

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 19 December 2017

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/126 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to forecasted increase in the number of passengers travelling in and out of Rodrigues during the forthcoming festive season, he will obtain, for the benefit of the House, information from the relevant authorities and state the measures implemented to maintain ease/accessibility of travel between Mauritius and Rodrigues, by air and sea, respectively, indicating the number of supplementary flights scheduled or passenger boat trips, if any, to be effected for the months of December 2017 and January 2018?

B/127 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the desalination plants installed by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly around the island, he will, for the benefit of the House: -

- (a) state the number thereof that are fully operational, indicating the volume of potable water and brine/waste produced in each case; and,
- (b) specify how the brine/waste is being disposed of for each plant, indicating if it is as per the Environmental Impact Assessment documents?

B/128 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Community Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to community development in Rodrigues., he will state if there is a community centre at Mont Lubin and, if so, to specify the date of the last renovation thereof together with the total costs incurred therefor, if any, and to indicate the current state thereof, as at date?

B/129 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to motor vehicle import permits delivered by his Commission for all vehicle categories since the 1st October 2017 to date, he will state and table:

- (a) the number of applications received, indicating if any individual or company has applied for two or more permits; and,
- (b) a breakdown per vehicle category including the age of each vehicle?

B/130 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to “Sport dan villaz”, “Sport pour tous” and “Village on the Move”, she will, for the benefit of the House, give details thereon indicating the expenses incurred and/or disbursed therefor as at date, detailing the involvement of officers from her Commission therefor and to state any incidental effect of “sport de masse” over “sport d’élite”?

B/131 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the ceremony of the State Recognition Allowance Scheme held in Ebène, Mauritius on 03 October 2017, she can inform the House on if there were any retired athletes from Rodrigues who were invited thereto and, if so, the number thereof, indicating if all of them have been able to assist same; and, if not, why not?

B/132 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the CT scan at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will, for the benefit of the House state: -

- (a) the actual connectivity speed thereof indicating if same has been subject to any disruption in relation to the internet connection, if yes, to state when and why; and
- (b) if there is any outstanding bill relating to the operation thereof and, in the affirmative, to give reasons therefor and to table any document in relation thereto?

B/133 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to water distribution in villages of Manges, Montagne Du Sable, Grand La Fouche Manges and Chateaux de Fleurs, he will, for the benefit of the House: -

- (a) state how water is distributed to these villages;
- (b) give and table the different dates of water distribution in these villages for the period of January 2017 to date; and
- (c) state the policy of his Commission to attend complaints in these villages in the shortest delay?

B/134 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the renovation and upgrading of Marc Etienne Roche Bon Dieu Government School, he will state and table on where matters stand as at date indicating the total cost of the project?

B/135 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to road safety in the electoral region of Grande Montagne, he will, for the benefit of the House, state measures undertaken by his Commission to: -

- (a) minimise the danger represented by road drains which are, in some places, more than two metres deep; and
- (b) fit road lighting in strategic places and especially at dangerous curves?

B/136 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to public health in Rodrigues, he will state and table on facilities and protections currently being offered to patients and the population at large in connection with the severe cold and fever which has been persistent in the island for the past five months and indicating if his Commission is adequately equipped to deal therewith?

B/137 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the different agricultural stations/centres, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table on all services offered per station/centre and to indicate the respective officer in charge in each case?

B/138 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to State land lease originally granted to ex Pointe Venus Hotel, Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the date of the last payment of rent on leasehold therefor;
- (b) if the lease thereof was cancelled for breach of lease conditions and, in the affirmative, to state when;
- (c) the quantum of arrears thereon, if any, and to indicate if same have been recovered by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly as at date, and, in the negative, to state if and when same will be done?

B/139 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to gynaecology and obstetrics health services provided at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, including pre/post-natal, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the number of caesarean sections performed, specifying if within or outside normal working hours, respectively, together with the number of infant deaths reported thereat for the corresponding periods of:

- (a) 1st August 2016 to 11th October 2017;
- (b) 12th October 2017 to 31st October 2017; and
- (c) 1st November 2017 to date?

