MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given Requiring an Oral Answer Sitting of Tuesday 24 September 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/874 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 Duty Free Paradise Co. Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if there have been allegations of payment of fees and commissions in connection with contracts for the supply of goods thereto, since 2012 to date and, if so, indicate if inquiries have been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/875 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 Ebene Cybercity, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Landscope (Mauritius) Ltd., information as to if consideration will be given for the uplifting of the environment thereat, especially, with regard to parking facilities and a new hawker zone thereat and, if so, when?

Parliament House, Port Louis, Mauritius: Tel (230) 201-1414/Fax (230) 212-8364 Email: clerk@govmu.org Web site: http://mauritiusassembly.govmu.org B/876 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

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 SBM (Mauritius) Infrastructure Development Co. Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the amount of loans money channelled therefrom for the implementation of projects in Mauritius, as at to date?

B/877 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 flooding problem at La Fourche Lane, at Richelieu, in Petite Rivière, he will state where matters stand as to the construction of drains and other amenities thereat by the National Development Unit?

B/878 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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

Whether, following the suspension and replacement of Jockey D. H. during the 21st Horse Racing Day, on 10 August 2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority and the Mauritius Turf Club, respectively, information as to the subsequent actions taken in relation thereto?

B/879 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Quirin)

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 SMS Pariaz, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Gambling Regulatory Authority, information as to the number of outlets it operates in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues, respectively, indicating in each case the (a) location and (b) starting date of operation?

B/880 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Henry)

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 flooding problem in Cité Paul Langlois, in Plaine Magnien, since 2017 to date, he will state the measures taken by the National Development Unit in relation thereto?

B/881 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 Commissioner of Police, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the date on which the incumbent is due to retire?

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/882 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Chairperson of the Early Childhood Care and Education Authority, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the name of the incumbent, indicating the (a) qualifications held (b) terms and conditions of appointment, including fees, allowances and benefits drawn and (c) number of overseas missions undertaken, indicating the aggregate costs thereof?

B/883 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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 reported cases of forged horse power certificates, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the National Transport Authority, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiries initiated thereinto and the actions taken in relation thereto, if any, as at to date?

B/884 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

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

Whether, in regard to the allegations levelled against Mr R. Y. in 2017 whilst he held Office as Attorney General, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto, indicating (a) the number of arrests effected in connection therewith, if any and (b) if prosecution has been lodged and any conviction secured?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the marine area surrounding Round Island, he will state if consideration will be given for the inclusion thereof in the Marine Protected Areas of Mauritius?

B/886

The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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 Metro Express, he will state the positioning of the track thereof along St Jean Road, indicating the consequential traffic segregation thereat, if any, including the assessed impact thereof on the locality?

B/887

The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

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 Metro Express, he will state if any plan is being envisaged for the extension of the services through Ebene?

B/888

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

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 Metro Express, he will give details of the insurance cover to the commuters and members of the public in case of injuries/deaths arising out of accidents/natural calamities?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the State Trading Corporation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the names of the barristers and attorneys whose services have been retained thereat on contract or otherwise, since January 2015 to date, indicating in each case the (a) terms and conditions of contract and (b) amount paid as retainer and/or other fees for court cases, locally and before the Privy Council?

B/890

The 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 National Housing Development Company Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the names of the attorneys, barristers and notaries whose services have been retained thereat, since January 2015 to date, indicating in each case the (a) terms and conditions of contract and (b) amount paid as retainer and/or other fees for court cases?

B/891

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

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

Whether, in regard to the recent reported cases of fake motor vehicle licences, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number of persons arrested in connection therewith, if any, indicating where matters stand as to the inquiries initiated thereinto?

B/892 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (Mr Lepoigneur)

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 workshop of Larsen and Toubro located at Morcellement La Confiance, he will state if he is in presence of complaints from the owners of residences adjacent thereto as to the inconveniences being caused thereto and requesting the relocation thereof and, if so, indicate if due consideration will be given thereto?

B/893 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of villas by 2 Futures, along Pyndia Lane, at Pereybère, he will state if the terms and conditions of the Environment Impact Assessment Licence are being strictly complied with?

