

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 05 May 2020****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity**

B/1 The Honourable Fourth Member for 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 Mahebourg Village, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases of drugs addicts creating havoc thereat during the implementation of the Curfew Order, indicating the (a) measures taken in relation thereto and (b) number of arrests effected in connection therewith?

B/2 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 Workplace Access Permit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number thereof issued since 19 March 2020 to date (b) eligibility criteria for the issue thereof and (c) actions taken by the Police Force to ensure the execution of the Curfew Order?

B/3 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 K. J., Board Member of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority, he will state if he proposes to request the latter to step down pending the determination of the alleged case of breach of the Information and Communication Technologies Act and, if not, why not?

B/4 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 the accident which occurred at Wooton, on 26 November 2019 in which a Police Officer was involved, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto, indicating the administrative and/or legal actions, if any, taken against the said Police Officer?

B/5 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 Board of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) composition thereof, indicating in respect of the Chairperson and Members thereof, the (i) date of appointment (ii) qualifications held and (iii) terms and conditions of appointment and (b) number of meetings held by the Board as presently constituted, indicating the date of the last meeting and names of the members who attended same?

B/6 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 Board of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) composition thereof, indicating in respect of the Chairperson, the (i) date of appointment (ii) qualifications held and (iii) terms and conditions of appointment and (b) number of meetings held by the Board as presently constituted, indicating the date of the last two meetings and the names of the members who attended same?

B/7 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 Commission of Inquiry on Drug Trafficking in Mauritius set up in July 2015, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) expenditure incurred in relation thereto as at to date and (b) where matters stand as to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Report thereof?

B/8 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 front liners working amid the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state the manner in which Government proposes to recognize the exceptional contributions thereof, including if they will be Covid-19 tested and be given all the required medical support and follow-up?

B/9 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Ms Foo Kune**)

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 our borders, he will state the (a) criteria that will be applied for the re-opening thereof and (b) protocols that will be put in place for the screening of passengers upon arrival on our territory?

B/10 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 families with special needs, in particular, with autistic children, he will state if consideration will be given for the issue of special travel derogation permits thereto amid the Covid-19 lockdown?

B/11 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Woochit**)

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

Whether, following the death of Mr C. C. in a vegetable plantation field on 27 April 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if consideration will be given for increased Police patrols to be carried out in similar areas to reinforce public security?

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/12 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to rice and flour, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the stocks thereof presently available, indicating when the next shipments thereof are scheduled?

B/13 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether in regard to the small and medium enterprises, he will state the immediate measures taken and schemes set up at the level of his Ministry to help those which are on the verge of insolvency amid the Covid-19 lockdown, indicating the additional measures and schemes being envisaged with a view to preserving employment?

B/14 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to potatoes and onions, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Agricultural Marketing Board, information as to the stock thereof presently available, indicating when the next shipments thereof are scheduled?

B/15 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to offences committed for breach of the Curfew Order, he will state if same will appear on the certificate of character of the offenders and, if so, indicate if same will be reviewed?

B/16 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Xavier-Luc Duval**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the number of deaths which have occurred in the public hospitals, he will state the number thereof in the months of March and April for the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively, indicating the causes thereof?

B/17 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Xavier-Luc Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the enterprises presently encountering economic difficulties, he will state the measures Government proposes to take to prevent mass unemployment after the lifting of the Curfew Order?

B/18 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

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

Whether, in regard to onions and potatoes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Agricultural Marketing Board, information as to if inquiries are being carried out into complaints of shortages thereof on the local market during the Covid-19 lockdown, indicating (a) the quantities thereof sold by the Board during the Curfew Order and (b) the list of the bulk buyers thereof?

B/19 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(**Mr Lobine**)

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

Whether, in regard to our Exclusive Economic Zone, he will state the number of reported cases of foreign fishing vessels operating illegally therein during the Covid-19 lockdown, indicating the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/20 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 Covid-19 Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the quantum of funds collected as at to date (a) indicating the (i) quantum of funds disbursed and (ii) criteria for disbursements and (b) table copy of the details of disbursements effected?

