

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 27 June 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/806 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 arrest of Mr A. B. and two of his relatives at his residence on Tuesday 20 June 2023 in relation to an alleged drug offence, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/807 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 Mr P. P., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd., information as to the date and his designation when he first joined the Corporation, indicating the salary and other benefits (a) initially drawn and (b) at the time of his resignation?

B/808 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 for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the arrest of Mr A. B. on Tuesday 20 June 2023 in connection with a parcel allegedly containing drugs, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/809 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 for 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, he will state the actions Government proposes to initiate as a result thereof?

B/810 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port
Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to Agalega Island, he will state (a) when the jetty and runway will be operational and (b) if consideration will be now be given for a visit consisting of Members of the National Assembly for Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East to be organized thereat and, if so, when?

B/811 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 the bidding exercise launched in September 2021 for the supply, testing and commissioning of reach stackers at the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the name of the selected bidder, indicating the (a) contract value and (b) expected date for the commissioning thereof?

B/812 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) when the list of the last promotion exercise which took effect on 01 June 2022 will be published in the routine orders and, if not, why not (b) the number of the promoted officers attached to the VIPSU and (c) the number of Police Officers awaiting promotion this year, if any?

B/813 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 complaints against Police Officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of cases thereof, since December 2019 to date (a) lodged with the Independent Police Complaints Commission and (b) reported directly to his office, indicating the nature thereof and the actions taken in relation thereto?

B/814 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 outgoing Managing Director of the Cargo Handling Corporation Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the date of his appointment, indicating the terms and conditions thereof?

B/815 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 alleged case of Involuntary Homicide by Negligence against the Deputy Port Master following the casualty at sea of the Sir Gaëtan tug, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the enquiry initiated thereinto?

B/816 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 for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the arrest of Mr A. B. on 19 August 2022, he will, for the benefit of House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/817 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 following the striking out of the provisional charge of public official using his office for gratification against Mr B. N. in the case of the purchase of Molnupiravir for the COVID-19 pandemic, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police and the Independent Commission against Corruption, information as to if the inquiry initiated thereinto is still ongoing and, if so, where matters stand?

B/818 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Ittoo)

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 arrests of J. B. L. and J. L. R. L. on Friday 04 November 2022 in an alleged case of possession of cannabis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/819 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 alleged case of threat on M. B. on Wednesday 15 March 2023 during the private radio programme entitled Radar Lepep, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof?

B/820 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 the Report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission on the review of the boundaries of the constituencies, he will state if he proposes to present a motion in the National Assembly for the approval or rejection of the recommendations contained therein and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/821 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 for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the inquiry initiated into the presence of Honourable M. E. J. in a restricted zone in the port area on or about 05 January 2021, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

B/822 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

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

Whether, in regard to fatal road accidents, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information for the period January 2023 to date, as to the number thereof, indicating the trend thereof as compared to last year and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/823 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Wochit**)

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 recruitment of Prison Officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to where matters stand?

B/824 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 inquiry initiated into the alleged sabotage of the racing track of the Champ de Mars on the eve of the Maiden Cup Day last year, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

B/825 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 Artificial Intelligence (AI) Industry, he will state if Government proposes to regulate same with a view to (a) avoiding risks of disinformation and possible threats to national security and (b) ensuring the ethical and responsible use of AI by civil servants through the Chat GPT?

B/826 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 Air Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the amount of money received from the recent sale of its old aircrafts, indicating the cost incurred for the refurbishment prior to the sale thereof and (b) the source of funds for the acquisition of new aircrafts?

B/827 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

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

Whether, in regard to the findings of the 2023 Trafficking in Persons Report on Mauritius published by the U.S Department of State, he will state the measures being envisaged, if any, in relation thereto and, if so, give details thereof?

B/828 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 the order for the acquisition of three additional Airbus A350-900 aircraft at the Paris Air Show 2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to the (a) contract value and (b) expected delivery date thereof?

