

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 30 July 2024

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

B/619 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 issue of new uniforms to the officers of
the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain
from the Commissioner of Police, information as to when the
next exercise therefor is due?**

B/620 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 ballot papers for the forthcoming
National Assembly Elections, he will, for the benefit of the
House, obtain from the Office of the Electoral Commissioner,
information as to (a) when the printing thereof is effected prior to
the polling day (b) if the printing thereof is effected exclusively at
the Government Printing Department and (c) if consideration will
be given for the communication to all political parties as to the
total number thereof printed, including (i) tendered ones and
(ii) surplus ones for each constituency?**

B/621 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 for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the National Environment Cleaning Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the cleaning and embellishment works and sensitization activities carried out across the island since its inception to date?

B/622 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 National Environment Cleaning Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the amount paid since its coming into operation to date in respect of the (a) cleaning, embellishment and awareness campaigns and programmes undertaken (b) fees paid to the Board members thereof and (c) acquisition of vehicles, indicating in each case the make thereof?

B/623 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

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 official overseas missions undertaken by Dr N. R., GCSK, FRCP, former Prime Minister for the period 2005 to 2014, he will state the (a) countries of transit, indicating the duration thereof (b) composition of the accompanying delegation, indicating the capacity in which they travelled and (c) name of the hotels selected for accommodation by the former Prime Minister?

B/624 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the inhabitants of Ruisseau du Pouce in Tranquebar whose houses collapsed during the heavy downpour of Sunday 21 April 2024 and who subsequently had a meeting with his goodself in his Office, he will state if any decision has been taken as to the compensation to be paid thereto and, if so, indicate the amount thereof?

B/625 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 capacity building programmes for officers in the Police Force, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if overseas training programmes are being provided as part thereof and, if not, if consideration will be given for the provision thereof?

B/626 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 a road traffic accident which occurred on 24 September 2023 at Petit Camp Branch Road around 1300 hours, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the Police inquiry initiated thereinto, indicating (a) the number of vehicle/s involved therein, giving details thereof (b) the casualties resulting therefrom, if any and (c) if the driver/s involved were subjected to any alcohol and/or drugs test?

B/627 The Honourable Second Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Assirvaden)

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

Whether, in regard to the official overseas missions undertaken by Mr S. P., GCSK, GOSK, former Speaker of the National Assembly during his speakership, he will give a list thereof, indicating the (a) countries visited and (b) total amount paid in terms of air tickets and *per diem*?

B/628 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 for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity –

Whether, in regard to the High-Level Committee on the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence, he will state the implementation status of the strategies of the National Strategy and Action Plan as at date?

B/629 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 forthcoming pilgrimage of Maha Shivaratree, he will state if consideration will be given for additional facilities to be put in place for the upgrading of the spiritual site at the Ganga Talao in connection therewith?

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/630 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 abuse of illicit substances involving students inside and outside school premises, she will state the reported number of alleged cases thereof in State and Private Secondary Schools, respectively, since July 2022 to date?

B/631 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 fleet of scavenging lorries of the Municipal Council of Vacoas-Phoenix, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to the number thereof, indicating the number thereof (a) currently under repairs and (b) procured since January 2023 to date?

B/632 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Uteem)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether in regard to freight, he will state if (a) consultations have been held with the main shipping lines with a view to reducing the cost thereof and (b) consideration will be given for the introduction of a freight rebate scheme for the import of certain items of food and other basic necessities?

B/633 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Ramful)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the price structure of Mogas and Gasoil, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to 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 for financial year 2023/2024?

B/634 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Xavier-Luc Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to claims for financial assistance and/or compensation following the MV Wakashio shipwreck, he will state the amount thereof disbursed to fishers in the region of Mahébourg, indicating if an interim payment would be considered by Government pending the conclusion of the Court case?

B/635 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (Mr Ittoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the Personalised Registration Mark for motor vehicles, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, since 01 October 2021 to date, information as to the (a) number of applications therefor (i) received and (ii) approved and (b) total amount collected therefrom?

