

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 09 May 2023

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

B/394 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 of Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to gang fighting among inmates in the prisons, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to the measures envisaged to avert the recurrence thereof?

B/395 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mrs Mayotte)

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

Whether, in regard to riots, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof registered over the period 2005 to 2009, indicating in each case the (a) localities where same occurred and (b) outcome of the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/396 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 of Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the allegedly fake driving licences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the number of cases thereof detected over the past three years, indicating the (i) number of arrests effected in connection therewith and (ii) control measures implemented and (b) if the actual driving licences will be revamped and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/397 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 of Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the MV Wakashio, he will state if the Court of Investigation set up to inquire into the grounding thereof off the coast of Pointe d’Esny has submitted its report to the Inter-Ministerial Committee chaired by his goodself and, if so, when?

B/398 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

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

Whether, in regard to sexual assaults on women, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof over the past five years, indicating the number thereof (a) prosecuted and (b) in which convictions have been secured?

B/399 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the region of La Butte, Port-Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the safety and security measures being envisaged for the residents following the recent murder of a trader thereat?

B/400 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to the payment of television licence fee, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation for the financial year ending 2022, information as to the number charged therefor in respect of (a) households and (b) corporate bodies, indicating in each case the number of television set being charged therefor?

B/401 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 of Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether he will state if he has been made aware of the public denunciation about drug peddlers in the region of Vallée Pitôt made by Imam Z. I. during his sermon on the occasion of the Eid-UI-Fitr on Saturday 22 April 2023 at the Sunnee Surtee Football pitch, and if so, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof and, if not, why not?

B/402 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 of Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to Bangladeshis workers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Office of the Electoral Commissioner, information as to the (a) number thereof registered to vote in each of the constituency in the Republic of Mauritius for the National Assembly Elections of 2019 and (b) registered number thereof for each constituency at the last Electoral registration exercise?

B/403 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Dhunoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to official overseas missions undertaken by Dr N. R., GCSK, FRCP, former Prime Minister, since 2005 to 2014, he will state the number thereof, indicating in each case the (a) countries visited (b) composition of the delegation and (c) costs incurred, giving details thereof?

B/404 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the 20 tons or more of copper ingots seized on a scrap yard at La Tour Koenig on Monday 10 April 2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the name of the company allegedly involved therein and (b) if the sources thereof have been identified?

B/405 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 of Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the proposed use of the Kreol language in the National Assembly, he will state where matters stand?

B/406 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

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

Whether, in regard to electoral petitions entered before the Supreme Court since 2020 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Electoral Supervisory Commission, information as to the amount of fees paid to Counsel in relation thereto?

B/407 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 Report of the Court of Investigation set up to look into the grounding of the MV Wakashio, he will (a) state (i) the findings of the Inter-Ministerial Committee set up to examine the recommendations contained therein and (ii) where matters stand as to the implementation of the recommendations contained therein and (b) table copy thereof and, if not, why not?

B/408 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 of Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the MV Hecate vessel which entered the territorial waters of Mauritius in 2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the date of the occurrence thereof giving details of communication, if any, exchanged between the captain of the said vessel, the National Coast Guard and the Mauritius Ports Authority, respectively and (b) if any investigation was carried out thereinto, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/409 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Mr Nuckcheddy)

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

Whether, in regard to the two Mauritians arrested by the Réunion Police in St Rose on 24 April 2023 following the grounding of a speed boat at Anse Cascade, in Réunion Island, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) the identity thereof (b) the charges levelled against them (c) if an inquiry has been initiated by the Mauritian authorities to ascertain the ownership of the speed boat, indicating the findings thereof and (d) if any request for mutual assistance by the Reunion authorities has been made to the Mauritian authorities thereon?

B/410 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to official overseas missions undertaken by the Director General and officers of the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation since 2019 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, information as the number thereof, indicating in each case the (a) cost incurred in terms of air tickets, per diem and allowances and (b) outcome thereof?

B/411 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 of Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the inquiry into the death of late Mr S. K., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand, indicating if the case has been referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions for further action and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/412 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 of Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity

Whether, in regard to the death of late Mr S. K., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if the Police inquiry carried out thereinto has been completed and, if so, indicate if the case has now been referred to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions?

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/413 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of the 8,000 social housing units by the New Social Living Development Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if an advance payment to the tune of 25 percent to the 14 selected contractors is being envisaged and, if so, the terms and conditions thereof?