B/829 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, following the merger of Airports of Mauritius Ltd., and Airport Terminal Operations Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if a Chief Executive Officer of the new entity has been appointed and, if so, indicate the (a) name thereof and (b) terms and conditions of contract of employment thereof?

B/830 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 inquiry initiated into the statement made by Mrs S. K. against Mr Y.S., for the alleged fictitious employment of the former as Constituency Clerk of the latter, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand, indicating when Mr Y.S. was last interviewed by the Police?

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/831 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

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

Whether, in regard to the supply of petroleum products following the recent procurement exercise effected by the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation information as to the (a) name of the successful bidder (b) contract value thereof and (c) number of bidders therefor?

B/832 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 monetary policy, he will state if consideration will be given for the revisiting thereof in view of the decreasing trend in the price of petroleum products and the increasing rate of inflation and the depreciating rupee impacting on our imports?

B/833 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 Professor S. C., he will state if his services are still being hired by his Ministry and, if so, give details of the contract thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor?

B/834 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

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

Whether, in regard to the Vacoas Multipurpose Municipal Complex opposite the vegetable market, currently housing the Civil Status Office, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Vacoas and Phoenix Municipal Council, information as the (a) list of tenants who are in arrears of their rental fees with the Council to date, indicating in each case the amount thereof and (b) measures being envisaged to recoup these debts?

B/835 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 Native Terrestrial Biodiversity and National Parks Advisory Council, he will state the (a) composition thereof, indicating the (i) number of meetings held since the establishment thereof to date and (ii) respective dates thereof and (b) recommendations, if any, made by the Council to the Minister?

B/836 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 self-employed individuals, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the number thereof who are (a) registered in the taxpayers' register and (b) in receipt of benefits under the Social Contribution and Social Benefits Act?

B/837 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 the coming into operation of the National Wholesale Market, he will state where matters stand?

B/838 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 Saya de Malha Bank, he will state if a fish stock assessment has been carried out thereat to identify small pelagic species for local consumption and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/839 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 dengue fever, he will state the number of cases thereof recorded in Mauritius and Rodrigues since 19 June 2023 to date, indicating the preventive measures being taken in relation thereto?

B/840 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplémousses and Triolet
(**Mr Wochit**)

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

Whether, in regard to each local Councils, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain and table information as to the sum allocated, in each case, to the (a) welfare department (b) public infrastructure department (c) public health department and (d) finance department?

B/841 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 New Social Living Development Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the company, information as to the number of staff thereof, indicating their respective (a) designations and (b) pay packages?

B/842 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 extension of the Basic Invalidation Pension of Rs 11,000 to individuals suffering from amputation as announced in the Budget Speech 2023-24, she will state the date of the coming into effect thereof, indicating the (a) budget allocated therefor (b) conditions attached thereto, if any and (c) targeted number thereof?

B/843 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 overseas treatment funded by his Ministry, he will state the (a) medical specialties concerned therewith and (b) number of patients who benefitted therefrom since December 2019 to date, indicating the number thereof who passed away (i) during treatment overseas and (ii) within six months of their return to Mauritius?

B/844 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 sewerage infrastructure projects to be implemented in Grand' Baie, as announced in the 2022-2023 Budget Speech, he will state where matters stand?

B/845 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 the suspected cases of illegal gambling on TikTok, he will state (a) the number of reported cases thereof and (b) if his Ministry has contacted the operator thereof for a better regulation of the online platform?

B/846 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 (ICC), information as to the (a) number of pilgrims who travelled to Saudi Arabia this year and (b) list of the registration numbers allocated by the ICC to the pilgrims selected therefor?

B/847 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 acquisition of 2,000 handheld VHF radios to be used by artisanal fishers as announced in the Budget Speech 2022-2023, he will state where matters stand?

B/848 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the importation of live cattle from Rodrigues, he will state when the banning thereof will be waived and, if not, why not?

