

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 25 March 2025

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

B/197 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jhummun)

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

Whether, in regard to SMS PARIAZ Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the (a) number of licenses issued thereto since 2015 to November 2024 and (b) names of the shareholder/s and/or Director/s thereof, indicating if Mr J. M. L. S.¹ has a direct or indirect interest therein?

B/198 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to Agalega, he will state the terms and conditions of the agreement signed between the Government of Mauritius and the Government of India for the construction of an airstrip and its amenities, indicating the (a) other facilities extended thereunder (b) duration thereof (c) rental fee perceived, if any and (d) restrictions imposed, if any, to the inhabitants thereof?

B/199 The Honourable Third Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Mr Ramkalawon)

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

Whether, in regard to the 'Brigade pour la protection de la famille' he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (i) efficiency of the unit in dealing with cases of child abuse and juvenile delinquency and (ii) new measures proposed, if any, in dealing with juvenile offenders and (b) state if he proposes to reinstate the 'Brigade des mineurs' to deal with problems of child abuse and juvenile delinquency?

B/200 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the increasing number of reported cases of noise pollution and disturbances, he will state if he will consider using his good offices to request the Commissioner of Police to strengthen the Police de l'Environnement island-wide to enhance its manpower, capacity and effectiveness?

B/201 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to riding motorcycles without helmets, with modified loud exhausts and without license plates on public roads, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether consideration will be given for regular crackdown exercises to be effected in relation thereto and, if so, give details thereof?

B/202 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

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

Whether, in regard to abandoned and unattended vessels at the Port, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Ports Authority, information as to the (a) number thereof, indicating the number which have remained thereat for over one year and (b) impact and financial costs thereof to the Authority, indicating the immediate measures being envisaged in relation thereto?

B/203 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to recent incidents on members of the public at public beaches, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of reported cases thereof since 11 November 2024 to date, indicating the number of (i) cases resulting in physical injury, including deaths (ii) cases involving sexual abuse (iii) incidents involving minors and (iv) persons provisionally charged in relation thereto and (b) measures being proposed to maintain law and order on public beaches?

B/204 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

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

Whether, in regard to Port Mathurin Port Development Master Plan, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/205 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

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

Whether, in regard to the 95 kgs of cocaine discovered in the engine of a tractopelle in July 2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto, indicating the number of arrests, if any, effected in connection therewith to date?

B/206 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, in regard to the death of Mr P. K.² on 11 December 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/207 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Mr Beechook)

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

Whether, in regard to the fight against drugs in Constituency No. 9 Flacq and Bon Accueil, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of searches carried out in relation thereto in the said constituency over the past ten years, indicating the (a) amount of drugs and other illicit products seized in the course thereof and the value thereof (b) number of arrests effected and (c) number of convictions secured?

B/208 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Savabaddy)

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

Whether, in regard to Police inquiries, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the rank of Police Officers responsible for the determination of the section of the law under which charges are preferred against suspects, indicating if legal advice is sought prior thereto?

B/209 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Beejan)

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

Whether, in regard to the Goodlands Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of (i) Police Officers posted thereat, indicating their respective rankings and (ii) vehicles attached thereto and (b) measures being envisaged, if any, to increase the manpower thereat for more effective policing within its jurisdiction?

B/210 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Caserne)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritian passport, he will state if consideration will be given for the conversion thereof into biometric format and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/211 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Beejan)

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

Whether, in regard to the recruitment exercise for the post of Deputy Permanent Secretaries, advertised in 2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number thereof recruited?

B/212 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a new building to house the Mauritius National Assembly under the India-Mauritius Joint Vision for an Enhanced Strategic Partnership, he will state the (a) site identified, if any, therefor (b) preliminary works carried out, if any, therefor and (c) if consideration will be given to extending this cooperation for the construction of a new building to house the Rodrigues Regional Assembly?

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

B/213 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine
Magnien (Mr Apollon)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries –

Whether, in regard to the proposed relocation of pig farm/s found at Carreau Accacia, Le Bouchon, he will state where matters stand?

B/214 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Etwareea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Renewable Energy Hybrid Facilities projects by SPV 30MW Belle Vue 2 Ltd., and SPV 30MW Belle Vue 3 Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to whether they are in breach of the provisions of the Power Purchase Agreement signed with the Board?

B/215 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Beejan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the Goodlands Mediclinic, he will state the (a) operating hours thereof (b) facilities available and services provided thereat and (c) number of staff posted thereat, indicating their respective capacities?

B/216 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the procurement of Thermal scanners during the COVID-19 Pandemic, he will state the number thereof ordered through Bo Digital, indicating the (a) amount of funds disbursed therefor and (b) number thereof unused to date?