B/414 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 virus, he will state the number of (a) patients admitted to the ENT Hospital since March 2023 to date and (b) positive cases, associated with the new Omicron Sub variant known as Arcturus, recorded in Mauritius?

B/415 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the contract for cleaning services in public hospitals and health institutions, he will state the amount allocated therefor for financial years 2021 to 2023, indicating if value for money was obtained therefor and, if not, actions taken in relation thereto?

B/416 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the payment of overtime in his Ministry, he will state the amount due for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date, if any, giving a breakdown for each Department grade-wise?

B/417 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(**Dr Gungapersad**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the supply of drinking water by water tanker trucks in Constituency No. 6, Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the frequency thereof servicing the different villages since January 2023 to date?

B/418 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 promotor PR Capital (Mauritius) Ltd., for the Roches Noires Smart City Project, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Economic Development Board, information as to (i) if a due diligence exercise was carried out thereon and (ii) the expertise thereof and (b) state if he has been made aware of the financial difficulties of two of its shareholders in other companies/projects in France?

B/419 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(**Ms Anquetil**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Notre Dame Relay Shelter, she will state since when Baby C. P. is admitted thereat, indicating if the admission protocol has been respected and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/420 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(**Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha**)

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

Whether, in regard to street children, she will state the (a) current estimated number thereof, indicating the number (i) of boys and girls (ii) out of school and (iii) using drugs (b) number of staff members of her Ministry attending thereto and (c) measures envisaged to address this situation?

B/421 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Dhunoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius jurisdiction exiting the FATF Grey list, he will state the actions being taken to sustain the level of compliance with regard to Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing matters?

B/422 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 Report of the Fact Finding Committee pertaining to the death of eleven patients who were undergoing dialysis during the COVID-19 outbreak, in March and April 2021, in Souillac Hospital, he will state if the conclusion thereof will be made public and, if not, why not?

B/423 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 report published by Hindenburg Research in January 2023 on the alleged use of Mauritius based entities as conduits for money laundering and share price manipulation for the Adani Group, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, information as to if it has conducted an investigation in relation thereto, indicating the actions, if any, taken following same?

B/424 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 renovation and construction works carried out at the Salle des Fêtes of the Municipal Council of Vacoas-Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the date the contract was awarded, indicating the name of the contractor and the total project value thereof?

B/425 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether in regard to state land falling under the purview of his Ministry, he will state if leases for more than 100 arpents have been granted for major agricultural and eco touristic projects since 2019 to date and, if so, provide details thereof?

B/426 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West **(Mrs Navarre-Marie)**

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Mrs M-C. H. of Camp Benoit who passed away on 19 April 2023 at the Cancer Centre, he will state if the (a) first ambulance despatched for the conveyance thereof from her residence was not equipped with oxygen cylinder gas and (b) second ambulance was not adequately equipped with same and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/427 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East **(Mr Abbas Mamode)**

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

Whether, in regard to the fish found dead at sea in Grand Gaube on Saturday 15 April 2023, he will state if any report in relation thereto has been submitted to his Ministry and, if so, give details thereof?

B/428 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 construction of the Immigration Square Urban Terminal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand, indicating the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/429 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the stray dogs, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Livestock and Veterinary Division, information as to the number thereof having recently been found poisoned on the Balaclava public beach, indicating if (a) an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, where matters stand and, if not, why not and (b) the Police has been requested to review the footage of the Safe City Cameras thereat and, if not, why not?

B/430 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the municipal tax, he will state the number of households concerned with the exemption of the payment thereof, since the abolition thereof?

B/431 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Mayotte**)

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

Whether, in regard to the 01 May 2023 political gatherings, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to if a request for the use of the premises of the Council by the opposition parties in relation thereto was not acceded to and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/432 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to ration rice, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the (a) quantity of monthly consumption thereof (b) buying and selling price thereof and (c) available stock thereof, indicating if (i) the storage thereof meets the required standards and (ii) same are good for consumption?

B/433 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 Terragen Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the (a) terms and conditions of the new Power Purchase Agreement for the restart of the operations thereof (b) legal cost paid since the ceasing of operation thereof last year and (c) total cost of energy paid to the remaining three Independent Power Producers to cater for the shortfall thereof being offline indicating the differential cost had it been online for the same period?

B/434 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 Trade Fair organized by his Ministry in December 2022 at the Swami Vivekananda International Convention Centre, in Pailles, he will state the outcome thereof?

