

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 16 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/498 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/499 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 for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information, since 2019 to date, as to revenue generated by each of the channel, giving details thereof?

B/500 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Doolub)

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 coffers seized at the Residence of Dr N. R., GCSK, FRCP, former Prime Minister, in 2015, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the items of illegal nature other than bank note, if any, secured therefrom and, if so, give details thereof?

B/501 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/502 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/503 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/504 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 Director of Audit, he will state the mode of appointment and eligibility criteria considered for the appointment thereof, indicating if same were reviewed for the appointment of the former and incumbent to the post thereof and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/505 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to the registered electors for Constituency No. 21, Rodrigues, living in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Office of the Electoral Commissioner, information as to if they are eligible to exercise their voting rights in the National Assembly Elections for that Constituency and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Elections, respectively and, if not, indicate if consideration will be given for amendments to be brought to the Representation of People’s Act in relation thereto?

B/506 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/507 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the fire outbreak at the Police Headquarters, Line Barracks in Port Louis, on Monday 04 July 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) if the causes thereof have been established and, if not, why not and (b) when restoration works thereat will start, indicating the estimated cost thereof?

B/508 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/509 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 Register of Electors for the 21 constituencies of the Republic of Mauritius for the National Assembly Elections, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Office of the Electoral Commissioner, information, between 2021 and 2022, as to the total number of (a) deletions and additions effected thereto, respectively and (b) discrepancies detected thereto, if any?

B/510 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to our Exclusive Economic Zone, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Coast Guard, information as to the number of patrol ships available for the surveillance thereof, indicating if they are adequately equipped therefor?

B/511 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 Judgment delivered by the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea on 28 April 2023, establishing a binding international maritime boundary between Mauritius and Maldives in the region of the Chagos Archipelago, he will state the actions Government proposes to initiate as a result thereof?

B/512 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 for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information, for the period 2019 to date, as to the financial situation thereof, giving details as to the amount of (a) revenue collected (b) expenditure incurred and (c) debt thereof?

B/513 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Doolub)

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 commercial area at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport leased to Airway Coffee Ltd., by the Airport Terminal Operations Ltd., in 2013, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airports of Mauritius Ltd., information as to the (a) duration thereof (b) surface area and sites leased and (c) rent payable per square meter therefor?

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/514 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to the cost of living, he will state if consideration will be given for the introduction of a package therefor in the forthcoming budget to alleviate the hardship of the population?

B/515 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to the forthcoming Eid-UI-Adha festival, he will state if the price of cattle for Qurbani has been fixed and, if so, indicate the price thereof?

B/516 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 primary school pupils and students of the Extended Programme having health issues, she will state the number thereof, since January 2019 to date, being taken care of by the health authorities in each case, indicating the names of the schools and colleges concerned therewith?

B/517 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the roads in Vallée Pitot /Eugene laurent street and its surroundings in Constituency No. 2, he will, for the benefit of the House obtain, obtain information as to (a) when the resurfacing thereof were last carried out and (b) if consideration will be given for the resurfacing thereof and, if so, when?

B/518 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/519 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mrs Mayotte**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Gender Policy 2022-2030, she will state the recommendations contained therein and the implementation plan thereof?

B/520 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/521 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 housing for families on the Social Register of Mauritius, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Empowerment Foundation, information as to the total number of housing projects initiated for financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23 to date, indicating the number of houses (a) delivered accordingly, indicating their respective costs and regions and (b) under construction, indicating the (i) starting date and (ii) respective costs and regions thereof?

B/522 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 water supply in the regions of Camp Fouquereaux, Solferino, Highlands, and Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to (a) the reasons for the erratic distribution thereof, indicating the measures envisaged to remedy same and (b) expected timeframe for the provision thereof on a 24/7 basis thereat?

B/523 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 the completion of the remaining works?

B/524 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/525 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/526 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floreal
(**Ms Anquetil**)

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 metro line along Swami Sivananda Avenue from Floréal to Vacoas, he will state if consideration will be given for the installation of barriers thereat for the safety and security of the public with a view to preventing them from crossing the railway track thereof?

B/527 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of the Community Health Centre at St-Francois Xavier in Port Louis, he will state where matters stand?

B/528 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 Supplementary School Feeding Programme in Zone D'Education Prioritaire (ZEP) Schools, she will state the names of the suppliers therefor, indicating the terms and conditions of their respective contract?

B/529 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Media Employees (Remuneration) Regulations 2023, he will state if his Ministry is in presence of representations from journalists, if any, for the non-compliance thereof and, if so, indicate, the actions taken in relation thereto?

B/530 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Woochit**)

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/531 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Bodha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Post Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the financial situation thereof since 2019 to date, giving details as to the debt, thereof, if any?

B/532 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 14 contractors selected for the construction project of the 8,000 social housing units around the island by the New Social Living Development Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to if consideration will be given for a due diligence exercise to be carried thereon in relation to the submission of their financial statements in compliance with their financial obligations with the Registrar of Companies, prior to effecting any advance payment to the tune of 25 percent thereto and, if not, why not?

B/533 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/534 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(**Mr Doolub**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Subramaniam Bharati Moka Eye Hospital, he will state if the Laser photocoagular machines found thereat have been put to their optimum use during the past two years and, if not, why not?

B/535 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of stray dogs caught since January 2021 to date, indicating the number thereof (a) adopted and (b) euthanized?