B/849 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 the fresh fruits, flowers and vegetables, he will state the quantity thereof imported since 2021 to date, indicating the value thereof?

B/850 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the recent reported cases of dengue fever in Rodrigues, he will state the (a) measures being undertaken by his Ministry for the monitoring thereof and (b) treatment prescribed therefor?

B/851 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Quarantine (COVID-19 Restrictions) Regulations 2022 (GN 155 of 2022), he will state if consideration will be given for the reviewing thereof to allow the staff of the Air Mauritius Cabin Crew who have not been vaccinated to resume duty?

B/852 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 dengue fever, he will state the (a) number of reported cases thereof from January 2022 to date, indicating the (i) regions with a higher incidence thereof and (ii) actions taken, if any, by his Ministry in relation thereto and (b) preparedness campaign of his Ministry for year 2023?

B/853 The Honourable Second Member for Stanley and Rose Hill (**Mr Nagalingum**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the recent communiqué dated 16 June 2023 on dengue fever cases in Mauritius, he will state the (a) number of cases detected by age groups and (b) if special wards/units have been earmarked therefor in our public hospitals and, if so, the hospitals concerned therewith?

B/854 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands (**Mr Yeung Sik Yuen**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Forum in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to if the renovation of the temporary structure thereof is being envisaged or alternatively the construction of a new building is in the pipeline and, if not, why not?

B/855 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (**Mr Nuckcheddy**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the projects for the laying of pipes in the regions of Bon Accueil, Belvédère and Laventure, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/856 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 Government borrowing requirements, he will state the domestic and foreign debts contracted in terms of securities, loans and line of credits and other borrowings, since 2015 to date, giving a breakdown thereof, indicating the interests and management/service charges being paid therefor?

B/857 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Ittoo**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the setting up of a Geriatric Healthcare Unit as per the recommendation of the Integrated Care for Older People National Action Plan, he will state where matters stand?

B/858 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(**Mrs Mayotte**)

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

Whether, in regard to parcel post, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Post Ltd., information as the measures taken for a better control of illicit products conveyed by post in Mauritius?

B/859 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and
Montagne Longue (**Ms Tour**)

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

Whether, in regard to high level assistance to athletes, he will table a list of the names benefitting therefrom and the quantum thereof?

B/860 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 introduction of the E-Heath in regional public hospitals and other public health care centers, he will state where matters stand, indicating the (a) total cost of the project and the sum disbursed as at date (b) the company implementing same and (c) expected date of introduction thereof?

B/861 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Joanna Bérenger**)

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 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees intercepted and being detained in Diego Garcia, he will state if he has taken cognizance of reported prison-like living conditions thereof, including allegations of rape and suicide attempts as a consequence thereof, indicating the stand taken by the Government of Mauritius in relation thereto, if any?

B/862 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Juman**)

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

Whether, in regard to the grant for the acquisition of semi-industrial fishing vessels by registered cooperatives as announced in the 2022-2023 Budget Speech, he will state the number thereof acquired as at date under this scheme?

B/863 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

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

Whether, in regard to the forthcoming Indian Ocean Island Games, he will state if his Ministry proposes to organize activities with a view to promoting the interest of the youth of the Republic of Mauritius, other than sportsmen, therein and, if so, give details thereof?

B/864 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 introduction of the outdoor education programmes in the secondary school curriculum for grades 10 to 12 students as announced in the 2021-2022 Budget Speech, she will state where matters stand as regards the conversion of the Anse la Raie centre into a Regional Outdoor Education and Recreation Centre?

B/865 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to the M1, M2 & M3 motorways, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if they are fully equipped with street lighting facilities and, if not, the measures envisaged to remedy same?

B/866 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(**Mr Bodha**)

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

Whether, in regard to the ongoing construction of the new road linking La Vigie to La Marie and Beau Songes, he will state if consideration will also be given for the upgrading of the road from La Marie to Petrin towards Ganga Talao?

