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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

2208/2026

Hon. Chithral Fernando, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

(a) Will he state the —

(i) number of institutions functioning under the Ministry of Justice and National Integration;

(ii) names of the said institutions;

(iii) number of vacancies for judicial officers and other officers, separately according to each institution; and

(iv) measures that will be taken by the Ministry to fill the said vacancies?

(b) If not, why?

2284/2026

Hon. Sarath Kumara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of cricket teams of persons with disabilities currently existing in Sri Lanka;

(ii) names of the said teams; and

(iii) current international rankings of each of the said teams and their highest achievements in international matches?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether these cricket teams have been officially registered with Sri Lanka Cricket or the Ministry;

(ii) of the amount of financial provisions allocated annually by the Ministry or Sri Lanka Cricket for the promotion of the said cricket teams;

(iii) whether allowances, performance incentives and insurance coverage are provided to cricket players with disabilities who win international tournaments, in the same manner as they are provided to players of the national cricket team; and

(iv) whether special programmes are being implemented at district level to identify talented cricket players with disabilities across the island and facilitate their entry into the sport?

(c) If not, why?

2471/2026

Hon. R. M. Ranjith Madduma Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) separately, of the number of suspects held in remand custody, convicted inmates, and inmates sentenced to death in connection with drug-related charges;

(ii) of the daily expenditure incurred for food and other facilities for inmates; and

(iii) whether plans have been made to relax bail conditions or introduce alternative penal methods for individuals remanded for minor offences?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

(i) number of vacancies existing in the Department of Prisons;

(ii) measures that have been taken to address issues faced by Prison Officers regarding their security, service facilities, and profession;

(iii) steps that have been taken by the present Government to improve the health, sanitation, and nutritional standards of inmates; and

(iv) progress of the ongoing programmes that have been implemented for the rehabilitation and social reintegration of inmates?

(c) If not, why?

2483/2026

Hon. Amirthanathan Adaikkalanathan,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether the Ministry has received a report containing comprehensive information regarding the volunteer teachers in the Northern Province;

(ii) if so, of the total number of teachers that has been identified according to the said list; and

(iii) of the procedure followed to verify the accuracy of the said data?

(b) Will she also inform this House —

(i) whether a Cabinet paper has been submitted to grant permanent appointments to qualified volunteer teachers who served prior to the year 2019;

(ii) of the expedited steps that have been taken to grant permanent appointments to those teachers who have met the prerequisites; and

(iii) of the expected timeframe to grant permanent appointments to the said teachers?

(c) Will she further inform this House —

(i) whether action will be taken to provide any interim relief to teachers who have been serving for years without receiving a salary; and

(ii) whether action will be taken to prioritize the requests of these teachers who have been affected by both the war and the economic crisis, and provide a permanent solution to them?

(d) If not, why?

2554/2026

Hon. Kaveenthiran Kodeeswaran,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether he is aware that the renovation work of the Dharmashankari Public Playground, which belongs to the Alayadivembu Divisional Secretariat Division, commenced using funds allocated by the then Ministry of Sports but was subsequently abandoned midway; and

(ii) whether the Ministry has currently allocated the funds required to complete the remaining renovation work of the said playground?

(b) Will he also inform this House whether the Ministry has allocated funds during the years 2025 and 2026 for the renovation of playgrounds and the provision of sports equipment to sports clubs belonging to the Thirukkovil, Alayadivembu, Karaitivu, Navithanveli and Kalmunai Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Ampara District?

(c) If not, why?

2599/2026

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Science and Technology,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) mandate and the scope of the Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology (Pvt) Ltd.;

(ii) name, educational and professional qualifications of the Chief Executive Officer of the said Institute, and the salary and allowances paid to him/her;

(iii) names of the members of the Board of Directors of the said Institute;

(iv) steps that have been taken by the said Institute to disseminate knowledge of science and technology among the rural population; and

(v) measures that will be taken to transform the said Institute into an institution that is capable of directly contributing to national development by collaborating closely with school and university students, as well as innovators?

(b) If not, why?

2622/2026

Hon. Suranga Rathnayaka,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (1)

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether actions will be taken to provide Pirivenas as well, with the new technological facilities provided to government schools;

(ii) whether the 'Vidyayathana Pirivenas' which lack necessary technological facilities have been identified;

(iii) of the amount of funds allocated to provide technological equipment for the said Pirivenas; and

(iv) whether there is a possibility of stating a specific time frame for providing the necessary technological facilities to all Vidyayathana Pirivenas?

(b) Will she also inform this House whether —

(i) steps will be taken to provide the computers and technological equipment required for Vidyayathana Pirivenas; and

(ii) actions will be taken to provide internet facilities to the said Pirivenas?