B/636 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

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

Whether, in regard to flowers, he will state the quantity thereof imported and exported since April 2023 to date, indicating the value thereof?

B/637 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to the irregular schedule of buses from Port Louis to Pointe aux Sables and back, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to the remedial measures being envisaged therefor?

B/638 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the latest figures published by Statistics Mauritius on Water Indicators for period 2017-2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the volume of water categorized as unaccounted water, giving details thereof?

B/639 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

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

Whether, in regard to the officers of her Ministry currently under interdiction, she will state the number thereof, indicating in each case the duration thereof?

B/640 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to fresh eggs, she will state if there is any shortage thereof on the local market, indicating (a) the reasons therefor and (b) if any increase in the retail price thereof has been reported to her Ministry?

B/641 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to drains in Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the maintenance thereof in view of the upcoming rainy season?

B/642 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the street connecting the Royal Highness Street and Apricot Silk Street in the region of Débarcadère, Pointe aux Sables, he will state if he has been made aware that the region has become a dumping ground, rendering it impracticable for pedestrians and unsafe due to fires being frequently set therein and, if so, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to the remedial measures being envisaged to address same?

B/643 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (**Mr Léopold**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the caesarian section delivery in the public hospitals in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues and in private hospitals, he will state the (a) reasons accounting for the difference in the rate thereof between the different public and private hospitals, indicating the reasonable and acceptable rate thereof and (b) implications of the rising rate thereof, if any, for women and babies, indicating the measures being proposed in relation thereto?

B/644 The Honourable First Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Ramful**)

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

Whether, in regard to the cremation incinerators, he will state the number thereof that (a) has been set up in the country and (b) that are not operational at present, giving the reasons thereto?

B/645 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 Grade 9 and 9+, she will state if the Ministry is considering deloading the syllabus for the forthcoming National Certificate Examinations 2024 and, if so, when the educators and students thereof will be communicated therewith?

B/646 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 supply of water on a 24/7 basis in the regions of Camp Fouquereaux, Highlands and Belle Rive, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/647 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (Mrs Navarre-Marie)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the demise of one Mrs M. E. R. A. on 03 July 2024 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital, Rose Belle, he will state if an enquiry has been carried out to determine the causes thereof and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/648 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floréal
(Mr Bodha)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to essential food and household items, she will state if consideration will be given for the concept of *blocage des prix* to be introduced for a specific time frame to alleviate the burden of the consumers?

B/649 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Ittoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Flood Management Programme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Land Drainage Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the drain projects identified to be implemented thereunder?

B/650 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 construction of the New Eye Care Hospital in Réduit, he will state when same will be operational?

B/651 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed recognition of conformity certificates for electric cables as announced in the Annex to the Budget Speech 2024-2025, she will state if consultation has been held with the Mauritius Standards Bureau and other stakeholders in relation thereto, indicating the outcome thereof?

B/652 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr David**)

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

Whether, in regard to the flooding in the region of Richelieu in April 2024, he will state (a) if a study has been conducted to ascertain the causes thereof and, if so, indicate the (i) conclusions thereof and (ii) consequential damages caused to private houses and public infrastructure thereat and (b) the measures envisaged by his Ministry to avert the recurrence thereof?

B/653 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to live cattle namely, bulls, goats and sheep, he will state if he has been made aware of the shortage thereof and, if so, indicate the (a) reasons therefor and (b) remedial measures being envisaged therefor?

B/654 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Camp Mapou football playground inaugurated in June 2024, he will state if he has been made aware of the current condition thereof in terms of cleanliness and state of the field thereof and, if so, the measures envisaged in relation thereto?

B/655 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable 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 information as to if copy of the Annual Report and audited accounts thereof for financial years 2015 to date have been laid on the Table of the Assembly and, if not, the reasons thereof?

B/656 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Doolub**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Bassin Pavé in Plaine Magnien, he will state the works being currently undertaken thereat, indicating the costs incurred therefor?