B/217 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Dr Ms Daureeawo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Information and Communication Technologies Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to the number of barristers whose services were retained thereat since January 2015 to November 2024, indicating in each case, the (a) number of cases assigned and (b) legal fees paid thereto?

B/218 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jhummun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries –

Whether, in regard to monkeys, he will state the number thereof exported, yearly, since 2014 to date, indicating the (a) average selling price thereof (b) annual revenue generated yearly, since 2014 to date and (c) short and long run plan of the Ministry in relation to such trade?

B/219 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Mr Beechook)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the pipe replacement projects in the villages of Palmar, Quatre Cocos, and Belle Mare/Mare du Puits locality, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/220 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Football Association, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to (a) whether all procedures were followed regarding the Elective General Assembly thereof held on 27 November 2024, indicating the (i) names of the candidates standing for the position of President of the Association and (ii) reasons why the candidature of Mr E. R.³ for the said position was rejected and (b) the composition of the newly elected managing committee?

B/221 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (Ms Collet)

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

Whether, in regard to the current poor mobile and internet network coverage in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the measures being envisaged to improve same, giving details thereof and the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/222 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Apollon)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports-

Whether, in regard to the Liverpool Football Academy Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the amount of funds invested into the academy as at December 2024, indicating the outcome derived under this project for Mauritius?

B/223 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Seeburn)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the pipe laying projects currently being undertaken along the coastal road of Vieux Grand Port, Bois des Amourettes, Bambous Virieux, Quatre Soeurs and Deux frères by the Central Water Authority, he will state if provision will be made in the forthcoming budget for the resurfacing of the road which is in a deplorable condition?

B/224 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Mr Beechook)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the program Support to Students/Athletes pursuing Tertiary/Vocational Studies (Locally & Abroad), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Trust Fund for Excellence in Sports, information as to the number of athletes having benefitted thereunder and amount of funds disbursed in relation thereto over the past five years?

B/225 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to National Heritage Sites in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Heritage Fund Board, information as to (a) the policy, if any, established for their protection from disaster risks and impacts of climate change and (b) whether the Board is in presence of a request from Rodrigues for the renovation or demolition of the Residency building in Port Mathurin and, if so, indicate if approval has been granted therefor and, if not, why not?

B/226 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Beejan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations –

Whether, in regard to Lodging Accommodation Permit, he will state the (a) expected time frame for an inspection to be carried out upon receipt of a new application therefor and (b) number of permits granted in Constituency No. 6, Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or since 2019 to 2024, giving details thereof?

B/227 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Baboolall)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resource –

Whether, in regard to the Bel Air Rivière Sèche State Secondary School for girls, he will state if he has been made aware that same is not fenced at the back by the river side constituting a very serious security issue to the students and, if so, indicate (a) when the works will be carried for the fencing thereof and (b) the expected completion date thereof?

B/228 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to Phase 3 of the Metro Express project connecting Rose Hill to Réduit and to be subsequently extended to St Pierre via Cote D'or, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) whether a feasibility study was carried out thereinto and, if so, table copy thereof, indicating the name of the consultant and amount of funds paid thereto and (b) the costs of the project, indicating the amount of funds for infrastructural works to be incurred by Government therefor?

B/229 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

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

Whether, in regard to invalidity pensions, he will state the number of persons whose pensions have been cancelled over the past four years, indicating the (a) reasons therefor and (b) measures taken by his Ministry to ensure that *bona fide* persons are not penalized?

B/230 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Dr Aumeer)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resource –

Whether, in regard to the Immaculée Conception School located at corner Jules Leveux Street and Monseigneur Leen Street Ward 4, he will state (a) the number of years the school has not been used for educational purposes and (b) if he has been made aware of severe security and health concerns arising from the lack of maintenance and oversight of the premises and, if so, indicate the measures being envisaged to secure the building?

B/231 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Babajee)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the Chamarel/Plaine Champagne Road, he will state if (a) a road safety survey has been effected prior to its reopening for road users on 20 February 2025 and, if so, give details thereof and (b) consideration will be given for the cleaning and trimming of trees along same?

B/232 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Savabaddy)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether he will state if he has been made aware of the acute problem of bus transportation affecting the inhabitants of Vallée des Prêtes, Chitrakoot and Caroline and, if so, indicate the remedial measures being envisaged in relation thereto?

B/233 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Etwareea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations –

Whether, in regard to the lack of qualified and unqualified workers in the Mauritian economy, he will state the measures being proposed to address the issue of brain drain currently affecting the country?