(c) Will she further inform this House whether —

(i) a survey has been conducted by the Ministry regarding the shortage of physical resources existing in Pirivenas; and

(ii) actions will be taken to provide these facilities before the year 2027?

(d) If not, why?

2630/2026

Hon. (Prof.) L.M. Abeywickrama,— To ask the Minister of Health and Mass Media,— (1)

(a) Is he aware that there is a shortage of medical officers, specialist doctors and nursing staff at the Kamburupitiya Base Hospital in the Matara District, where a large number of patients receive treatment daily?

(b) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) grade under which the said hospital has been classified;

(ii) total approved cadre of medical officers, specialist doctors and nursing staff for the said hospital, separately in respect of each grade and division;

(iii) number of medical officers and specialist doctors currently serving at the said hospital, expressed as a percentage of the approved cadre; and

(iv) urgent measures that have been taken so far and proposed to be taken in the future to fill the vacancies in the medical and nursing staff of the said hospital?

(c) If not, why?

2659/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Hiruni Wijesinghe, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Science and Technology,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the manner in which the technical intervention of the Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies has contributed towards saving Sri Lanka’s foreign exchange and developing national infrastructure;

(ii) whether the said Institute has the capacity to transmit technological solutions for the domestic agricultural sector and the major export crop sector; and

(iii) whether the said Institute possesses the capability to provide technological support for resolving national-level environmental and social issues?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

(i) strategic and technological benefits that a developing nation such as Sri Lanka can derive from advancing space technology and nanosatellites;

(ii) technological support that is provided by the said Institute to uplift domestic industries, ensure consumer protection, and raise product standards; and

(iii) research and development activities that are currently being carried out by the said Institute to develop solutions to national-level environmental and social issues, as well as to the challenges faced by the domestic agricultural and industrial sectors?

(c) If not, why?

2683/2026

Hon. Lieutenant Commander (Rtd.) Prageeth Madhuranga,— To ask the Minister of Defence,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the total amount of funds that has been expended on the office of the Chief of Defence Staff from 2009 to 2025;

(ii) whether he accepts that the allocations made under the relevant Expenditure Head for 2013 and 2014 were Rs. 290.5 million and Rs. 7,890.5 million, respectively; and

(iii) if so, whether he will present the details regarding the allocation of the said provisions?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether the allocations made for 2013 and 2014 have been audited;

(ii) of the reasons for allocating the aforementioned amounts for 2013 and 2014 when compared with the allocations made for each year from 2009 to 2025;

(iii) whether he will present detailed information on the manner in which the provisions allocated for 2013 and 2014 were utilized; and

(iv) whether Cabinet approval had been obtained for the said expenditure?

(c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Tuesday, December 22, 2026)

2338/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House separately as at 31.12.2025 of the number of —

(i) cases pending before the Supreme Court, Court of Appeal, High Courts of Civil Appeal, Commercial High Courts, High Courts, District Courts, Magistrates' Courts, Children's Magistrates' Courts and Labour Tribunals;

(ii) Fundamental Rights cases filed before the Supreme Court in each year from 2020 to 2026; and

(iii) cases among the said cases in respect of which the Supreme Court granted 'leave to proceed', during each respective year?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the percentage of cases pending before the —

(i) Magistrates' Courts out of the total number of cases pending before all the courts and tribunals referred to above; and

(ii) District Courts out of the total number of cases pending before all the courts and tribunals referred to above?

(c) If not, why?

2340/2026

Hon. Ajith P. Perera,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

(a) Is he aware that —

(i) there are legal provisions for the use of DNA tests to resolve a dispute regarding the paternity or maternity of a child arising during legal proceedings;

(ii) in a case instituted under the Maintenance Act, No. 37 of 1999, where a dispute arises regarding the paternity or maternity of a child, the Magistrates' Court does not possess authority to compel a party to provide samples required for a DNA test; and

(iii) in a case before a District Court regarding the paternity or maternity of a child, there are no adequate statutory provisions empowering the Court to order a party to provide samples required for a DNA test?

(b) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether action will be taken to introduce the necessary statutory provisions to address such legal deficiencies;

(ii) if so, of the laws proposed to be amended or enacted; and

(iii) of the expected timeframe for introducing such laws?

(c) If not, why?

2452/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

(a) Will she inform this House separately, in respect of each project implemented or being implemented under foreign loans or grants by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education and its affiliated institutions during the period from 01.01.2020 to 30.06.2026, of the —

(i) name of the project and the project number of the lending institution;

(ii) funding foreign institution or State;

(iii) relevant agreement numbers, dates of signing, and effective dates;

(iv) total cost, the amount of foreign funds, and the government allocation; and

(v) relevant interest rate, grace period, and repayment period?