B/657 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Navarre-Marie**)

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

Whether, in regard to water leakage in some NHDC flats at La Tour Koenig, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to if an enquiry has been carried out to determine the causes thereof and, if so, indicate the (a) outcome thereof and (b) remedial measures taken in relation thereto?

B/658 The Honourable Fourth Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Ms Anquetil**)

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

Whether, in regard to the operational facilities, cleanliness, and maintenance of the Family Support Bureau/the Child Development Unit near Telecom Tower in Port Louis, she will state the measures envisaged to improve the current condition thereof?

B/659 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Property Fund Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the actual value of the assets and liabilities thereof and (b) if the audited financial statements for the financial years ended 30 June 2021 to 30 June 2024 have been published and, if not, why not?

B/660 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 State and private secondary schools, she will state and table the list of the reported number of students having allegedly been victims of sexual abuse inside and outside school premises, respectively, since May 2022 to date?

B/661 The Honourable Third Member for Vacoas and Floréal (**Mr Ittoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to major road projects, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to (a) the number thereof completed since December 2019 to date, indicating the total amount spent therefor and (b) where matters stand as to future road projects?

B/662 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 Mauritius Qualifications Authority, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to the names of the Quality Assurance Officers involved in the assessment of the different Award and Non-Award Courses thereof, indicating in each case the qualifications and experience thereof?

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Clerk of the National Assembly

Parliament House
Port Louis

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A/54 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Forensic Science Laboratory, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to the number and type of cases referred thereto on a monthly basis over the last 2 years, indicating (a) if priority is given in cases of urgency and (b) the number thereof which are still pending?

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A/55 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the General Workers at his Ministry, he will state the (a) dates for the holding of the last three recruitment exercise thereof, indicating in each case the (i) date of advertisement thereof and (ii) number thereof recruited and (b) conditions of service thereof?

A/56 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 flood-prone areas in Constituency No. 2, Port Louis South and Port Louis Central, he will state if a survey has been carried out to identify the houses which may be at risk of collapsing especially during cyclone and/or heavy rainfall and, if so, indicate the (a) outcome thereof and (b) measures taken and/or being envisaged in relation thereto?

A/57 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Dr Aumeer**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to the post of Health Complaints Co-ordinator/Senior Health Complaints Co-ordinator at his Ministry, he will state if the post has been filled and, if so, the name of the incumbent, indicating the qualifications and experience required therefor?

A/58 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 Liverpool Football Academy, he will, for the benefit for the House, obtain from the Mauritius Multisport Infrastructure Limited (MMIL), information as to the (a) budget allocated thereto for financial years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 (b) list of current trainers thereat, indicating their respective nationality, salaries and conditions of work and (c) number of players thereof, gender-wise, who have signed a professional contract with a foreign club since 2019 to date?

A/59 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

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

Whether, in regard to the ex-football ground at Morcellement La Confiance, in Beau-Bassin put at the disposal of Metro Express Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to when Larsen and Toubro Ltd., is proposing to vacate the site, indicating if (a) the football pitch will be reinstated and, if so, by whom and when and (b) he has received copy of a petition of the inhabitants in relation thereto and, if so, indicate the actions taken therefor?

A/60 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Society of Authors (MASA), he will state the name of the current Officer in Charge thereof, indicating the (a) date of nomination, scope of work, salary and other benefits paid thereto (b) mode of selection thereof and (c) academic and technical qualifications thereof?

A/61 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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

Whether, in regard to the frequently damaged tarred road at the intersection of Claude Delaitre and Topaze Streets in Guibies, Pailles, resulting in severe road safety issue, 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 removal of the tarmac and the replacement thereof with reinforced concrete?

A/62 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 Roche Bois Market Fair, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal City Council of Port Louis, information as to the number of stalls available thereat, indicating the number thereof (a) occupied and (b) vacant?

A/63 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

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

Whether, in regard to the reconstruction of the Roche Bois overhead pedestrian crossing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand?

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