the participating candidates, indicating if a request for allowances on marking will be envisaged?

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