B/894 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rughoobur)

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

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of villas by Jin Mei Co. Ltd., along Pyndia Lane, at Pereybère, he will state if the terms and conditions of the Environment Impact Assessment Licence are being strictly complied with?

The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rughoobur)

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 procurement of bulbs for the provision of lighting facilities in the villages in the North, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Rivière du Rempart District Council, information as to the quantity and value thereof procured over the past six months, indicating the (a) name of the supplier and (b) procurement method used?

B/896

The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (Mr Rughoobur)

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 Rivière du Rempart District Council, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the total expenditure incurred on catering for social activities organized over the past two years, including hotel charges and/or cost of salle verte?

B/897

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

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

Whether, in regard to death of Mrs S.M., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the time at which the (a) son of the deceased called at the Bel Air Rivière Sèche Police Station requesting for urgent police assistance and (b) Police Officers reached the locus, indicating if consideration will be given for additional actions to be taken against the Police Officers for failing to deploy assistance in time, pending the conclusion of the inquiry initiated thereinto?

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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 Etienne Pellereau Street, in Port Louis, he will state if remedial measures will be taken to attend to the (a) bad state thereof, from its junction between the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Street to the Royal Road and (b) absence of adequate drainage system from its junction between Royal Road to the Mariamen Street, which causes flooding of houses in the vicinity thereof and, if so, when?

B/899

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

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

Whether, in regard to the Bois Marchand Cemetery, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if he is in presence of a letter from the United Chinese Associations for the installation of CCTV Camera Surveillance System thereat under the Safe City Project and, if so, indicate if consideration will be given thereto and, if not, why not?

B/900

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

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Multi-Sports Complex Project at Côte d'Or, in St Pierre, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Multi-Sports Infrastructure Ltd., information as to where matters stand regarding completion thereof, including the football playground and other amenities?

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

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 Building and Land Use Permit, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to the number of applications received and number of complaints received concerning the prescribed procedures, indicating the (a) cost of application and (b) recurrent cost incurred, since the coming into operation of the new legislation in relation thereto?

B/902

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

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

Whether, in regard to the Ti-lac Public Beach and access road at Pointe aux Sables, he will state if remedial measures will be taken to attend to the (a) deteriorated state thereof and (b) waste water outflows from the Foyer Trochetia onto the access road and stagnation thereof thereat and, if so, when?

B/903

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

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

Whether, in regard to Parisot Road, in Mesnil, he will state if consideration will be given for the widening thereof towards the end thereto on the motorway and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/904

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 Medical and Health Officers, he will state if consideration will be given for a review of the policy regarding the working hours thereof, having regard to the workload and roles and responsibilities assigned thereto, indicating if the proposal of 33 hours per week will be studied?

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 the *Police de l'Environnement*, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the number of (a) Police Officers posted thereat (b) vehicles at the disposal thereof (c) offices available thereat and (d) contraventions booked for breach of Environment legislation and convictions secured since November 2018 to date, per category of offences?

B/906

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

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

Whether, in regard to the classified roads in Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if urgent measures will be taken to prevent traffic congestions thereat at night due to obstruction by vehicles/vehicles parking in disorderly manners?

B/907

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 Director of the State Informatics Limited (SIL), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the SIL, information as to the name of the incumbent, indicating the (a) mode of recruitment thereof (b) total pay packet thereof (c) number of missions attended since his appointment to date, indicating the countries visited, dates, cost of air tickets and *per diem* paid thereto and (d) performance appraisal thereof?

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 post of Executive Director of the Information and Communication Technologies Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Authority, information as to (a) the names and qualifications of the successive incumbents thereof, since 2015 to date, indicating the reasons for the laying off thereof and (b) since when the post is vacant?

B/909

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

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

Whether, in regard to the Chief of Polytechnics Mauritius (Ltd.), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Polytechnics, information as to the (a) mode of recruitment thereof (b) total pay packet thereof, including fringe benefits and (c) list of missions and conferences attended since his appointment to date, indicating in each case the (i) country visited (ii) duration thereof and (iii) cost of air ticket and *per diem* allowances drawn?

