MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given Requiring an Oral Answer Sitting of Tuesday 17 June 2025

<u>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</u>

B/529 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Venkatasami)

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 IT equipment and operating system being used at the Moka Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the date of the last upgrade thereof, indicating the scheduled timeframe of the next upgrade thereof, if any?

B/530 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Venkatasami)

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 IT equipment and operating system being used at the St Pierre Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the date of the last upgrade thereof, indicating the scheduled timeframe of the next upgrade thereof, if any?

B/531 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 Moody's credit ratings and assessments for Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the reasons for the changes thereof over the period 2014 to 2025?

B/532 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 Grand Gaube Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of Police Officers posted thereat, indicating (a) their respective ranks and (b) the number of (i) vehicles at the disposal thereof and (ii) contraventions booked since January 2024 to date?

B/533 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 the incident which occurred during a protest at Côte d'Or on 27 August 2024, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to whether an inquiry has been carried out thereinto, indicating if (a) the police officers present thereat had recourse to the use of force against the demonstrators and (b) private bouncers intervened therein?

B/534 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 fight against corruption in Rodrigues over the past three years, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Crimes Commission, information as to the number of cases currently under investigation thereat, indicating the number of public officials, service providers and contractors who have been or are facing investigation, particularly, in relation to the award of Government projects and/or resources?

B/535 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 the practice of paying salaries and benefits to incumbents of positions in the public service in foreign currency, he will state if consideration will be given for same to be discontinued and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/536 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (**Mr Seeburn**)

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 MauBank Ltd., he will state the amount of public funds invested therein by Government over the period 2015 to November 2024, indicating the Return on the said Investments by Government in relation thereto, if any?

B/537 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 2025-2026 Budget Estimates, he will state if the (a) projects and programmes established and approved by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) for Rodrigues Island for formal appropriation through the National Assembly are included in the Public Sector Investment Programme 2025-2026 to 2029-2030, Capital Development Programme of Central Government and, if not, why not, indicating the implications thereof and (b) budgetary quantum initially agreed upon between the Ministry and the RRA was modified by the latter and, if so, indicate the implications thereof and measures being envisaged in relation thereto?

B/538 The Honourable Third Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (Mr Venkatasami)

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 IT equipment and operating system being used at the Quartier Militaire Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the date of the last upgrade thereof, indicating the scheduled timeframe of the next upgrade thereof, if any?

B/539 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 N. G & Co. Ltd., and its subsidiaries, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of contracts awarded thereto by Ministries and/or Parastatal bodies over the period 2015 to 2024, indicating in each case the (a) contract value thereof and (b) procurement method used therefor?

B/540 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Ramdass)

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 Rose Belle Civil Status Office, he will state if consideration will be given for the relocation thereof in a premise of good standard and comprising basic amenities and in the vicinity of the Health Office delivering permits for cremation?

B/541 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Dr Saumtally**)

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 National Agency for Drug Control, he will state the expected date of coming into operation thereof?

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/542 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the disinfection of the STC building at Ebene following the COVID-19 pandemic, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the (a) name of the contractor therefor and (b) cost thereof?

B/543 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Dr Saumtally**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the proposed implementation of Phase 2 of the Motorway M4 Project, particularly the segment connecting Pont Blanc to Bel Air, he will state the projected timeline therefor and scope of works thereof, indicating if consideration will be given for the communities living in the South-East particularly concerned therewith to be consulted prior thereto?

B/544 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Dr Ms Thannoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the proposed implementation of a new Thermal Power Station with the Combined Cycle Gas Turbine at Fort George, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to where matters stand?

B/545 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Anquetil)

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

Whether, in regard to the Hillcrest Avenue, in Quatre-Bornes, he will state if his Ministry is in presence of views and/or recommendations from the Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit in relation to the greening and embellishment thereof and, if so, indicate the actions, if any, taken in relation thereto?

B/546 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet (Mr Rookny)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands -

Whether, in regard to the land situated around the Waste Water Treatment Plant at Baie du Tombeau, he will state the reasons why his Ministry is pursuing the compulsory acquisition thereof for the proposed relocation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant of Roche Bois thereat in the absence of any such project having been presented to the Ministry of Environment?

B/547 The Honourable First Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Savabaddy)

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

Whether, in regard to the primary schools, he will state if consideration will be given for the provision thereat of dedicated classrooms with special facilities to accommodate children suffering from autism?

B/548 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (**Mr Seeburn**)

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

Whether, in regard to the small sugar cane planters, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) the number thereof registered in 2014, indicating the total amount of crops harvested and sugar produced in the same year and (b) whether there has been any increase in the number thereof in 2024, indicating the total amount of crops harvested and sugar produced as at November 2024?

B/549 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Caserne)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government -

Whether, in regard to the posts of Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive respectively in the local authorities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain (a) the lists of appointees since December 2014 to date and (b) information as to the (i) number of existing vacancies in each position in each local authority and (ii) outcome of the cases lodged at the Supreme Court/Public Bodies Appeal Tribunal regarding the appointment of two Temporary Chief Executives and of two Temporary Deputy Chief Executives?

B/550 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Dr Ms Thannoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to illegal morcellements, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to whether consideration will be given for the favourable consideration of applications for water connection submitted by the victims of promoters thereof?

B/551 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 fresh vegetables, he will state the import volumes thereof over the past two years, indicating the forecast thereof for the current year compared to the local production thereof?

B/552 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Dr Ms Thannoo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations -

Whether, in regard to the post of cleaner in cleaning companies, he will state if consideration will be given for amendments to be brought to the existing legislation with a view to substituting the present minimum eligibility criteria of a PSAC qualification by a practice-oriented health and safety course delivered in Kreol Morisyen?