(b) Will she also inform this House, as at 30th June 2026 separately, in respect of each project of the —

(i) amount expended from the allocated funds and its percentage;

(ii) physical progress as a percentage;

(iii) variance between the progress expected according to the original plan and the actual progress; and

(iv) delay that has occurred?

(c) If not, why?

Thursday, December 24, 2026

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

38/2024

Hon. Hesha Withanage Ankumbura Arachchi, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the number of sports associations under Sri Lanka Cricket and their names;

(ii) of the number of votes allocated to each association separately, at an election of the said institution;

(iii) whether he is aware that allegations have been made that votes are being influenced through the provision of various privileges to sports associations during the election proceedings of the said institution; and

(iv) if so, of the steps that have been taken or will be taken to ensure transparency and fairness in the election process?

(b) If not, why?

164/2024

Hon. Chaminda Wijesiri,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

(a) Will she inform this House of the —

(i) year in which charges were framed against the individual named Arjuna Mahendran regarding the Central Bank bond scam;

(ii) number of notices issued against him by the Courts of this country in relation to that;

(iii) dates on which those notices were issued and the names of the Courts that issued them;

(iv) reasons for the inability to have him extradited to this country to date; and

(v) steps taken by the relevant Ministry to extradite him to this country?

(b) If not, why?

728/2025

Hon. Rohana Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) revenue generated from the export of agricultural crops from the year 2020 to date;

(ii) agricultural crops that have been exported in this manner; and

(iii) measures that will be taken to further increase the export of agricultural crops?

(b) If not, why?

771/2025

Hon. Dayasiri Jayasekara, Attorney at Law,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) of the military camps and police stations that came under attack by the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) during the period from 1987 to 1990;

(ii) separately, of the number of military personnel and police officers who were either killed or disabled as a result of the said attacks;

(iii) of the number of weapons that were looted during the said attacks;

(iv) of the number of such weapons that were subsequently recovered by the security forces;

(v) of the number of weapons that were surrendered to the Government;

(vi) of the number of weapons that have neither been recovered nor surrendered; and

(vii) of the measures that have been taken by the Government regarding the weapons that are yet to be recovered?

(b) If not, why?

993/2025

Hon. Kins Nelson,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) date on which a contributory pension scheme for migrant workers was jointly introduced by the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau and the Social Security Board;

(ii) objectives of the said contributory pension scheme;

(iii) number of Sri Lankan migrant workers currently contributing to the said pension scheme, separately according to each country; and

(iv) measures that will be taken by the Ministry to further popularise the said pension scheme?

(b) If not, why?

1670/2025

Hon. Chamara Sampath Dasanayake,— To ask the Minister of Justice and National Integration,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) maximum number of inmates that can be accommodated in all the prisons in Sri Lanka;

(ii) total number of inmates currently detained in prisons;

(iii) said number, separately by gender;

(iv) measures taken by the Government at present to minimize overcrowding in prisons; and

(v) timeframe for implementing such measures?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

(i) number of prisoners who, having been convicted and sentenced following a judicial trial, have lodged appeals before higher courts while being held in remand custody; and

(ii) number of prisoners who were eligible to receive the relief provided under the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. 25 of 2024 regarding the counting of the period spent in remand custody towards the term of imprisonment, prior to 03rd May 2024, given that the said relief came into effect on that date?

(c) If not, why?

2044/2026

Hon. Shanakiyan Rajaputhiran Rasamanickam,— To ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the number of foreign tourists who visited the Batticaloa District in the year 2025?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) of the names of the projects that are currently being implemented and that have been proposed to be implemented in the future by the Government to uplift the tourism industry in the Batticaloa District;

(ii) whether the Government has in place an integrated master plan for the development of tourism in the said district;

(iii) if so, of the details of the said master plan;

(iv) whether the Government has in place a specific development project to develop the Kallady beach in Batticaloa into an international tourism hub; and

(v) if so, of the details of the said project?

(c) If not, why?

2684/2026

Hon. Ravindra Bandara,— To ask the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land and Irrigation,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the names of the districts and Divisional Secretariat divisions in Sri Lanka where potatoes are cultivated;

(ii) whether he is aware that local potato farmers have been inconvenienced due to imported potatoes entering the market at lower prices;

(iii) of the steps that have been taken thus far, to reduce the cost of production in potato cultivation; and

(iv) of the plans that have been proposed to be implemented in the future to address the issues faced by local potato farmers?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether there is a programme in place to produce quality seed potatoes locally and provide them to farmers at lower prices;

(ii) whether a calculation has been carried out regarding the cost incurred per hectare of potato cultivation for fertilizer, agrochemicals, fuel, labour, and transport; and

(iii) of the Government's plans to increase the potato yield obtained per hectare?