B/435 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 the price structure of Mogas and Gasoil, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation the amount of (a) Value Added Tax and Excise Duty transferred to the consolidated fund (b) funds transferred to the Price Stabilisation Account and (c) other contributions charged on the consumers since 01 July 2022 to date?

B/436 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(Mr Nuckcheddy)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the New Flacq Teaching Hospital, he will state where matters stand as to the procurement of equipment and furniture and of a CT-Scan therefor?

B/437 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Wochit**)

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

Whether, in regard to inflation, he will state the current rate thereof, indicating if same has been undergoing an upward trend over the last few years and, if so, give details thereof and the reasons therefor?

B/438 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the transfer of State land allocated to Cultural Centres from Moka to La Vigie, he will state the reasons therefor?

B/439 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the alleged cases of medical negligence in Rodrigues, he will state (a) the number thereof inquired into during the last visit of the Medical Negligence Standing Committee thereat, indicating the outcome thereof (b) if the Committee has had meetings with the complainants thereof and (c) the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/440 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to household properties, he will state if consideration will be given for additional support schemes to be put in place for the acquisition thereof by first time buyers in view of the high prices thereof and rising interest rates on housing loans?

B/441 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Pailles-Guibies Sewerage Project – Phase 2, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Wastewater Management Authority, information as to the (a) price escalation thereof, if any, since the contract was awarded on 31 July 2019 (b) percentage work progress thereof as at date and (c) schedule for completion of the remaining works?

B/442 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to sports activities, he will state the number of deaths that have occurred over the last 4 years during active competition thereof, indicating the actions taken to prevent the recurrence of such fatal incidents?

B/443 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the liquidation of the Mauritius Turf Club Sports and Leisure Company Ltd., he will state (a) the actions, if any, taken by his Ministry to protect the rights of the workers employed thereat, indicating (i) the number thereof (ii) if their contracts have already been terminated and, if so, further indicating the conditions attached thereto and (b) if his Ministry has had any meeting with the workers’ representatives and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/444 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 teaching staff in private and state secondary schools, respectively, she will state, subject-wise, the number of (a) vacancies thereof and (b) supply teachers thereof recruited, in each case to date?

B/445 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 extension of the Metro Express line to Côte D'or, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Metro Express Ltd., information as to if a feasibility study has been conducted thereinto and, if so, table copy thereof and, if not, why not?

B/446 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Mayotte**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the public hospitals, he will state the number of (a) patients presently being treated for Cardio-vascular diseases and (b) heart surgeries carried out thereat over the past five years?

B/447 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Non-Governmental Organisation kolektif Riviere NWAR (KRN), she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Social Inclusion Foundation, information as to (a) if the said NGO is registered therewith and, if so, indicate the assistance granted thereto since 2016 to date (b) composition of the board thereof and (c) the main sponsors thereof?

B/448 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 alleged leakage of Primary School Achievement Certificate Examination in 2022, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to where matters stand as to the internal enquiry set up to look into the circumstances thereof giving details of the findings and outcome thereof?

B/449 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 construction and rehabilitation of drains along the road at Solferino No. 3 in Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas-Phoenix, information as to the date the contract was awarded, indicating the name of the contractor and the total project value thereof?

B/450 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of a community center and a synthetic football ground at the Integrated Village of La Valette in Bambous, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand?

B/451 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 sale of the non-strategic assets of the National Insurance Company and the Maubank, he will state where matters stand?

B/452 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 Ms N. B. who passed away on 10 April 2023 at the Victoria Hospital, he will state (a) if she was bitten by a rat in the hospital ward prior to her death and, if so, indicate (i) the treatment given to her (ii) if the rat bite caused or accelerated her death (b) when was the last pest control exercise carried out at the said hospital and (c) the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) score of the said hospital?

B/453 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mrs Foo Kune-Bacha)

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

Whether, in regard to the phenomenon of child/revenge pornography, she will state the findings of the Technical Committee set up for the study thereof, indicating the Action Plan set up, if any, to prevent the recurrence thereof?

B/454 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill
(Mr Nagalingum)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Rivière des Anguilles Dam, he will state if the contract for the construction thereof has been awarded and, if not, why not?

B/455 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 Central Electricity Board staff pension fund and the Central Electricity Board manual workers pension fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the respective quantum of deficit thereof as at 31 December 2022, if any?

B/456 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

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

Whether, in regard to the monkeys recently found at Jin Fei, he will state (a) the number thereof (b) the present location thereof (c) the outcome of any inquiry carried out in relation thereto by the authorities falling under the aegis of his Ministry and (d) the action envisaged, if any, in relation thereto?