B/867 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to dengue fever, he will state the number of registered cases thereof in Mauritius and Rodrigues to date, indicating the established protocols put in place therefor?

B/868 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 Artist Incubator Scheme, he will state the (a) date of the coming into operation thereof (b) eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom and (c) number of beneficiaries thereof, giving the list thereof?

B/869 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the non-Olympic federations, he will state the number thereof registered with his Ministry, indicating in each case the (a) number of athletes licensed thereto and (b) the budgetary entitlement therefor, further indicating if consideration will be given for the increase thereof?

B/870 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 Judo, he will state where matters stand as to the request for the affiliation of 15 clubs with the Mauritius Judo Federation, indicating the actions, if any, taken by his Ministry to ensure compliance with the provision of section 5(a) and (b) of the Sports Act by the Federation?

B/871 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (**Mr Woochit**)

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

Whether, in regard to the annual renewal of work permit to the existing expatriates working in Mauritius, he will state if his Ministry has made any assessment for the time frame thereof and, if so, indicate the measures being envisaged to improve the processing thereof?

B/872 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 proposed extension of the Metro Express project from Curepipe to La Vigie, he will state (a) if a feasibility study has been undertaken thereinto and (b) the estimated cost involved therefor, indicating the source of financing thereof?

B/873 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 Cote d’Or Integrated Smart City Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Landscape (Mauritius) Ltd., information as to the (a) total estimated costs thereof, indicating the mode of financing therefor and (b) scheduled completion date thereof?

B/874 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Mr Lobine**)

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

Whether she will state if she has been made aware of an incident whereby an individual armed with an offensive object accessed the premises of the Highlands Government School and threatened the staff thereof on or about Tuesday 13 June 2023 and, if so, give details thereof, indicating the measures taken to avert such recurrence?

B/875 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 Advisers attached to his Ministry, he will state the number thereof, indicating in each case (a) their names and (b) salaries and other fringe benefits drawn?

B/876 The Honourable First Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(**Dr Boolell**)

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

Whether, in regard to the incidence of violence in primary and secondary schools, she will state if consideration will be given for an in-depth inquiry to be conducted thereinto with a view to assessing the causes for the increase thereof?

B/877 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to suspicious posted letters or packages, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Mauritius Post Ltd., information as to the (a) number thereof received from abroad since January 2023 to date (b) established protocol in cases thereof and (c) number of cases thereof reported to the Police?

B/878 The Honourable Second Member for Curepipe and Midlands
(**Mr Yeung Sik Yuen**)

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

Whether, in regard to the football grounds with faulty lightings in Constituency No. 17, Curepipe and Midlands, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to the number and respective location thereof, indicating the time frame for the repair thereof?

B/879 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to public buildings and offices with asbestos, he will state the number thereof, indicating the (a) Ministries/Department concerned (b) civil servants working thereat and (c) average number of public acceding to these buildings on a daily basis?

B/880 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 she has been made aware of an allegation of abuse on a six-year-old boy on Saturday 06 May 2023 and, if so, indicate the date the (a) child was taken to the hospital and (b) matter was reported to the Police?

B/881 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 Ibrahim Abdullah Market Fair, in Cité Martial, Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to if consideration will be given for the provision of additional (a) parking facilities and (b) shelters for vegetable sellers operating outside the market?

B/882 The Honourable Second Member for Grand’ Baie and Poudre d’Or (Dr Gungapersad)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of a Digital Industries Academy by the Economic Development Board, as announced in the 2021-2022 Budget Speech, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board information as to where matters stand?

B/883 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 Community Center at Sadally in Vacoas, she will state if consideration will be given for the reopening thereof and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/884 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 pain relief in labour, he will state the medical options available for patients in the public Hospitals?