B/140 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to official vehicles of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly attached to Commissioners and/or other high ranking officials, from January to October 2017, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table:

- (a) the list thereof, indicating the respective vehicle per official;
- (b) the amount disbursed for overtime per driver per month per official car/vehicle;
- (c) if all overtime work claimed by the respective official drivers have been settled as at date and, if not, to give details thereon; and,
- (d) the night parking site location for each vehicle and to indicate whether any derogation is applicable therefor?

B/141 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Information Technology and Telecommunications and Others: -

Whether, in regard to internet service providers in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) and table the name of the organisations concerned, if any, from 2012 to date;
- (b) if there has been any agreement signed thereby with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and, if so, to table a copy of each; and,
- (c) if any government/public infrastructure/building has been made available thereto and, if so, to provide the conditions thereof and to table all related documents in connection thereto?

B/142 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to off-lagoon fishing in Rodrigues, from 2012 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the number of:

- (a) fishermen per category per year, if any, who have been trained for off-lagoon fishing techniques and table the list thereof;
- (b) off-lagoon fishermen cards delivered for the corresponding period and table the list thereof together with the amount of money disbursed to date for bad weather allowance for the new cardholders?

B/143 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether in regard to the allocation of contracts for public infrastructure in Rodrigues, since 2015 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the number of contractors who have been awarded contracts, indicating the grading designation of each contractor and their respective area/s of specialisation?

B/144 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the setting up of a slaughter house at Baie Diamant, she will state where matters stand as at date in relation thereto and the time frame for the implementation of the project?

B/145 The First Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to ongoing capital projects initiated by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if any thereof is behind schedule, as per contract documents/obligations, and:

- (a) table a list thereof not completed to date, per Commission, including the penalty applied per project as at date, if any, and indicating the respective delay in each case; and
- (b) indicate what measures are being taken by his regional government to remedy this situation, if any?

B/146 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of desalination plants around the island, he will, for the benefit of the House, give an overview of the state of progress of the different on-going projects concerning same?

B/147 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Information Technology and Telecommunications and Others: -

Whether, in regard to any recently signed memorandum of understanding for the laying of the undersea fibre optic cable MARS, she will inform the House about the scope of works together with the respective timeframe, indicating the funding method thereof, together with any additional works that have to be carried out so that Rodriguan houses are connected to the fibre optic cable?

B/148 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the National Health Accounts Project 2016, he will inform the House about the project, detailing the activities scheduled in relation thereto, including past, on-going and future ones, indicating the respective objectives, completion date and expected outcomes thereof?

B/149 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Youth and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the fifth edition of the Youth Parliament, she will inform the House about the outcomes thereof, stating the major recommendations made by the youths and indicating measures being envisaged by her Commission to implement same?

B/150 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Housing and Others: -

Whether, in regard to *Lakaz Cité* in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the number of beneficiaries thereof who have applied for roof slab scheme, indicating if provision was made therefor and, in the affirmative, to state when and, if not, why not?

B/151 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M. R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to projects allocated to holders of the ‘Attestation de fin de formation’ leading to the Brevet Professionel Agricole (BPA) by the Commission for Agriculture, he will state, for the benefit of the House, the number of applications received at his Commission in relation thereto together with the number of approved projects currently being implemented following this training?

B/152 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Employment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to projects awarded to beneficiaries of the Employment Relief Programme (ERP), he will, for the benefit of the House, state

- (a) the number of beneficiaries of agricultural projects with respect to the first and second batches thereof, indicating the implementation status of the respective projects as approved and funded; and
- (b) the measures set for the monitoring of the said projects detailing any collaboration between his Commission and other stakeholders, including the Commission for Agriculture, in connection thereto?

B/153 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Employment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to employment in the construction industry in Rodrigues, he will state to the House on any:

- (a) non-Rodriguan worker(s)/contractors who has been awarded contracts in the construction industry in Rodrigues for this financial year; and,
- (b) measures set by his Commission with all contractors to minimise any risk of exploitation or discrimination towards the female and male workers onsite; and
- (c) complaints registered with regards to dismissal or unduly low pay rates or tardy payments by contractors to the workers thereof?

B/154 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to per diem paid to Commissioners of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, on mission to Mauritius and abroad, from 2012 to date, he will state and table the amount paid individually?

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