

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 22 August 2017

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/57 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L. J. N. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Training and Others: -

Whether, in regard to scholarships proposed to successful Higher School Certificate students of Rodrigues by foreign countries for academic year 2017/2018, he will state: -

- (a) the number thereof being made available per donating country;
- (b) the number granted this year, indicating the field chosen in each case; and
- (c) if any problem arose as regards those donated by the Republic of India, giving the reasons therefor?

B/58 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M. R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the proposed exemption of the payment of licence fees and residential leases for entrepreneurs, she will inform the House on: -

- (a) the list of relevant activities that has already been established by her Commission in relation thereto; and
- (b) the procedure to be followed by a potential beneficiary therefor?

B/59 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M. R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the renovation of the swimming pool at Maréchal, she will inform the House about the progress of works to date and the expected date that same will be operational?

B/60 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L. J. N. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to shipping in Rodrigues, he will state: -

- (a) if a decision has been taken by the Regional and/or Central Government concerning the widening of the access channel leading to Port Mathurin harbour, giving details; and
- (b) where matters stand as regards:
 - (i) the implementation of the Port Master Plan, indicating if same has been reviewed, and, if so, to specify when and the reason(s) therefor; and
 - (ii) the replacement of the M.V Mauritius Pride by a proper passenger cum cargo ship, detailing on any discussions held with any relevant authority to date, together with the outcome thereof and any agreed timeframe therefor?

B/61 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L. J. N. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs), he will state the number that are currently installed in Rodrigues, indicating if all thereof are operational together with the method and frequency of maintenance therefor; and, to inform the House on if additional and/or new ones will be installed in the near future, giving reasons?

B/62 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L. J. N. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to ambulance services at his Commission and the demise of a tourist at a hotel situated in the northern region of Rodrigues in August 2017, he will state: -

- (a) if any assistance was sought therefrom and, if so, to indicate the time of the request together with the response/attending time thereof;
- (b) if any dispatched ambulance response team included any medical officer(s); and
- (c) the established protocol for response following a request for assistance, indicating the measures he intends to take in order to improve same, if any?

B/63 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to sports equipment donated by her Commission to any sports regional committee(s), Centre de Formation, Centre d'Entrainement and regional sports club, she will, for the benefit of the House: -

- (a) table a detailed list of all equipment donated since 2012 to date per club/committee/centre specifying the funds involved;
- (b) state if procurement thereof was made through tender and, if so, to indicate the successful bidder; and
- (c) table the tender specifics together with the list of bidders, if any?

B/64 The First Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the purchase of drones and other related equipment by his Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, state: -

- (a) and table the list of bidders, including the successful bidder, together with the specifications of the equipment;
- (b) the amount of money disbursed per apparatus; and
- (c) under which item vote same was bought?

B/65 The First Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Training and Others: -

Whether, with regard to the hiring of equipment by her Commission, from September 2015 to date, she will state: -

- (a) the mode of procurement thereof including the price quoted by the respective successful bidder;
- (b) the date on which the quotation/tender was respectively launched therefor together with the date at which same was delivered to her Commission; and
- (c) to which item vote were claims charged per respective item, if any.?

B/66 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme **(Mr. J.N. VOLBERT)**

To ask the Commissioner for Child Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard, to officers posted at her Commission, she will: -

- (a) state the recruitment process for the Psychologist, presently in post, indicating if recruitment is on a permanent basis and, in the negative, to specify the starting and ending date of the contract period or other working terms;
- (b) state and table the qualifications of the Psychologist together with the salary thereof?

B/67 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme **(Mr. J.N. VOLBERT)**

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the South East Marine Protected Area (SEMPA), he will obtain information for the benefit of the House and state the: -

- (a) actual strength and organigram thereof specifying the number of Rangers and Community Research Observers attached thereto together with their respective conditions of service; and
- (b) renewal frequency of equipment used therefor indicating the last time officers thereof were provided therewith?