B/21 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 distribution of food packs of essential commodities amid the Covid-19 lockdown, she will state the (a) quantum of funds disbursed in connection therewith (b) eligibility criteria therefor (c) actions taken in regard to vulnerable families and (d) actions that will be taken, if any, to support the vulnerable families post-lockdown?

B/22 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 personal protective equipment, he will state the number thereof available at his Ministry on the first day of the implementation of the Curfew Order?

B/23 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to our diplomatic missions overseas, he will state if Mauritian citizens have access thereto amid the Covid-19 lockdown implemented in the different countries where they are located, indicating the services offered thereto?

B/24 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Assirvaden**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the importation of petroleum products, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Petroleum Pricing Committee, information as to the (a) basis of the calculation of the tax components thereof to determine the retail prices thereof (b) revenue derived from each tax and how same has been utilized since June 2019 to date and (c) quantum of the surplus money accumulated by the State Trading Corporation since July 2019 to date?

B/25 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Assirvaden**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) if consideration will be given for a lowering of the electricity tariffs following the recent collapse of the oil/coal prices worldwide and (b) the assumptions used for the preparation of the Capital and Recurrent Budgets thereof for the years 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023?

B/26 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (**Ms Ramyad**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state the measures taken by the Sanitary Services Unit to undertake and perform the funeral rites of persons who pass away as a result thereof?

B/27 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (**Ms Ramyad**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Wage Assistance Scheme, he will state the eligibility criteria for employers to benefit thereunder?

B/28 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to Hatch Street in Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to if compulsory acquisition of land will be undertaken at the level of the Islamic Cultural Centre to facilitate vehicular access in and out thereat?

B/29 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 National Domestic Violence Hotline '139', she will state the (a) number of calls received and attended to over the period November 2016 to date and (b) services/support offered?

B/30 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

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

Whether, in regard to the La Marie Elderly Center, she will state if her Ministry proposes to open same and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/31 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

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

Whether in regard to La Croisée Diolle, in Glen Park, he will state if his Ministry proposes to look into the traffic congestion problem occurring thereat during peak times?

B/32 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (**Ms Ramyad**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cambridge School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate 2020, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to if (a) a request for the rescheduling thereof has been addressed to the Local Examinations Syndicate of the University of Cambridge and, if so, indicate where matters stand and (b) an Action Plan has been set up for the 2020 cohort of students who will be sitting therefor and, if so, give details thereof?

B/33 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 Self-Employed Assistance Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the number of applications received thereunder, indicating the number thereof having been approved and the quantum of funds disbursed as at to date?

B/34 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 investors in the Super Cash Back Gold policies of the former BAI Co. (Mtius) Ltd. and the Bramer Asset Management Ltd. who have not been repaid in full, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Property Fund Ltd., information as to (a) the number thereof, indicating the (i) aggregate value owed thereto and (ii) reasons for non-payment and (b) if consideration will be given for the repayment in full thereof?

B/35 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 students hailing from vulnerable backgrounds and who cannot avail of digitally-dispensed courses amid the Covid-19 lockdown, she will state the measures being taken or that will be taken to ensure that they are not unfairly penalised?

B/36 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 National Certificate of Education, she will state if consideration will be given for the postponement thereof in order to ensure that the students eligible to sit therefor are not unfairly penalized amid the Covid-19 lockdown in view of the disparity in the level of preparedness thereof?

B/37 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dhunoo)

*To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Human Resource
Development and Training –*

Whether, in regard to the implementation of flexi-time and the work from home program amid the Covid-19 lockdown, he will state the modalities thereof?

B/38 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dhunoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the public transport sector, he will, for benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to the measures taken or being envisaged to ensure the safety of the workers and of the commuters thereof against the Covid-19 pandemic?

