

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral Answer

Sitting of Tuesday 29 July 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/768 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Apollon)

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 Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Airport Terminal Operations Ltd., information as to whether consideration will be given for the provision of (a) additional parking slots, roads and exit gates thereat and (b) adequate directional signage on the parking areas of the old terminal, indicating the current use made thereof and if same will be operational anew and, if so, when, giving details thereof?

B/769 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 new rates of excise duty applicable on motor vehicles with effect from 01 July 2025, he will state if his Ministry is in presence of requests from importers and their association regarding vehicles shipped before 05 June 2025 and after 05 June 2025 with Import Permit as at 5th June 2025 and, if so, indicate if a meeting has been held therewith and, if any, give details of the outcome thereof and, if not, why not?

B/770 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 allegations levelled against Mr P.K.J. and Mrs K.J. in relation to the acquisition of immoveable properties at Angus Road, in Vacoas, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand regarding the inquiry initiated therein, indicating the (a) names of the witnesses heard in relation thereto, further indicating if late Mr L.G. and Mr P.K.J. have been heard and (b) if there has been any evidence of attempts to close the inquiry?

B/771 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 Mr. A.K.D., former Commissioner of Police, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of Government vehicles (a) allocated thereto from the Police Car Pool during his tenure of office, indicating the (i) make, model and registration number (ii) duration and (iii) purpose thereof and (b) acquired therefor, indicating (i) the make, model and registration number (ii) the purchase price and running cost thereof and (iii) if they were sold to him following his retirement and, if so, indicate the selling price thereof?

B/772 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues **(Mr Edouard)**

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 celebration of civil marriage between a Rodriguan and a foreign national and between foreign nationals in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Civil Status Office, information as to the procedure that obtains specifically on the publication aspect thereof?

B/773 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien
(Mr Apollon)

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 on or about 24 September 2024 at Malherbes, in Curepipe, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand regarding the inquiry initiated thereinto following the complaint lodged by Mr. G. G.?

B/774 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 Citizen Support Portal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Citizen Support Unit, information as to (a) the manner in which complaints lodged through same are followed-up and monitored and (b) if consideration will be given for the inclusion of State-Owned Companies offering services to the citizens thereon and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/775 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 agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom and of the Republic of Mauritius over the Chagos Archipelago, he will state the recent development in relation thereto in the UK Parliament and the impact thereof on the citizenship rights of the Chagossians, if any?

B/776 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Babajee)

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 Western Division Team of the Anti-Drug and Smuggling Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) number of officers attached thereto (b) area under their jurisdiction and (c) number of vehicles at the disposal thereof?

B/777 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 Mrs. S.O., Attorney at Law, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the total quantum of fees and allowances paid out thereto, together with the other fringe benefits to which she was entitled over the period 2015 to 2024 in her capacity as legal representative, chairperson, board member and for any other legal services rendered to the different Ministries and parastatal bodies?

B/778 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Adrien 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 Fifth Ordinary Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament, held in Midrand, South Africa, from 16 July to 01 August 2025, he will state whether an official delegation of the National Assembly of Mauritius participated therein and, if so, indicate (a) the composition of the delegation, duration of stay and total costs incurred in respect of air travel, accommodation and *per diem* allowances (b) whether the members of the delegation were sworn in as members of the Pan-African Parliament and (c) the meetings, committees or other events in which the members of the delegation participated?

B/779 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or
(Mr Etwareea)

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 initiative taken by the African Union to launch an African rating agency in September 2025, he will state if he proposes to support same?

B/780 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 Mr. K.P., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the Ministries/Government Bodies/Parastatal Bodies in which he held remunerated positions over the period 2015 to 2024, indicating in each case, the (a) capacity thereof (b) terms and conditions of contract, including remuneration and other allowances and benefits drawn and (c) overseas missions undertaken, indicating the (i) costs incurred, giving details thereof (ii) countries visited (iii) duration thereof and (iv) name of other members of each delegation?

B/781 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Adrien 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 Grand Gaube Police Station, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of contraventions booked by officers attached thereto since 12 June 2025 to date, indicating the number thereof booked for road offences and noise pollution offences, respectively?

B/782 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 foreign workers recruited since January 2015 to November 2024 having overstayed and currently illegally staying on the Mauritian territory, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Passport and Immigration Office, information as to the number and nationality thereof?

B/783 The Honourable Third Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien **(Mr Lukeeram)**

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 Advisers whose services were retained by the former Prime Minister, he will state the names and pay packages thereof, including the boards on which they equally served over the period 2015 to November 2024?