B/910

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

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

Whether, in regard to the death of Mrs S.M., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to (a) if the footage of the CCTV Camera Surveillance System regarding the calling by the children of the deceased for urgent assistance has been secured and (b) where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/911 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Ms Sewocksingh)

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 Cité Pitot, in Curepipe, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Municipal Council of Curepipe, information as to if the Council has been vested therewith and, if so, indicate the project identified for implementation thereat, if any?

B/912 The Honourable Third Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Ms Sewocksingh)

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

Whether, in regard to the Inception Report submitted to his Ministry by the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Planning and Resources of the University of Mauritius whose consultancy services had been retained for the conduct of "A Gender Analysis of the Civil Service to Determine Gender Issues Impinging Service Delivery', he will state the main findings and recommendations thereof?

B/913 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 recent publication of a souvenir magazine in respect of the Indian Ocean Islands Games 2019, he will state the (a) cost thereof, giving a breakdown thereof (b) name of the person who has conceptualized same and (c) total cost of the launching ceremony thereof held at Restaurant La Falaise Rouge, in Ferney?

B/914 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts and Culture –

Whether, in regard to the historic site relating to the shelter for the indentured labourers at Trianon, he will state the measures being envisaged for the preservation thereof, if any?

B/915 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (Mr Ramano)

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

Whether, in regard to the former workers of the Médine Sugar Estate, he will state the number of plots of land allocated thereto, following the implementation of the Voluntary Retirement Scheme, indicating if the beneficiaries thereof have been remitted all the clearances from the relevant authorities, purporting to ascertain the residential nature of the respective plot of land, together with the title deeds?

B/916 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 recent declarations made by spokespersons of the Prison Officers Union to the effect that, on or about August 2019, some Prisons Officers who were scheduled for duty in the Prisons were, at the material time, on duty at the residence of the Commissioner of Prisons at Morcellement Pinewood, in Wooton, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the relevant authorities, information as to if an independent inquiry has been initiated thereinto and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/917 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River (Mr Ganoo)

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

Whether, having regard to the water supply problems encountered by the inhabitants of Chemin Grenier and in the vicinity thereof during heavy rainfalls, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Water Authority, information as when the project for the installation of a Water Treatment Plant thereat will be initiated and finalized?

B/918 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Henry)

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 double cab and lorries of the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service, she will state the number thereof which have undergone examination at the National Transport Authority, since 2018 to date, indicating the number thereof found not to be road-worthy?

B/919 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Henry)

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

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 12, Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien, he will state the number of social houses constructed thereat since 2017 to date?

B/920 The Honourable Fourth Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (Mr Henry)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism –

Whether, in regard to Pont Cavendish, commonly known as Pont Ville-Noire, in Mahebourg, he will state the work progress of the renovation thereof, indicating (a) the expected completion date thereof and (b) if it forms part of the *Mahebourg Village Touristique*?

B/921 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Adrien Duval)

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 Terre Rouge-Verdun Link Road, he will give (a) a breakdown of expenditure incurred since 2015 to date in relation thereto (b) the total final cost of repairs, treatment of landslide and outstanding works thereof and (c) the expected completion date thereof?

B/922 The Honourable First Member for Curepipe and Midlands (Mr Adrien Duval)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Drugs Observatory, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if a report has been commissioned for the year 2019 and, if so, indicate the expected date of publication thereof?

B/923 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

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 displaced hawkers who were formerly operating at Decaen, in Port Louis, he will state if they will all be relocated before the end of year festivities and, if so, indicate (a) the location earmarked therefor and (b) if all of them are guaranteed to obtain a place to continue their respective trade?

B/924 The Honourable Second Member for Vacoas and Floreal (Mr Baboo)

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

Whether, in regard to cervical cancer, he will state the treatment presently available to patients suffering therefrom?

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

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

Whether, in regard to the drugs seized by the Customs Department in cylinders at the port in 2017, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand as to the inquiry initiated thereinto?

B/926

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 200/300 metres of the Terre Rouge-Verdun Link Road, which were found damaged in 2015 and finally repaired in 2019, he will state the expenditure incurred in relation thereto?

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)Clerk of the National Assembly

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