B/39 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dhunoo)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the anti influenza vaccination exercise 2020, he will state the number of vaccinations carried out, indicating the (a) areas where same have been carried out and when and (b) expected completion date thereof?

B/40 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Dhunoo)

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

Whether, in regard to food security, he will state the key measures initiated to ensure same, indicating the incentives provided to small farmers and planters therefor?

B/41 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Doolub)**

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

Whether, following the closure of daily markets and market fairs amid the Covid-19 lockdown, he will state if consideration will be given for the granting of financial assistance to the vegetable sellers for being unable to sell their vegetables?

B/42 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Doolub)**

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

Whether, in regard to Mauritian citizens presently stranded abroad amid the Covid-19 lockdown, he will state the measures being taken for the repatriation thereof?

B/43 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 Medical Board Meetings which have been cancelled in respect of the Invalidity Pension and Carer's Allowance amid the Covid-19 lockdown, she will state if due diligence will be exercised for the rescheduling thereof?

B/44 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

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

Whether, in regard to fruits and vegetables, he will state (a) the total extent of State land used for the cultivation thereof, indicating if (i) consideration is being given to increase the local production thereof to achieve maximum self-sufficiency and, if so, if he has held meetings with all the stakeholders of the sector accordingly and (b) give a breakdown of the quantity thereof (i) imported and (ii) produced locally since January 2020 to date?

B/45 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to petroleum products, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if (a) bids have been launched for the procurement thereof for period 01 February 2020 - 31 January 2021 and, if so, indicate where matters stand and (b) the Pricing Mechanism Committee will be convened to review the retail prices thereof following the recent fall of the prices thereof on the international market?

B/46 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the academic institutions, she will state when the reopening and resumption of the activities thereof are being envisaged?

B/47 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Tour**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the basic commodities, he will state the measures taken to protect the rights of the consumers in relation to the control of the prices and supplies thereof amid the Covid-19 lockdown?

B/48 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Tour**)

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

Whether, in regard to fruits and vegetables, he will state if an Action Plan is being envisaged for the increase of the local production thereof amid the Covid-19 lockdown?

B/49 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Tour**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed widening of the Marjolain Bridge in Cité la Cure by the National Development Unit, he will state where matters stand?

B/50 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Mayotte**)

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

Whether, in regard to the fight against poverty and vulnerability, he will state if consideration will be given for the database of vulnerable economic groups generated through the implementation of the Wage Assistance Scheme and the Self Employed Assistance Scheme to be used as an effective tool therefor through the implementation of a centralized financing system for an optimum use of the financial resources?

B/51 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

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

Whether, in regard to owners of pleasure crafts, he will state if consideration will be given for the issue thereto of a special temporary license to allow them fish in our Exclusive Economic Zone to earn a living amid the economic crisis generated by the Covid-19 pandemic and, if not, why not?

B/52 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 Reverse Transcriptase Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) Test, he will state (a) when same was first carried out in Mauritius and (b) the number thereof carried out as at to date, indicating the number thereof which have given (i) positive results (ii) negative results, indicating the number of false negative, if any, and the percentage of negative samples sent to laboratories accredited by the World Health Organisation to confirm the sensitivity of the tests carried out in Mauritius and the outcome thereof and (iii) inconclusive results, if any?

B/53 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the eventual availability of a Covid-19 vaccine on the international market as being announced, he will state the level of preparedness of Government for the acquisition thereof at the earliest possible in terms of commitment of funds, contacts with laboratories and pharmaceutical companies presently heavily involved in the development and manufacturing thereof?

B/54 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 relaunching of sports activities after the curfew period, he will state if his Ministry has set up an Action Plan to assist federations for the organization thereof and, if so, give details thereof, including the sanitary measures to be taken to ensure the safety of the athletes and of members of the public, indicating the (a) sports activities that would be relaunched and (b) stadia, clubs and gymnasiums concerned therewith and, if not, why not?