B/784 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 amnesty scheme for the writing-off of long outstanding loans of over 20 years or of deceased planters, breeders, fishermen and micro entrepreneurs of both mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., information as to the number of (a) cases thereof settled as at to date and total quantum of the loans written off and (b) outstanding cases as at date, indicating where matters stand?

B/785 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes **(Ms Anquetil)**

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 Sodnac Wellness Park, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Employees Welfare Fund, information as to whether consideration will be given for the replacement of the outdoor equipment found thereat and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

**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/786 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 Cycle Network Project for the region of Beau Bassin, Rose Hill and Ebene, he will state where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated by his Ministry in relation thereto?

B/787 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or
(Mr Beejan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the Royal Road, Goodlands, in the vicinity of the Doorgachurn Hurry Government School, he will state if consideration will be given for the carrying out of urgent measures, including construction of drains, to address the issue of large water accumulation during and after heavy rainfalls thereat since years thereby rendering same inaccessible and unsafe for pedestrians and vehicles and, if so, indicate the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/788 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Babajee)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to State lands in Riambel, he will state the number of (a) leaseholders thereof and (b) squatters thereof, indicating the mechanism, if any, put in place by the Ministry for the regularisation thereof and, measures taken, if any, for them to have access to water and electricity?

B/789 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 the tragic accident which occurred on 20 March 2025 at a Diving Centre found within a hotel compound in the north of the Island, he will state if his Ministry has investigated same and, if so, indicate the (a) outcome thereof and actions, if any, taken to avoid any future mishap thereat and (b) number of hotels registered under the Occupational Safety and Health Act and (i) table the list thereof inspected since 20 March 2025 and (ii) indicate the number of contraventions booked?

B/790 The Honourable Second Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jhummun)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the Metro Express Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the names of the individuals and entities having been awarded contracts for works related or incidental to the setting up and operation thereof, indicating the contractual value thereof, in each case?

B/791 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 Morcellement Green Park, in Terre Rouge, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the District Council of Pamplemousses, information as to whether consideration will be given for the (a) cleaning of drains and bare lands (b) installation of road markings and traffic signs and (c) setting up of a green space thereat and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/792 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 Morcellement Boucan, Camp Carol and surrounding regions in Grand Bay, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as to the short and long terms remedial measures envisaged to address the issue of severe irregular water supply prevailing thereat over the past eight years, indicating the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/793 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 Wakashio Shipwreck, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to (a) where matters stand regarding the (i) inquiry initiated therein and (ii) payment of the compensation due to people of the South East affected therewith and (b) whether the report of the Commission of Inquiry set up to look therein will be made public?

B/794 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations –

Whether, he will state if the cases of dismissal of two employees allegedly for wearing hijabs in their place of work have been reported to his Ministry and, if so, indicate (a) if inquiries have been initiated therein and, if so, where matters stand (b) the number of reported cases of similar discriminatory practices since 2022 to date and the outcome thereof in each case and (c) if consideration will be given for the toughening of the existing legislation in relation to similar practices?

B/795 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues (Mr Edouard)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the eleven schemes included in financial year 2025–2026 in terms of financial assistance to artists, he will state (a) the eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom and (b) if Rodrigues artists are eligible to apply thereunder and, if so, how and, if not, why not?

B/796 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jugurnauth)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to kitesurfing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the relevant authorities, information as to the required criteria for allowing the practice thereof in designated areas, indicating whether (a) the operators currently offering this activity are complying therewith and (b) consideration will be given for the taking of measures to ensure that adequate health and safety protocols are enforced?

B/797 The Honourable Third Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre D'or
(Mr Etwareea)

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

Whether, in regard to the circulation of false information and the use of fake profiles to disseminate same, amongst others, he will state the urgent measures he proposes to take to address the issue and the risks inherent thereto, while preserving the sacrosanct principle of freedom of expression in Mauritius?

B/798 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Rookny)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the closure of Malakoff Road in Arsenal for drain works undertaken by Transinvest Construction Ltd; he will state the (a) work progress thereof (b) reasons for the delay beyond the one-month expected completion date and (c) new expected completion date thereof and of reopening of the road?

B/799 The Honourable Fourth Member for Rodrigues (Mr Edouard)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the existing training facilities for officers, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation (STC), information as to the grades of officers concerned therewith, indicating if (a) same are relevant for the promotion prospects thereof and (b) officers of the STC Rodrigues benefit therefrom?