B/553 The Honourable First Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Savabaddy)

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

Whether, in regard to the Community and Social Welfare Centres respectively, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund, information as to the (a) number thereof and (b) procedures established for the election of Chairpersons and Members of the Committees thereof?

B/554 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle **(Mr Seeburn)**

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

Whether, in regard to the Basic Retirement Pension, he will, state the quantum of funds disbursed to beneficiaries thereof since July 2024 to date?

B/555 The Honourable Third Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle (Mr Ramdass)

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

Whether, in regard to the Social Welfare Centres, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Sugar Industry Labour Welfare Fund, in each case, information as to the number of existing vacancies, giving details thereof and indicating when same will be filled?

B/556 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 the public hospitals, he will state the number of reported cases of loss of patients' medical files, since November 2024 to date, giving a breakdown thereof per hospital, indicating (a) in such cases (i) how patients are treated and handled and (ii) the actions taken, if any, against officers responsible therefor and (b) the measures being envisaged to curb the recurrence thereof pending the coming into operation of the proposed e-Health system?

B/557 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 the roundabouts on motorways and classified roads, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, the lists thereof (a) presently embellished and maintained by private companies, indicating in each case, the (i) name of the company and (ii) contract period and (b) not embellished and maintained by private companies?

B/558 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or (Mr Beejan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the pipe-laying works undertaken at Bambous Street, in Vale, in 2024, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the expected completion date of the resurfacing works of the roads damaged in the course thereof?

B/559 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness –

Whether, in regard to Type 1 diabetes, he will state the reported number of patients thereof living in Agaléga, Rodrigues, and mainland Mauritius, respectively, indicating where matters stand as to the proposed distribution thereto of Insulin Pumps and Continuous Glucose Monitor, further indicating (a) the number thereof distributed as at date and (b) if there is a current shortage thereof and, if so, when same will be available?

B/560 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or (Mr Beejan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport -

Whether, in regard to Melville, Grand Gaube, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Land Transport Authority, information as to whether consideration will be given for the implementation of corrective measures to ensure that public buses plying thereat adhere to the scheduled timings to relieve the public, especially, residents and students facing hardships as a result thereof?

B/561 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jhummun)

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

Whether, in regard to the Elderly Population, he will state the number thereof being paid Basic Retirement Pension and other allowance by age group, indicating the (a) total amount of funds budgeted therefor for each of the financial years since 2014 to 2024 and (b) projections of changes therein in the next ten years?

B/562 The Honourable Second Member for Vieux Grand Port and Rose Belle **(Mr Seeburn)**

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government -

Whether, in regard to the renovation works carried out at the Town Hall of Curepipe in 2015, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to the initial estimated costs thereof and of consultancy services therefor and the final costs thereof on completion?

B/563 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports -

Whether, in regard to the 13th CJSOI GAMES to be held in Seychelles from 28 July to 10 August 2025, he will state (a) the number of (i) sports disciplines that feature therein (ii) participating countries and (iii) participants for the Mauritian delegation, including from Rodrigues, indicating the facilities being provided to the pre-selected and/or selected athletes and coaches in preparation thereof and (b) if youth development initiatives such as entrepreneurship and cultural exchange will be encouraged in the course thereof and, if so, give details of same?

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B/564 The Honourable Second Member for Quartier Militaire and Moka (**Dr Ms Thannoo**)

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

Whether, in regard to the veterinary support provided to local breeders and farmers by the Livestock and Veterinary Division of his Ministry, including its ambulatory veterinary unit, he will state if consideration will be given for the carrying out of an assessment thereof and taking of corrective measures, if required, to ensure the efficacy and efficiency thereof?

B/565 The Honourable Third Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Dr Saumtally**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness -

Whether, in regard to the newly announced implementation of Specialty Services in Ophthalmology, Cardiology and Neurosurgery, he will state if same will be implemented at the Flacq Hospital and, if so, indicate the expected date of coming into operation thereof?

B/566 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 recent cases of robbery at the Ticket Vending Machines located at the Trianon and Belle Rose Light Rail Stations, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Metro Express Ltd., information as to the (a) circumstances thereof and quantum of money robbed in each case (b) security measures in place at the time and (c) corrective security measures being taken thereat?

B/567 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or (Mr Beejan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the supply of white oil, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to the name of the present supplier thereof, indicating the (a) contract period and (b) contract amount thereof?

B/568 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 Group Pensions Department of the State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd., she will, for the benefit of the House, for the year 2024, obtain information as to the (a) number of officers recruited thereat, grade-wise and (b) annual revenue and expenditure thereof?

B/569 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Ms Anquetil)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the provision of duty-free facilities to priests, religious federations and religious associations for the purchase of motor vehicles, he will state, since 01 October 2024 to date, the (a) number of (i) applications received for the issue of Duty-Free Certificates and (ii) beneficiaries thereof and (b) composition of the committee responsible for assessing such applications?

B/570 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 current Manager - Group Pensions (Technical) of the State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd., she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the (a) academic and professional qualifications thereof, indicating the number of promotions and responsibility allowances granted thereto over the period 2014 to 2024 and (b) recruitment process followed for the recruitment thereof, including the advertisement date for the position and requirements thereof?

B/571 The Honourable Third Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Caserne)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government -

Whether, in regard the posts of Financial Controller in the local authorities, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain the (a) lists of appointees since December 2014 to date and (b) number of existing vacancies in each local authority?

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