B/55 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the Social Register of Mauritius, she will state the number of persons registered thereunder for the years 2018 and 2019 and since 01 January 2020 to date, indicating (a) when same was last updated and (b) number of food packs delivered to the persons registered thereunder following the complete Covid-19 lockdown, indicating the expenditure incurred in relation thereto?

B/56 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Ms Foo Kune)

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

Whether, in regard to the female workforce, she will state (a) the percentage thereof (i) most at risk of unemployment and underemployment sector-wise, and (ii) in self-employment, amid the Covid-19 pandemic and (b) if the implementation of a specific recovery plan to assist the affected female workforce is being envisaged?

B/57 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the artisanal fishers, he will state the quantum of the compensation paid thereto during the curfew period amid the Covid-19 pandemic, indicating the number thereof concerned therewith?

B/58 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the economy, he will (a) give a breakdown of the percentage contraction forecast thereof, sector-wise and (b) state the economic measures he proposes to take to increase the Gross Domestic Product?

B/59 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the post of Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Development Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the EDB, information as to (a) the total pay package of the former incumbent thereof during his tenure of office, including the total expenditure incurred in respect of overseas missions effected, indicating the (i) reason/s for the termination of his appointment and (ii) total amount of compensation paid, if any, for the said termination and (b) if the vacancy has been filled and if not, why not?

B/60 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rs 18 billion obtained from the Reserve Fund of the Bank of Mauritius in November 2019, he will give a breakdown of the use made thereof?

B/61 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to onions and potatoes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Agricultural Marketing Board, information as to (a) the stocks available for April 2020, indicating the quantities thereof delivered to registered dealers individually, indicating (i) their names and place of business and (ii) the names and place of business of those registered after 31 March 2020 and the quantities delivered thereto individually and (b) if any inquiry has been initiated into the complaints of shortages thereof on the market and excessive prices charged during the lockdown?

B/62 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(Mr Yeung Sik Yuen)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the tourism sector, he will state if, amid the Covid-19 pandemic, consideration will be given for (a) a waiver of the annual fees payable on the renewal of the Tourist Enterprise Licences, Tourist Accommodation Licences and Pleasure Craft Licences for a period of at least one year, as from now and (b) the setting up of support schemes to ensure the survival thereof?

B/63 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 Wage Assistance Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the number of applications received thereunder, indicating the number of (a) applications approved and in respect of which funds have been disbursed and (b) complaints received in respect of rejected applications?

- B/64 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 students who possess neither a television set nor a digital tablet and internet access facilities, she will state the measures taken by her Ministry to ensure that the said students are not penalized inasmuch as they are unable to benefit from the courses currently broadcast on the channels of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation during the lockdown?**
- B/65 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare –*
- Whether, in regard to ill-treatment of children and domestic violence, she will state the number of known cases thereof perpetrated during the lockdown, indicating how same are being dealt with by her Ministry?**
- B/66 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Ittoo**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives –*
- Whether, in regard to face masks and personal protective equipment, he will state if consideration will be given for the setting up by his Ministry of a scheme to assist local manufacturing companies and small and medium enterprises to produce same for domestic use and export amid the Covid-19 pandemic?**
- B/67 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 Wage Assistance Scheme, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the number of enterprises having benefitted thereunder as at to date, indicating the quantum of funds disbursed and (b) state if consideration will be given for an extension of the application thereof to the vulnerable sectors pending the application of economic measures for financial year 2020-2021?**

B/68 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 Self Employed Assistance Scheme, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the number of self-employed (i) having benefitted thereunder and (ii) whose applications have been rejected and (b) state if consideration will be given for an extension of the application thereof to self-employed persons of the tourism, aviation and other vulnerable sectors?

B/69 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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

Whether, in regard to the schools and nurseries benefitting from assistance under the Wage Assistance Scheme for the months of March and April 2020, he will state if the said schools and nurseries are entitled to charge school fees for the said months and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given for the granting of financial assistance to families whose income levels have been affected amid the Covid-19 lockdown?