(c) If not, why?

2739/2026

Hon. Chandana Thennakoon,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House of the —

(i) number of persons who have died due to wild elephant attacks so far during the year 2026;

(ii) number of such deaths, categorized according to the areas in which the deceased persons resided;

(iii) institution vested with the primary responsibility for preventing such loss of human lives; and

(iv) measures that have been taken by that institution in this regard to date?

(b) Will he also inform this House of the —

(i) number of houses and properties reported to have been damaged due to wild elephant attacks during the period referred to in (a)(i) above;

(ii) number of such incidents, categorized by district, separately;

(iii) whether such damage has increased or decreased in comparison with the preceding 05 years;

(iv) number of persons who have paid with compensation for property damage and the total amount of compensation paid;

(v) maximum amount of compensation payable in respect of a single housing unit; and

(vi) procedure followed for the payment of compensation for crop damage, including damages to coconut and paddy cultivation?

(c) If not, why?

2742/2026

Hon. Roshan Akmeemana,— To ask the Minister of Environment,— (1)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) of the powers vested in the Department of Wildlife Conservation in relation to the Pigeon Island National Park in the Trincomalee District;

(ii) whether permits/registration are required for the boats that transport tourists to the aforesaid island;

(iii) if so, of the relevant legal provisions, the number of permits issued, and the dates on which such permits were issued; and

(iv) of the number of permit holders, residing in the Trincomalee District?

(b) Will he also inform this House —

(i) whether permits/registration are required for vessels that transport tourists for the purpose of whale and dolphin watching;

(ii) if so, of the relevant legal provisions, the number of permits issued in the aforesaid district, and the dates on which they were issued; and

(iii) of the number of locations at which entrance tickets are issued for visiting Pigeon Island and participating in marine mammal-watching activities, and the locations where the aforesaid ticket-issuing points are situated?

(c) If not, why?

QUESTIONS NOT FOR ORAL ANSWERS

(Thursday, December 24, 2026)

2453/2026

Hon. (Mrs.) Rohini Kumari Wijerathna,— To ask the Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education,— (2)

(a) Will she inform this House —

(i) whether foreign funds have been utilized for the printing of textbooks and subject modules issued under the new educational reforms implemented from the year 2026;

(ii) if so, of the name of the said project and the funding agency or State;

(iii) whether the said funding was obtained as a loan or a grant;

(iv) of the duration of the project and the total amount of funds that were allocated for printing; and

(v) of the amount expended out of those funds as at 30.06.2026?

(b) Will she also inform this House —

(i) of the number of copies that had to be withheld from distribution or withdrawn due to errors, categorized separately according to grade, subject, and medium;

(ii) of the financial loss incurred by the Government as a result;

(iii) of the number of copies that were reprinted, the total cost for the same, and the source of funding;

(iv) of the conclusions of the investigations that were conducted in this regard; and

(v) whether steps have been taken to recover the said loss from the responsible parties?

(c) If not, why?

2498/2026

Hon. J.C. Alawathuwala,— To ask the Minister of Digital Economy,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the proposal mentioned on page 57 of the National People's Power government's policy statement 'A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life' to ‘introduce a unique digital identification code (UDI) to every citizen to liaise with the Government to access public services’, had been accomplished as at 01.09.2026; and

(ii) if so, of its financial/physical progress?

(b) If not, why?

2500/2026

Hon. K. Sujith Sanjaya Perera,— To ask the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development,— (2)

(a) Will he inform this House —

(i) whether the proposal mentioned on page 57 of the National People's Power government's policy statement 'A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life' to 'expedite providing Export Development Tax rebate on Input VAT for exporters' had been accomplished as at 01.09.2026; and

(ii) if so, of its financial/physical progress?

(b) f not, why?

