MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given Requiring an Oral Answer Sitting of Tuesday 07 May 2019

Questions addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home

Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit,

Minister of Finance and Economic Development

B/273 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Gambling Regulatory Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) composition of the Board thereof, indicating the terms and conditions of appointment of the members and (b) number of sub-committees set-up and functional, indicating in each case, the purpose, composition and fees payable to the members thereof?

B/274 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the news bulletin broadcasts, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, information as to if consideration will be given for the subtitling thereof to benefit viewers with hearing impairment?

B/275 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Africa Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the (a) number of applications for funding received thereunder, indicating the number of successful applications and in each case the (i) quantum granted and (ii) nature of project and (b) country in which funds are to be invested?

B/276 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Reports of the Director of Audit for periods 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, respectively, he will state the remedial measures taken at central Government level, if any, in respect of the Ministries having been adversely reported therein, indicating if consultations have been held with the National Audit Office and the Ministers concerned to discuss the findings thereof?

B/277 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Adrien Duval)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Love Bridge Project, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as at to date, as to the (a) number of staff having worked in connection therewith (b) number of deprived families having benefitted thereunder and (c) cost incurred in relation thereto, indicating the quantum of funds earmarked therefor for the next financial year?

B/278 The Honourable Second Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Dr Boolell**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Inter-Ministerial Committee set up to look into the proposed setting up of the Land Court/Division/Tribunal, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of meetings held as at to date?

B/279 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if consideration will be given for the advisability of increasing the number of channels thereof broadcasting in the kreol language?

B/280 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to private television, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Independent Broadcasting Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the issue of licenses therefor?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development

B/281 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Waste Water Management Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the tender procedures followed for the award of a contract for consultancy services proposed for the construction of a new building therefor at Curepipe, indicating the (a) initial scope of services to be procured and fees quoted therefor and (b) final scope of services to be procured and quantum of fees payable as approved by the Board and quantum thereof paid as at to date?

B/282 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the Mortuary House of the Queen Victoria Hospital, he will state if a Safety and Health inspection exercise has recently been conducted thereat and, if so, indicate (a) when (b) by whom and (c) the discrepancies detected, if any, and, if so, indicate the implications thereof and the remedial actions required?

B/283 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to *post-mortem* examinations, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if consideration will be given for the carrying out thereof by Police Medical Officers at the Dr A. G. Jeetoo Hospital between 1600 hrs and 2200 hrs?

B/284 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the Road Decongestion Programme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to if consideration is being given for the construction of a by-pass from La Flora bridge to the Sweet factory to ease traffic congestion thereat?

B/285 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training –

Whether, in regard to the hiring of foreign nannies, he will state if consideration will be given for the advisability of granting work permits therefor?

B/286 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to cancer, he will state if consideration will be given for the decentralisation of the treatment/services presently available only at the Queen Victoria Hospital to the other regional hospitals, pending the coming into operation of the New Cancer Centre at Solferino and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/287 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Perraud**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the Elderly, he will state if Government will consider coming up with a policy for the construction of Homes therefor?

B/288The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Perraud)

> To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

> Whether, in regard to the Basic Invalidity Pension, he will state if beneficiaries thereof are regularly required to be examined by the Medical Board to ensure the eligibility thereof therefor?

B/289The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Perraud)

> To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

> Whether, in regard to the last school allocation exercise carried out following the Primary School Achievement Certificate Examinations, she will state the number of parents who were not satisfied therewith, indicating the number thereof who have requested for school transfers?

B/290The Honourable First Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (Mrs Perraud)

> To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands, Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare -

> Whether, in regard to the basketball ground at Batterie Cassée, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to where matters stand as to the proposed (a) installation of lighting thereat (b) upgrading thereof and (c) resurfacing thereof?

B/291The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the Clear Ocean Hotel and Resorts Project at St Félix, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating if (a) the lease of land and environmental clearances issues have now been cleared (b) the Environmental Impact Assessment Report thereof has been amended (c) environmental norms are being complied with and (d) a new schedule of work has been submitted?