B/70 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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

Whether, in regard to air pollution, he will state if the level thereof in Mauritius during the curfew period has been assessed and, if so, indicate (a) same and (b) how it compares with the level thereof over the same period in 2019?

B/71 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Woochit**)

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

Whether, in regard to the building and land use permits, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal and District Councils, information as to the (a) measures taken to allow online payment in respect of new applications therefor and (b) where matters stand regarding the pending applications submitted prior to the implementation of the Curfew Order?

B/72 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the scavengers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal and District Councils, information as to if they are (a) being Covid-19 tested and (b) issued with appropriate personal protective equipment and, if so, indicate (i) when same were issued thereto and (ii) the type thereof?

B/73 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Woochit)

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

Whether, in regard to potatoes, onions and garlic, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Agricultural Marketing Board (a) information as to if the supply thereof by the Board has been decreased since 01 March 2020 to date and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor (b) a list of buyers thereof since 01 March 2020 to date, indicating the quantities thereof delivered and (c) if there has been an increase in the prices thereof?

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MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Not Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 05 May 2020****Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity**

A/1 The Honourable 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 cocaine, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, for each of the years 2015 to 2019, information as to the (a) amount thereof seized and (b) number of persons (i) arrested and (ii) prosecuted in connection with offences relating thereto?

A/2 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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 incident that occurred at the *Swami Malei Tirrukovil, in Vallee Pitot*, during the early hours of Thursday 23 April 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry carried out thereinto, indicating if the four cameras of the Safe City CCTV Surveillance System have recordings thereof?

A/3 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to the VIP lounges at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will table the list of persons who were, upon arrival from foreign countries, granted access thereto by his Office since 01 to 19 March 2020, indicating (a) the port of embarkation and of transit, if any, in each case and (b) if the said persons have been Covid-19 tested?

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

A/4 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Xavier-Luc Duval**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Homes for the Elderly, he will state the percentage of the residents thereof who have been Covid-19 tested, indicating (a) when and (b) the outcome thereof?

A/5 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Xavier-Luc Duval**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 patients, he will state the number thereof who have been placed under ventilation at the Souillac and ENT Hospitals, respectively, indicating the number thereof who (a) have been cured (b) have passed away and (c) are still under ventilation as at to date?

A/6 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state if his Ministry will consider providing testing therefor to all Mauritian citizens and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

A/7 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(**Mr Lobine**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the ENT Hospital, the market fair and the town centre at Vacoas and immediate perimeter thereof, he will state if consideration will be given for the disinfection thereof as a safety measure against Covid-19?

A/8 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 Self-Employed Assistance Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the (a) number of applications (i) received (ii) processed (iii) approved and funds disbursed thereunder (b) eligibility criteria and verification methods applied and (c) redress contemplated, if any, in respect of those who have not been able to apply online out of lack of digital access?

A/9 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 Self-Employed Assistance Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to if it is applicable in the Rodrigues Island, and, if not, why not?

A/10 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to the widows who contracted religious marriage between 1987 and 1991, she will state where matters stand as to the pending issue of them being entitled to the Widow's Pension?

A/11 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the state of the roads in the region of Rose Hill-Stanley, following pipe laying works carried out by the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the (a) name of the contractor (b) start and completion dates of works carried out and (c) when full re-instatement of the said roads will be effected as per the terms and conditions of the contract?

A/12 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the supply of water in Constituency No. 19, Stanley and Rose Hill, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to (a) when water will be made available 24/7 to the inhabitants of the said constituency (b) number of complaints registered on the hotline in relation thereto and (c) number of water tanks hired to supply water, indicating the expenditure incurred in relation thereto?

A/13 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to horse racing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to if it is in presence of a request from the Mauritius Turf Club to allow the start of the 2020 Season and, if so, indicate the decision taken in relation thereto?

A/14 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

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

Whether, in regard to the hotel project of Clear Ocean Hotel and Resort Ltd. of Pelangi/South Africa, he will state the extent of State land and *Pas Géométriques* leased to the promoter thereof, indicating the (a) date of signature of the lease and (b) rent payable therefor?