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR WHICH NO DATES HAVE BEEN FIXED

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Hon. (Dr.) Kavinda Heshan Jayawardhana,— Select Committee of Parliament to inquire into and report on the death of the tusker 'Kavantissa', the conduct of the relevant authorities, and the enforcement of wildlife protection laws, and to submit its proposals and recommendations to prevent the recurrence of such an incident,— Whereas, under Article 27(14) of the Constitution, the State is mandated as a Directive Principle of State Policy to protect, preserve, and improve the environment for the benefit of the community;

And whereas, under Article 28(f) of the Constitution, it is declared to be the duty of every person in Sri Lanka to protect nature and conserve its resources;

And whereas, in terms of Article 148 of the Constitution, Parliament has full control over public finance, and Parliament bears the responsibility to satisfy itself whether the funds allocated from public revenue for wildlife conservation and human-elephant conflict management have been duly and effectively utilized;

And whereas, the tusker ‘Kavantissa’, considered to be prominent among the tallest and largest tuskers living in Sri Lanka, who roamed the Galgamuwa, Usgala Siyambalangamuwa areas in the Anuradhapura and Kurunegala Districts for many years, passed away on 16th October 2026 while receiving treatment from the Department of Wildlife Conservation since 24th September 2026 for an injury suspected to have been caused by a gunshot;

And whereas, under the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance No. 2 of 1937 (as amended), shooting, injuring, or killing an elephant is a punishable offence, and the primary responsibility for enforcing the said law and protecting wild elephants rests with the Department of Wildlife Conservation;

And whereas, warnings had been issued by environmentalists and the media since 2025 stating that there were gunshot wounds on the body of the tusker 'Kavantissa' and that the said tusker, along with other wild elephants in the area, faced severe threats to their lives;

And whereas, intense public concern has been directed toward the necessity of conducting a proper, transparent, and impartial investigation into this death;

And whereas, this incident has severely impacted public trust in the wildlife management system and the protection of the remaining tuskers in Sri Lanka;

This Parliament resolves, pursuant to Standing Order 100 of the Standing Orders of Parliament made under Article 74 of the Constitution, that a Select Committee of Parliament be appointed to inquire into and report on the death of the tusker 'Kavantissa', the conduct of the relevant authorities, and the enforcement of wildlife protection laws, and to submit its proposals and recommendations to prevent the recurrence of such incident, not being limited to the above, but also including the following:

(a) the circumstances surrounding the death of the tusker 'Kavantissa', the immediate and long-term causes thereof, the findings of the post-mortem report, and the health and ecosystemic factors involved;

(b) the manner in which the said tusker was shot or injured, whether illegal firearms or trap guns were utilized for the same, and the status of legal actions taken by the relevant authorities in this regard;

(c) the actions taken or omitted by the Department of Wildlife Conservation, veterinary officers, the Ministry in charge of the subject, the Sri Lanka Police, and other local authorities during the period from the warnings reported since 2025 up to the death and the adequacy of such actions;

(d) the adequacy of the treatment provided, the methodology of treatment, and the preparedness of emergency medical treatment and rescue mechanisms for disabled wild elephants;

(e) the lapses and delays in investigations into the enforcement of the Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance, the National Environmental Act No. 47 of 1980, and the Firearms Ordinance No. 33 of 1916;

(f) the efficiency and effectiveness of the utilization of funds and resources allocated for the conservation of wild elephants and human-elephant conflict management;

(g) the loss of wild elephant habitats and elephant corridors in the relevant area, and the land-use decisions that contributed thereto; and

(h) recommendations regarding necessary legal reforms, the strengthening of administrative measures, a special program for the conservation of tuskers, and emergency treatment and protection mechanisms to ensure the protection of remaining wild elephants, including the tuskers in Sri Lanka.

2. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 103 of Parliament, two (02) Chairpersons to serve as Co-Chairs representing both the Government and the Opposition, and Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker;

(b) in the absence of either Co-Chairperson, a Member selected by the Members present shall Co-Chair the meeting; and

(c) that in terms of the provisions of Standing Order 101 of Parliament, the Committee shall not consist of more than twelve (12) members.

3. The said Committee shall have the power to —

(a) fix its quorum;

(b) pursuant to Standing Order 108 of Parliament and subject to the provisions of the Parliament (Powers and Privileges) Act, No. 21 of 1953, summon any person, take evidence, and order the production of any document or record, including post-mortem reports, veterinary reports, and field notes;

(c) pursuant to Standing Order 108 of Parliament, report its opinions and observations to Parliament together with the minutes of evidence taken before the Committee, and present a special report on any matter it deems necessary to bring to the attention of Parliament;

(d) present interim reports to Parliament from time to time;

(e) obtain the services of persons, experts, and institutions, both local and international, possessing specialized knowledge and expertise in relevant fields such as wildlife science, veterinary medicine, environmental law, forensic medicine, and ballistics examination, to assist the Committee;

(f) inspect sites relevant to the inquiry and travel from place to place to hold meetings; and

(g) pursuant to Standing Order 109 of Parliament, continue its inquiries and meetings notwithstanding any adjournment or prorogation of Parliament.

4. The Committee shall present its report to Parliament within a period of three (03) months from the first meeting of the Committee or within such further period as Parliament may grant.