B/292 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the works being carried out at Place Cardinal Margéot, Rose Hill, in connection with the Metro Express Project, he will state if he has received copies of representations made on 23 August and 15 November 2018, respectively, addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister by Mrs E. H. and referred to him by letter dated 05 November 2018, indicating the actions taken in relation thereto, if any?

B/293 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the High Commissioners/Ambassadors posted at the Mauritius Embassies abroad, he will give a list of overseas missions they have effected since July 2018 to date, indicating in each case the (a) countries visited and purposes thereof (b) expenditure incurred in terms of air tickets and allowances and (c) number of times they officially travelled to mainland Mauritius, indicating the duration thereof and expenditure incurred in terms of air tickets and allowances?

B/294 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to the St Felix Clear Ocean Hotel Resorts Project at Pomponette, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/295 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Jhuboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the Albion Petroleum Hub Project, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/296 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Baboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the School Certificate Examinations 2018, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate, information as to the number of students having obtained (a) 3 credits (b) 4 credits and (c) 5 or more credits and (d) both distinctions and credits?

B/297 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Baboo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the reinstatement of the deproclaimed part of the Pointe aux Piments-Mon Choisy coast road (B38), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand?

B/298 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection –

Whether, in regard to the commodities donated by the State Trading Corporation since 2014 to date on a yearly basis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Corporation, for each type thereof, information as to the (a) number of beneficiaries thereof (b) value thereof and (c) purposes therefor?

B/299 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training –

Whether, in regard to the Workfare Programme, he will state the number of workers registered thereunder since 2014 to date on a yearly basis, indicating the amount of funds (a) disbursed in terms of Transition Unemployment Benefit thereunder and (b) collected in terms of recycling fee?

B/300 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to persons with disabilities, he will state the measures taken to ease access thereof to public buildings and halls belonging to the local authorities since March 2018 to date?

B/301 The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Abbas Mamode**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life -

Whether, in regard to the Dr A. G. Jeetoo Hospital, he will state if consideration will be given for the installation of air conditioners in the Cardiac Unit Ward 3.3 and other specialized units thereat?

B/302 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands, Minister of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare –

Whether, in regard to the Multipurpose Complex at Plaine Verte (Idrice Goomany Centre), she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Port Louis, information as to (a) since when it is closed to the public and (b) if any renovation works will be carried out thereat, and, if so, indicate the (i) scope of works thereof and (ii) expected start and completion dates thereof?

B/303 The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Armance**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the works being carried out in connection with the Metro Express Project in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will state the work progress thereof, indicating the expected completion date thereof?

The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and B/304Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

> To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

> Whether, in regard to the observations and recommendations made by the Director of Audit in her last Report in relation to the impact of flooding, he will state the measures envisaged by his Ministry in relation thereto?

The Honourable First Member for Grand River North West and B/305 Port Louis West (Mr Armance)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Housing and Lands –

Whether, in regard to social housing, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Housing Development Company Ltd., information as to the number of units thereof constructed in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, since January 2015 to date, indicating the number of (a) applications for the allocation thereof received and (b) units thereof allocated?

B/306The Honourable Fourth Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Abbas Mamode)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the Queen Victoria Hospital, he will state if consideration will be given for an upgrading of the facilities offered to geriatric patients thereat pending the coming into operation of the Geriatric Hospital?

B/307 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

> To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

> Whether, in regard to property offences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of reported cases thereof in Black River, since April 2016 to date, indicating the (a) total value of property stolen/damaged and (b) measures taken to reinforce safety and security thereat?

B/308 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

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

Whether, in regard to the Insurance (Industry) Compensation Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom information as to the (a) number of staff members attached thereto and (b) amount of money (i) collected and (ii) disbursed since April 2018 to date?

B/309 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade –

Whether, in regard to the implementation of Phases II and III of the Ring Road Project, he will, for the benefit of House, obtain from the Road Development Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the negotiations initiated for the funding thereof?

B/310 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Adrien Duval)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the inquiry initiated in 2017 and presided by Mr S. H. into the award of contracts by the Central Water Authority, he will for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to the outcome thereof?