B/800 The Honourable Third Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the football ground found in Morcellement La Confiance, Beau Bassin, in Constituency No.20, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Beau-Bassin-Rose-Hill, information as to whether consideration is being given for the rehabilitation thereof and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

B/801 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Rookny)

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

Whether, in regard to Morcellement Le Hameau situated at Beau Plan, he will state if the promoters thereof were required to obtain an Environment Impact Assessment Licence prior to developing same and, if not, why not, indicating whether his Ministry is aware that the plots of land of the said Morcellement have been sold as part of a morcellement development?

B/802 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 ongoing renovation and repair works being carried out at the Mare d'Albert Swimming Pool, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Sports Council, information as to where matters stand, indicating the expected reopening date thereof?

B/803 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

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

Whether, in regard to the Foundation Program in Literacy, Numeracy and Skills, he will state where matters stand regarding the (a) training programs scheduled for the empowerment of educators of Rodrigues (b) required resources for an effective implementation of the program and (c) transfer of secondary 9E+ students to the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development?

B/804 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Adrien Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, SME and Cooperatives –

Whether, in regard to the official overseas missions he has undertaken since November 2024 to date, he will, in each case, state the (a) dates, purpose and country/countries visited (b) composition of the delegation and (c) cost incurred in terms of (i) air-tickets (ii) accommodation (iii) *per diem* allowances, and (iv) cars put at the disposal thereof, if any?

B/805 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Babajee)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to kite surfing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the relevant authorities, information as to whether a person is required to hold a valid licence in order to practice same on his/her own in our lagoons, further indicating if the presence of a coach or monitor is required onsite for those practicing same?

B/806 The Honourable First Member for Rodrigues (Ms Collet)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the 2025 Inter-College Games held from 14 to 18 July at the Côte d’Or National Sports Complex and other venues, he will state (a) the total budget allocated and actual expenditure incurred therefor (b) the specific initiatives taken to promote values of discipline, inclusion, and drug prevention through the Games (c) whether and how handisport disciplines were integrated therein, including the number of participating students with disabilities and support provided and (d) whether the Inter-College Games will become an annual event?

B/807 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 General Assembly of the Mauritius Judo Federation held on 11 July 2025, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Federation, information as to the (a) names of the elected members and (b) number of clubs which took part in the election?

B/808 The Honourable Second Member for Rodrigues (Mr François)

To ask the Honourable Minister of National Infrastructure –

Whether, in regard to the recent official visit he undertook to Rodrigues together with an accompanying delegation, he will state the (a) purposes and outcomes thereof and (b) list of National Development Unit projects awarded and, in each case (i) giving details of the initial date of conception thereof and (ii) whether any delay occurred in the implementation thereof and, if so, the reasons thereof?

B/809 The Honourable First Member for La Caverne and Phoenix
(Mr Lobine)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the 2030 Renewal Energy Roadmap published in 2022, he will state (a) where matters stand regarding the setting up of a planned 50 MW Offshore Wind Farm, as announced by the previous Government and (b) the number of projects and expressions of interests obtained as at to date regarding ocean renewables like offshore wind farms and wave and tidal power plants, giving details of reports and feasibility studies and recommendations available in relation thereto, if any?

B/810 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port-Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mr Adrien Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour and Industrial Relations –

Whether, in relation to the alleged discriminatory treatment and dismissal of Ms N.A. and Ms M.A. by ENSafrica (Mauritius) Ltd., he will state if the matter has been reported to his Ministry and, if so, if inquiries have been initiated thereinto and, if so, indicate where matters stand?

B/811 The Honourable Second Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Jugurnauth)

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

Whether, in regard to fish farming, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fisheries Planning and Licensing Division, information as to the (a) names of the companies having been issued licences therefor (b) regions where same is currently carried out, indicating the species of fish farmed and the potential hazards these species may pose to the local marine flora and fauna and (c) whether cases of fish escaping from fish cages as a result of vandalism or adverse weather conditions have been reported?

B/812 The Honourable Third Member for Pamplemousses and Triolet
(Mr Rookny)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Morcellement St André Football Ground, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if consideration will be given for the renovation thereof, including remedying the defective lighting thereat and, if so, indicate the expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/813 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Babajee)

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

Whether, in regard to Le Morne Public Beach, especially, at the stretch between the Riu and St Regis hotels, he will state if consideration will be given for the (a) renovation of the existing toilets and provision of electricity and water thereat and (b) installation of (i) showers (ii) shops for beach hawkers selling food and drinks and (iii) a mess room for the toilet cleaners?

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