- B/457 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –*
- Whether, in regard to major clinical incident in public hospitals, he will state the mechanisms put in place for the reporting thereof?**
- B/458 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Mr Nuckcheddy**)
- To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the “Prime à L’Emploi” Scheme, he will state the number of young persons and women, respectively, having benefitted thereunder since the implementation thereof?**
- B/459 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 the chemical fertilizers commonly used in the agricultural sector, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the comparative selling price thereof for the year 2019 and the current year (b) if an impact assessment has been made on the price thereof for the next two years and (c) the measures envisaged to (i) reduce the dependency thereof and (ii) promote the usage of natural fertilizers?**
- B/460 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dhunoo**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation –*
- Whether, in regard to the promotion of the Information Technology culture in the Republic of Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Computer Board, information as to the incentives taken in relation thereto?**

B/461 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to Hajj 2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Islamic Cultural Centre, information as to the (a) price fixed therefor (b) lists of accompanying officials for both the Pre-Hajj and the next Hajj Missions and (c) criteria, if any, required from the organizers for hotel accommodation for the pilgrims thereof?

B/462 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Head of the Occupational Health Unit of his Ministry, he will state if he has received any complaint in relation thereto and, if so, the actions, if any, taken in relation thereto?

B/463 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 COVID-19 Solidarity Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) present balance thereof, indicating the sources of revenue apart from the levy on Mogas and Gas Oil and (b) list of projects funded therefrom since July 2022 to date?

B/464 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 COVID-19 virus, he will state the number of reported cases thereof for the last three months indicating (a) the new variants detected, if any and (b) the efficacy of the vaccination programme to combat same?

B/465 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the National Action Plan for Tobacco Control 2022-2026, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/466 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal (**Ms Anquetil**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cap Malheureux Relay Shelter, also known as L'Oiseau du Paradis, she will state, if any monitoring and evaluation report has been submitted by the National Children Council in relation thereto during the last six months and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/467 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Co-operative College, he will state, since the establishment thereof to date the number of (a) courses held and (b) persons trained thereat, indicating if certificates or diplomas have been delivered thereto?

B/468 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 National Handball Team preparing for the Indian Ocean Games, to be held in Madagascar in August 2023, he will state (a) the composition of the pre-selection thereof (b) names of national coaches indicating the date of nomination thereof (c) if arrangements have been made for overseas training and, if so, give details thereof and (d) the actions taken following numerous criticisms made by players within the pre-selection?

B/469 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 closure of the road at Macondé, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to the (a) nature of the works to be undertaken thereat, indicating the (i) estimated cost thereof (ii) expected duration thereof and (b) measures taken to ensure the safe transit of the inhabitants thereat?

B/470 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the Champ de Mars, he will state if consideration will be given for the declaration thereof as a National Heritage Site and, if not, why not?

B/471 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 One-off Grant of Rs 50,000 Scheme to support 125 private pre-primary schools in disadvantaged regions, as announced in the Budget Speech 2022-2023, she will state the number of schools having benefitted thereunder?

B/472 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 eleven dialysis patients who passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2021, he will state if the report of the Fact-Finding Committee has revealed any cases of medical negligence in relation thereto, indicating if the Medical Council is inquiring thereinto and, if so, since when?

B/473 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund Board, he will state (a) the current composition thereof, indicating in each case (i) the date of appointment of the Chairperson and Members thereof (ii) the fees and allowances payable thereto and (iii) other benefits drawn and (b) if a review of the composition thereof is envisaged?

B/474 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 he will state if he has been made aware of allegations of the sale of outdated products in a pharmacy at Pointe aux Sables and, if so, indicate if he proposes to carry out an inquiry thereinto?

B/475 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 3-year National Flood Management Programme to the tune of Rs 11.7 billion for the construction and upgrading of some 1500 drain projects as announced in the 2021/2022 Budget, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Project Implementation and Monitoring Agency, information as to the Ministries entrusted with the 1500 drain projects indicating the (a) number of Work Orders issued and (b) amount of fund spent to date?

B/476 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

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

Whether, in regard to foreign capital flows from Mauritius to the Indian markets, he will (a) provide figures and statistics thereof for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and (b) state the amount of Assets under Custody (AUC) from Mauritius as at to date?

B/477 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mrs Foo Kune Bacha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Central Health Laboratory, he will state the measures put in place to ensure that the data generated therefrom are accurate in terms of reliability, quality, punctuality, consistency and integrity?