B/234 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Apollon)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the issue of temporary public service licenses to buses and taxis, he will (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to the number of such licenses delivered since 2015 to 2024, indicating the procedures adopted to award these licenses and (b) state if consideration will be given for the setting up of an inquiry to look into the circumstances for the granting of these licenses?

B/235 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the traffic lights situated at the junction of Victoria and Avenue Belle Rose, he will state if consideration will be given for the rescheduling and/or readjusting thereof to improve traffic flow and enhance road safety for all users?

B/236 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to Baby S. admitted at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of the SSRN Hospital on 21 October 2022, she will state if consideration will be given to making public the recommendations of the Fact-Finding Committee set up to look into this case?

B/237 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Rookny)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning –

Whether, in regard to the Financial Services Commission/Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (FSC/OECD) Regional Centre of Excellence, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) background, objectives and mandate thereof (b) specific achievements made under each of its objectives to date (c) annual expenditure of the Centre and (d) key performance indicators put in place to ensure that public funds are utilized efficiently and (e) the term/duration of the Memorandum of Understanding between the FSC/OECD?

B/238 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Lukeeram)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries –

Whether, in regard to sheltered farming park at Plaine Magnien, he will state and table a list of the beneficiaries thereof, indicating (a) if all the units have been leased and are under cultivation and (b) amount of rent due, if any, by each beneficiary and, if so, further indicate if consideration will be given for the re-allocation thereof in case of default?

B/239 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Baboolall)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the villages of Beau Champ, Bel Air, Pont Lardier and Caroline, he will state if his Ministry is in presence of any project and/or feasibility study recommending the construction of a bypass road from these villages leading to the Flacq Hospital and if so, give details thereof?

B/240 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Savabaddy)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Pension Appeal Tribunal, he will state (a) the number of pending cases thereat (b) the time frame for the hearing and disposal of an appeal (c) the assistance provided to appellants, if any and (d) if he will consider reviewing the actual protocol for a more humane approach when dealing with and determining such cases thereat?

B/241 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Baboolall)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the Peredobec road and Chemin Kamilaye in Bel Air, he will state if he has been made aware of the deplorable state thereof and, if so, indicate (a) when remedial works will be carried out thereat and (b) the expected completion date thereof?

B/242 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Caserne)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to Phases 2 and 3 of the Ring Road Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to whether consideration will be given for the implementation thereof and, if so, when and if not, why not?

B/243 The Honourable Second Member for Flacq and Bon Accueil (Mr Beehook)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the recurring flooding issues in Poste de Flacq and surrounding area and the subsequent site visit effected by Officers of the Land Drainage Authority on Wednesday 5 February 2025, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to where matters stand as to the proposed mitigation actions plan to be implemented thereat?

B/244 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Apollon)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the renewable energy hybrid facilities projects by SPV 30MV Belle Vue 2 Ltd., and SPV 30MV Belle Vue 3 Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to (a) whether the projects are in breach of the provisions of the Power Purchase Agreement signed therefor, indicating if the dates for their coming into operation have been respected and (b) the total amount of damages, if any, paid to the Board?

B/245 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Lukeeram**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to State land at Residences Cité La Chaux, he will state the number of leaseholders thereof, indicating the mechanism, if any, put in place at the Ministry to regularise these leases and/or if consideration will be given to amending the law to make the lessees owners of their lands?

B/246 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Ms Anquetil**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the Pavillon Football playground in Quatre Bornes, he will state if consideration will be given to (a) improve the lighting thereof (b) replace the defective fencing and (c) fix the rocky surface thereof?

B/247 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Babajee**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the pipe laying project across the island, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the amount of funds disbursed therefor, indicating (a) if the project was carried out by contractors or in-house workers (b) where works have not yet been completed and (c) the reasons why the pipes were not buried at the depth of 900mm as per specifications?

B/248 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mr Caserne**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries –

Whether, in regard to stray dogs, he will state if he has been made aware of the increasing number thereof over the past years and, if so, indicate the remedial actions being envisaged in relation thereto?

B/249 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the Land Drainage Master Plan, he will state where matters stand as to the proposition to making the document public?

B/250 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Lukeeram)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the renovation works being carried out at the Harry Latour Stadium at Mahebourg, he will state where matters stand, indicating the terms and conditions of the contract awarded therefor?

B/251 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

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

Whether, in regard to the Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) 3.0 update for the forthcoming COP30, he will state where matters stand, indicating (a) if consultations have been held thereon with the community at large (b) the financing mechanisms and strategies put in place therefor and (c) the outcomes of the previous NDC?