B/885 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 National Examination Board as provided for under the Education Amendment Act 2023, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to the composition of the Board thereof, indicating the (a) qualifications of the members thereof and (b) allowances drawn?

B/886 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 renovation works to be carried out at the Albion footbridge, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Black River, information as to where matters stand?

B/887 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction and relocation of fire stations, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service, information as to where matters stand?

- B/888 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)
- To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology –*
- Whether, in regard to the extension of Zippy’s Friend Project at primary school level, she will state if the project forms part of the curriculum of the general-purpose Educators?**
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- B/889 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 Silver Bank Ltd., he will state the sum, if any, placed thereat from the consolidated Fund, Covid-19 Fund or any public Fund and, if so, indicating in each case the (a) the amount thereof (b) rate of return (c) terms of deposit and (d) reasons therefor?**
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- B/890 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 project for the replacement of water pipes in the regions of Camp Fouquereaux, Highlands and Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand?**
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- B/891 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 contracts awarded to Best Construct Ltd., by Ministries and Parastatal Bodies since 2016 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, table a list thereof, indicating in each case the (a) nature and (b) amount thereof?**

B/892 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, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Metro Express Ltd., information as to (a) the financial situation thereof and (b) if consideration is being given for same to enter into a partnership and, if so, give details thereof?

B/893 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Anse La Raie Youth Centre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sports Council, information as to (a) if the pulling down thereof is being envisaged and, if so, why and (b) the location for the construction of the new Centre, if any, indicating the timeframe for the implementation thereof?

B/894 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Richard Duval**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of 50 social housing units in Agaléga, as announced in the Budget Speech 2023-24, he will state if the site thereof has already been identified, indicating the (a) cost of each unit (b) conditions attached, if any, on delivery and, if so, give details thereof and (c) expected start day thereof?

B/895 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 recycling of household waste, he will state if his Ministry has made any assessment in each of the local Council as regards to the implementation thereof, indicating the steps taken to enhance the efficiency of the service?

B/896 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 arrears of revenue, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Revenue Authority, information as to the current amount of (a) Collectible Debts and (b) Non-Collectible Debts, indicating in each case the measures taken or envisaged by the Authority for the reduction thereof?

B/897 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Luchmun Roy**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Turf Club Sports and Leisure Company Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission, information as to if the employees thereof were contributing to a private pension fund duly approved by the Commission, indicating the account in which same was credited by their employer and, if not, if the Commission proposes to carry out an investigation into any breach thereof?

B/898 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 rehabilitation and construction of drains at the Baza and Pirthee lanes and Al Madina Road at Camp Fouquereaux, respectively, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Vacoas Phoenix, information as to the list of the contractors selected therefor, indicating in each case the total costs disbursed for the works undertaken thereat as at date?

B/899 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 the project for the construction of a shelter for women victims of domestic violence at Rivière du Poste, she will state where matters stand?

B/900 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/901 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 proposed implementation of the Sheltered Farming Scheme for primary schools and colleges, she will state where matters stand?

B/902 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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

Whether, in regard to street lighting vehicles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to (a) the number of vehicles attached thereto, indicating the type and number thereof not in use and (b) if consideration will be given for the acquisition of 4x4 vehicles equipped with ladder for attending repairs in lanes and public places?

B/903 The Honourable First Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Ms Joanna Bérenger)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Gender Equality and Family Welfare

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Whether, in regard to allegation of mistreatment and sexual assault on a six-year-old boy at the Shelter L’oiseau du Paradis on or about 05 May 2023, she will state (a) if an inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, the outcome thereof and (b) the actions taken to ensure that the carers are adequately trained to take care of the children living thereat?

Urmeelah Devi Ramchurn (Ms)
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Sitting of Tuesday 27 June 2023

Question 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 Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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 construction of a New Police Station at Bain des Dames, Cassis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand?

Question 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/2 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Inventory Report on greenhouse gas emission by sources and removal by sinks, he will state when the report for the year 2022 will be made public?

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