B/478 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard the death of eleven renal dialysis patients at the New Souillac Hospital in 2021, he will state (a) if any enquiry initiated thereinto has revealed (i) that these patients contracted the COVID-19 virus in the New Souillac Hospital which led to their death and (ii) any case of medical negligence in respect thereto (b) the actions, if any, that have been taken against those responsible therefor and (c) the compensation, if any, that has been paid to the families thereof?

B/479 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Wochit)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Investment Corporation, he will state the total amount of funds deposited therein since the creation thereof, indicating the quantum thereof given out to companies and balance standing as at to date?

B/480 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Mr Nuckcheddy)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a footbridge at Queen Victoria, he will state the work progress thereof?

- B/481 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration, Social Security and National Solidarity –*
- Whether, in regard to the beneficiaries of social benefits under the National Empowerment Foundation, in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the reason for the delay in the payment thereof, indicating the corrective measures taken in relation thereto?**
- B/482 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 Health Care Centre at Pointe aux Sables, he will state if same is fully operational and if so, provide details of the services provided thereat indicating (a) the number of staff attached thereto (b) the opening hours thereof and (c) if dental services are being provided thereat and if so, the frequency thereof?**
- B/483 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)
- To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure and Community Development –*
- Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a flyover at Terre Rouge roundabout, he will state (a) the name of the contractor thereof (b) scope and duration of works and (c) cost thereof?**
- B/484 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 cancer patients, he will state if PET scan facilities are available and operational at the New Solferino Hospital for the treatment thereof and, if not, indicate if tenders have been launched for the acquisition thereof and further indicating the (a) name of the selected bidder and (b) cost thereof?**

B/485 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to Artificial Intelligence (AI), he will state Government strategy for the promotion, development and adoption thereof in Mauritius, indicating how his Ministry is ensuring that AI systems are developed and used in an ethical and responsible manner?

B/486 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Housing and Land Use Planning, Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the construction of 83 housing units at Mare D'Albert, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Co. Ltd., information as to (a) the terms and conditions of the initial contract thereof and (b) if there is any litigation with the initial contractor and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/487 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 Victoria Square Urban Terminal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to the (a) number of stalls (i) allocated (ii) returned by the stallholders, indicating the reasons therefor (iii) presently available and (b) amount of fees collected to date in connection therewith?

B/488 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Dhunoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of the Dubreuil-Melrose Link Road, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Moka, information as to where matters stand?

B/489 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 proposed introduction of amendments to the Sports Act, he will state where matters stand, indicating if his Ministry has had scheduled meetings with sports federations in connection therewith and, if so, give details thereof and, if not why not?

B/490 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 external trade, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Economic Development Board, information as to where matters stand as to the measures announced in the Budget 2022/2023 as regard to the implementation of ‘La Route de l’inde’ and ‘La Route de l’Afrique Orientale’ for the promotion of export in these regions?

B/491 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central
(Dr Aumeer)

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

Whether, in regard to State land falling under the purview of his Ministry, he will give the list of the beneficiaries of leases of plots thereof since December 2014 to date, including renewal of leases thereof, indicating if due diligence exercises are carried out prior to the granting of the leases, particularly, regarding the criminal records of the applicants?

B/492 The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or
(Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed introduction of the Disability Bill in the House, she will state where matters stand?

B/493 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to foreign workers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Work Permit Unit of his Ministry, information as to the number of (a) work permits delivered annually since 2014 to date, indicating the (i) country of origin (ii) name of employer and (iii) name of agent (b) valid work permits delivered per country as end of March 2023 and (c) foreign workers declared missing at his Ministry, indicating the actions taken, if any?

B/494 The Honourable Second Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mrs Foo Kune Bacha**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the deaths of the eleven dialysis patients during periods March to May 2021, he will state if the enquiry initiated thereinto has revealed any administrative faults and shortcomings and, if so, indicate the actions, if any, taken in relation thereto?

B/495 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 deceased patient N.B. at Victoria Hospital on 10 April 2023, he will state if (a) she has been victim of rat bites, and if so, indicate what actions have been taken regarding the (i) patient and (ii) rat infestation and (b) an internal inquiry has been initiated thereinto?

B/496 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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 Permit, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Local Authorities, information as to the number of applications thereof rejected for land found in flood prone areas under the Land Drainage Masterplan?

B/497 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Wochit**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of a new market in Terre Rouge, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Pamplemousses information as to where matters stand?

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