A/15 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to motor vehicles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to if consideration will be given for the taking of measures to expedite the registration process thereof, including, by (a) merging the transactions required to be carried out at the Registrar General's Department and the National Land Transport Authority in a single place and (b) providing online registration/payment facilities, indicating if all insurance companies are connected to the platform and, if not, why not?

A/16 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed upgrading of the Canal Anglais by the National Development Unit, he will state where matters stand?

A/17 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Self-Employed Assistance Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the (a) number of applications received thereunder, indicating the number of applications approved and in respect of which a financial support of Rs 5100/application has been disbursed over the period 16 March to 15 April 2020 and (b) redress available to (i) *bona fide* applicants who had made online application but have not benefitted thereunder and (ii) those who could not register due to lack of digital access?

A/18 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the artists and individuals involved in artistic and cultural activities, he will state if consideration will be given for the implementation of a support scheme to grant financial assistance thereto for loss of earnings due to impossibility of organising concerts, festivals or public cultural events in the forthcoming months amid the Covid-19 pandemic?

A/19 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to medical waste, he will state how the millions of masks and gloves used by the general public will be collected and disposed of?

A/20 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the artists registered with the Mauritius Society of Authors, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the MASA, information as to the number thereof who have benefitted from financial assistance during the Covid-19 lockdown as at to date, indicating the quantum thereof disbursed?

A/21 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 the registered professional fishers, he will state the number thereof who have benefitted from financial assistance during the Covid-19 lockdown as at to date, indicating the quantum thereof disbursed?

A/22 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Ms Foo Kune**)

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

Whether, in regard to domestic violence, she will state the number of reported cases thereof since the implementation of the Curfew Order, indicating the (a) number of reported cases thereof during the same period last year (b) number of reported cases requiring Police interventions and (c) measures taken in respect of each reported case?

A/23 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Ms Foo Kune**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the influenza vaccination campaign, he will state the number of vulnerable citizens eligible thereunder according to the Social Security Register district-wise and been vaccinated as at to date, indicating the number thereof who are (a) aged 60 years and above (b) disabled children and (c) residents of charitable institutions?

A/24 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, he will (a) give a breakdown of the purchase orders effected for test kits, including the date, the number ordered and country of origin thereof and (b) state the number of persons tested therefor as at to date?

A/25 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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

Whether, in regard to the workers, he will state the number thereof whose employment have been terminated during the curfew period?

A/26 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Project, he will state if Phase II thereof will be implemented as per the original plans in the light of the difficult economic forecasts in respect of the forthcoming months made by various national and international institutions such as the International Monetary Fund amongst others?

A/27 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to food security amid the Covid-19 pandemic, he will state if consideration will be given for the introduction of legislation to make it mandatory for big agricultural land owners whose land are currently unused to put same under cultivation to achieve maximum food security?

A/28 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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

Whether, in regard to the provision of daily meals to pupils attending the *Zone d'Education Prioritaire* schools, she will state if consideration will be given for the granting of the budgetary allocation thereof to the pupils on a weekly basis during the closure of the schools?

A/29 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to horse racing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to if it has approved the request of the Mauritius Turf Club to allowing same “à huis clos” and, if so, indicate the terms and conditions attached thereto?

A/30 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to public transport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority and the Metro Express Ltd., information as to if they have issued contracts for the sanitization and disinfection of public buses and Light Rail Vehicles, as recommended by the World Health Organisation and, if so, indicate (a) if bids were launched prior to the award of the contracts (b) the terms and conditions of the contracts and (c) contract values thereof?

A/31 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 proposed construction of a new laboratory by his Ministry in Ebene, he will state where matters stand and when same is scheduled to become fully operational?

A/32 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

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

Whether, in regard to the Motor Vehicle Licence Online Payment System, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to (a) the number of online payments effected since the implementation thereof to date and (b) if all insurance companies are connected thereto?

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