B/311 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Adrien Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment –

Whether, in regard to the National Corporate Social Responsibility Foundation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, the list of the Non-Governmental Organisations and/or non-profit making organizations registered therewith, indicating the (a) procedure in place at the NCSR Foundation, if any, to verify the legal status of the said NGOs and (b) if consideration will be given to do away with the required criteria of 2 years existence for registration therewith?

B/312 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Adrien Duval)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed elaboration of a new Solid Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan by his Ministry, including consideration of "tri selectif", he will state where matters stand?

B/313 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, in regard to the former employees of the Médine Sugar Estate who have not yet received their plot of land at Palma, in the vicinity of GSS Palma, under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme, he will state the (a) date of termination of employment thereof and (b) reasons for the delay of the land transfers?

B/314 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Business, Enterprise and Co-operatives –

Whether, in regard to the Small Medium Enterprise Employment Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from SME Mauritius Ltd., information as to the number of (a) graduates registered thereunder and (b) employers registered thereunder, indicating the aggregate amount of funds disbursed thereto?

B/315 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Ms Sewocksingh)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training –

Whether, in regard to the Work Permit, he will state the number thereof granted by economic sectors since 2016 to date?

B/316 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Ms Sewocksingh)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to the proposed implementation of new digital platforms to render the Mauritian tourism product more visitor-friendly, as announced in the Budget Speech 2018-2019, he will state where matters stand?

B/317 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the alleged illegal posting of posters in Plaine Verte, on or about the night of 18 April 2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the actions taken by Police Officers of the Vallée Pitot Police Station in relation thereto, indicating if an inquiry will be carried out thereinto?

B/318 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the recent flooding of the regions of Cassis and Bain des Dames in Constituency No. 1, Grand River North West and Port Louis West, he will state the number of persons/households who have registered their losses to the Police stations for the purpose of receiving allowances from his Ministry, indicating the number thereof who have been remitted same as at to date?

B/319 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Information Communication Technologies Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the date on which the vacancy for the post of Executive Director thereof arose, indicating the (a) date on which same was advertised and (b) name of the Officer-in-Charge thereof in the absence of an incumbent of the post of Executive Director, indicating if the latter is presently the most senior officer on the establishment thereof?

B/320 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed Public Service Bill, he will state the expected date of introduction thereof in the Assembly, indicating if consultations have been held with the unions prior to the finalization thereof?

B/321 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the grade of Hospital Services Attendant, he will state the criteria used for the recent promotion exercise carried out thereat?

B/322 The Honourable Fourth Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Barbier**)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the grade of General Workers in his Ministry, he will state the criteria used for the recent promotion exercise carried out thereat?

B/323 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Right Honourable Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence, Minister for Rodrigues –

Whether, in regard to the incident which occurred on 23 April 2019 at Bain des Dames, Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the (a) causes thereof (b) number of Police Officers assaulted and having sustained injuries, if any (c) names of persons arrested in connection therewith, indicating the charges preferred against them and (d) names and ages of persons treated at hospitals in connection therewith?

B/324 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the persons who have attended the Refugee Centres since January 2015 to date, he will state the total amount of money remitted thereto in terms of allowances, giving a breakdown thereof, region-wise?

B/325 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed implementation of a Strategy and Action Plan for Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery System for Mauritius, he will state where matters stand?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)Clerk of the National Assembly

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Question addressed to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit,

Minister of Finance and Economic Development

A/2 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Ms Sewocksingh)

To ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Corporate and Business Registration Department, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information, as to the number of (a) registered companies which meet the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises criteria respectively and (b) individual businesses registered therewith as at to date?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development

A/3 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Indian Ocean Island Games 2019, he will give a list of the food supplements and vitamins distributed to the athletes, discipline-wise, during their preparation therefor?

A/4 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the preparation of the Mauritian athletes for the Indian Ocean Island Games 2019, he will state if a decision has been taken to provide the Sports Medical Unit with additional human resources and equipment and, if so, give details thereof and, if not, why not?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)Clerk of the National Assembly

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