B/252 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Rookny)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries –

Whether, in regard to the pig farms set up by the Ministry at St Martin, he will state the (a) number of pig farmers granted leases thereat (b) production/yield compared to the optimal production capacity for the land deployed thereat for pig farming (c) frequency at which inspection are carried out thereat and the reports produced and (d) number of applications received for lease of land to operate pig farms at St Martin

over the last five years, indicating the number thereof (i) approved and land allocated therefor and (ii) turned down and the reasons therefor?

B/253 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues (Mr Edouard)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resource –

Whether, in regard to the "kreol Rodrige", he will state when same will be introduced in secondary schools in Rodrigues, indicating the (a) measures being taken for the implementation thereof and (b) grades concerned therewith?

B/254 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (Ms Collet)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Service and Administrative Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the Public Service Excellence Award, he will state the (a) objectives thereof (b) eligibility criteria to participate therein and (c) scope of participation for public officers in Rodrigues?

B/255 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Lukeeram)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the Taxi Operators Welfare Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the amount of funds collected and expenses incurred therefrom since its implementation to date (b) if consideration will be given to amending the relevant legislation to render contribution thereto optional and (c) if a proper medical scheme has been designed for taxi operators registered thereunder?

B/256 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (Ms Collet)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to pesticides, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Dangerous Chemicals Control Board, information as to the (a) mechanisms put in place to monitor the use and handling thereof, indicating the statistics provided by licensed companies thereon (b) sensitisation campaigns held and/or proposed to be held on the use thereof in Rodrigues and (c) names of the representatives from Rodrigues on the Board?

B/257 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resource –

Whether, in regard to cases referred to the Public Bodies Appeal Tribunal regarding the appointment of officers to the grades of Headmaster and Deputy Headmaster since 2019 to 2021 and after the final determination of the Tribunal confirming their substantive appointment, he will state if a High Powered Committee was set up to that effect and, if so, indicate the recommendations made by the Committee regarding payment of gratuity and pension benefits for all those officers who retired before the final determination of the Tribunal?

B/258 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Rookny)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the rehabilitation of drug addicts, he will state the (a) protocols put in place therefor, indicating the treatments administered (b) amount of funds spent by Government on such programs over the past three years, indicating if any survey has been carried out to assess the effectiveness thereof and (c) number of drug addicts salvaged from this scourge over the past ten years, indicating the number of cases of overdose recorded due to drug abuse?

B/259 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Babajee)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Chikungunya, he will state the number of suspected cases thereof, since January 2025 to date, reported (a) at public hospitals, community health centres and mediclinics and (b) by private medical practitioners, indicating the number of positive cases thereof identified?

B/260 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jhummun)

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

Whether, in regard to the housing units containing asbestos, he will state the number thereof identified in Constituency No. 13, Rivière des

Anguilles and Souillac, indicating the (a) expected time frame for the dismantling thereof and (b) redeployment plan, if any, devised therefor?

B/261 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Savabaddy)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Chikungunya, he will state the number of reported cases thereof since January 2025 to date, indicating the measures being taken to control same?

B/262 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Baboolall)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the football pitch situated behind the St Esprit Church in Bel Air, he will state if he has been made aware of the bad conditions thereof and of its surrounding walls and, if so, indicate (a) when remedial works will be carried out and (b) the expected completion date thereof?

B/263 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (Mr Lobine)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the National Transport Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the bidding exercises launched by the Corporation for the procurement and award of contracts for spare parts since January 2023 to date, indicating (a) the names of the suppliers thereof, further indicating in each case the (i) contractual value thereof and (ii) amount paid to the suppliers and (b) if he has been aware of any irregularities and/or malpractices regarding the procurement thereof?

B/264 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jhummun)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Financial Services and Economic Planning –

Whether, in regard to the pension funds managed by the State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd., she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to (a) the status of the funds since 2014 to 2024, indicating the qualifications and benefits drawn by those managing same and (b) whether any case of mismanagement has been reported in relation thereto and, if so, the remedial actions taken thereon?

B/265 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Babajee)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the Public Service Vehicle (Taxi) Licence with hotels as base of operation issued over the past ten years, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to the number thereof, indicating (a) the procedures followed for the allocation thereof and (b) if all applicants complied with the required criteria in terms of (i) character certificate test (ii) age of applicant and (iii) number of taxi per hotels?

B/266 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or
(Mr Etwareea)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries –

Whether, in regard to the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of Mauritius, he will state (a) the number of (i) fishing licenses awarded to foreign companies, indicating the conditions attached thereto and (b) bilateral fisheries partnership agreements signed, indicating the (i) countries concerned therewith and (ii) conditions attached thereto and (c) where matters stand as to fish stocks taking in our sea?

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