B/536 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 proposed implementation of a Smart City Project at Pailles, on the premises of the former Domaine Les Pailles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Investment Corporation Ltd., information as to where matters stand?

B/537 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(**Dr Gungapersad**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a football ground in Roche Terre as announced in the Budget Speech 2022-2023, he will state where matters stand?

B/538 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to the official overseas missions undertaken by the the Lord Mayor and the Chief Executive of the Municipal City Council of Port-Louis since January 2021 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom a list thereof, indicating in each case the total cost thereof giving details as to the *per diem* and other costs incurred?

B/539 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 CEB (Green Energy) Co. Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the present composition of the board thereof, indicating the monthly remuneration payable to members of the board thereof?

B/540 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 proposed construction of a football ground at Labrasserie in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to where matters stand?

B/541 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/542 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/543 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/544 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Dr Boolell)

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

Whether, in regard to 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 if the Commission is in presence of a Report of an inquiry conducted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India thereon and, if so, give details thereof?

B/545 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 forthcoming Kreol Morisien Cambridge School Certificate Examination, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examination Syndicate, information as if school Rectors have been apprised of the procedure for the registration of candidates therefor?

B/546 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 Conservatoire National de Musique François-Mitterrand, he will state where matters stand as to the repair works to be effected thereto following damages caused by a fire outbreak thereat in October 2017?

B/547 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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

Whether he will state if consideration will be given for the designation of the area earmarked for a Smart City project at Roches Noires as a National Park/Special Natural Reserve in view of Mauritius being signatory to the Conventions for the protection of biodiversity, wildlife, flora and fauna and wetlands and if not, why not?

B/548 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/549 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Dr C. G., Senior Advisor attached to his Ministry, he will state if (a) the contract thereof is still being renewed on an annual basis, indicating the field of expertise in respect of which the services thereof have been retained and (b) he is in presence of any adverse report thereon?

B/550 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/551 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Woochit**)

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/552 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Bodha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the foreign workers, he will state the number thereof who have been in the country for more than ten years, indicating the (a) sectors concerned and (b) number thereof whose permits have not been renewed and are still in the country?

B/553 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 the Agricultural Land Mechanisation Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of applications received for the mechanisation of land belonging to the small planters since January 2022 to date, indicating the number of (a) applications approved and (b) land already mechanised?

B/554 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil
(**Mr Nuckcheddy**)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 9, Flacq and Bon Accueil, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Flacq, information as to the number of drain works carried out thereat since 2014 to 2019 and 2020 to date?

B/555 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/556 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Public Sector Debt, he will state the (a) current quantum thereof, indicating the quantum thereof (i) denominated in Mauritian rupees and foreign currencies, respectively (ii) as a ratio of the Gross Domestic Product and (b) measures that will be taken for the reduction thereof?

B/557 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the construction of the Community Health Centre at Roche Bois, he will state where matters stand?

B/558 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/559 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Wochit**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the last recruitment exercise for the post of handyman at the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to if same has been completed, indicating the number of posts filled constituency wise?

B/560 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to cellular phones, he will state if consideration will be given for awareness campaigns to be conducted with a view to sensitising the population on the negative health impact resulting from the excessive use thereof having a causal link to hypertension?

B/561 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Dr Gungapersad**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Health Sector Strategic Plan 2020-2024, he will state the activities undertaken by his Ministry for the promotion of healthy behaviour amongst school children and adolescents as at date?

B/562 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/563 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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 region of Pointe aux Sables, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to if consideration will be being given for the introduction of a new bus route linking Pointe aux Sables to Rose Hill and, if not, why not?

B/564 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 patients suffering from autism, he will state the reported number thereof as at to date?

B/565 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 of the equipment?

B/566 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to the New Social Living Development Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom a breakdown of the total expenditure incurred since the start of the operation thereof to date?

B/567 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/568 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

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 Taxi Operators Welfare Fund, he will state (a) the date of its coming into operation and (b) the composition of the board thereof indicating the name of the Chairperson, further indicating the salary and other benefits drawn?

B/569 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/570 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 film shooting with whales in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Film Development Corporation Ltd., information as to (a) the number of authorization granted therefor for the years 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date, indicating the (i) names of the companies/organizations and (ii) actions taken to ensure the compliance of the conditions attached thereto and (b) if any non-compliance of the conditions thereof has been reported and, if so, the actions taken in relation thereto?

B/571 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, if any monitoring and evaluation report has been submitted by the National Children Council to her Ministry in respect thereof during the last six months and, if so, give the details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/572 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/573 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 supply teachers in secondary schools, she will state the number thereof (a) enlisted prior to December 2022 and (b) no longer eligible for the post thereof, subject wise, following the promulgation of the Education (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2022?

B/574 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 kick-boxer W.R., he will state if the High Level Sports Unit of his Ministry has proceeded to a decrease in the sum allocated as scholarship thereto, resulting in the non-participation thereof in the World Cup in Turkey and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/575 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

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

Whether, in regard to several bags containing dogs' skins and bones having been recently found in Soreze, Pailles, he will state if an enquiry has been initiated thereinto, indicating where matters stand?

B/576 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 around the island by the New Social Living Development Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to if the 14 contractors selected therefor have already submitted their bank guarantee and insurance cover prior to effecting any advance payment to the tune of 25 percent therefor?

B/577 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/578 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 milk powder, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the quantity thereof (a) imported since 2022 to date, indicating the (i) cost thereof and (ii) selling price of the current stock thereof and (b) sold to La Trobe Co. Ltd., indicating the price thereof?

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