B/68 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme **(Mr. J.N. VOLBERT)**

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the employment of advisers at the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, from January 2012 to date, he will: -

- (a) state and table the name(s) and number thereof as well as the Commission to which they are attached, specifying their respective qualifications, salaries and their duties/responsibilities thereat;
- (b) state if any adviser's contract has not been renewed and, if so, when and why?

B/69 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme **(Mr. J.N. VOLBERT)**

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to coaching in sports activities being delivered in Rodrigues, she will state if all thereof are being dispensed by officers of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and: -

- (a) if so, in what capacity and to table a list of all tutors/trainers currently employed/involved therefor;
- (b) if not, to state which organisation, if any, is providing same and to state and table all conditions/arrangements made therewith; and
- (c) indicate from which item vote these tutors/trainers are being paid together with all incidental expenses in connection thereto as well as the respective item vote?

B/70 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal **(Miss M. R. COLLET)**

To ask the Commissioner for Cooperatives and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the cooperative societies in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House: -

- (a) give information on any grant(s) and/or facility(ies) and/or assistance given thereto to ensure proper accounting, bookkeeping and management of assets;
- (b) state the number of Cooperative Officers and Bookkeepers, respectively, currently providing assistance thereto?

B/71 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal **(Miss M. R. COLLET)**

To ask the Commissioner for Training and Others: -

Whether, in regard to any grant and assistance to university students by her Commission, she will, of the benefit of the House, state: -

- (a) on any new facilities and assistance available as from this year;
- (b) the eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom; and
- (c) number of students benefiting from same, if any, for academic year 2017/2018?

B/72 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to application and/or conversion for State Land leases in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House state the: -

- (a) number of application(s) received from 2012 to date indicating the different types of leases and the number that has been favourably considered type wise as at date;
- (b) number of application(s) still pending or which has not been processed; and
- (c) delay after survey until (i) the signature of leases and (ii) conversion of leases, indicating the time frame for obtention of the lease agreement by the applicant?

B/73 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Budget Speech 2017/2018, Engagement 2: “Faire prospérer notre Economie- L’industrie, l’innovation et l’entreprenariat, items 20 and 21, he will state where matters stand in relation thereto?

B/74 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to used engine oil/lubricants at the government mechanical workshop, the Central Electricity Board and other mechanical workshops all around Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state how this waste is being handled and disposed?

B/75 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M. T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the male ward at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will state and table: -

- (a) the patients' accommodation capacity thereof, indicating if same has recently been increased and specifying if the space between the beds are in conformity with infection control norms, giving details;
- (b) measures taken to ensure that patients admitted thereto are immediately provided with a bed;
- (c) measures undertaken to minimise cross infection from intermixing of patients with varying medical conditions thereat; and
- (d) if his Commission is considering the construction of specialist wards, if so, when and if not, why not?

B/76 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M. T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the physiotherapy department of his Commission, he will state the: -

- (a) number of officers attached thereto indicating their grades as well as the grade of the officer in charge of the unit; and
- (b) number of officer(s) from the department attending to patients in the Intensive Care Unit?

B/77 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M. T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others: -

Whether, in regard to patients needing wheel chairs, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the: -

- (a) number of wheel chairs available in the different centres of his Commission; and
- (b) patient average waiting time before being provided therewith together with the steps his Commission is considering in order to ensure rapid provision thereof upon request?

B/78 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M. T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to athletes undergoing training at Malabar gymnasium, she will inform the House on: -

- (a) transport arrangements provided to athletes after training to go home, specifying means of transport and to table the list of vehicles currently used therefor together with the number of athletes each vehicle can accommodate;
- (b) if there are assistant drivers, including females, to look after these athletes in the different vehicles; and
- (c) if all the athletes are covered by an insurance?

B/79 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the implementation of electronic attendance at the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will inform the House on the number of government departments and buildings which are currently equipped therewith, indicating since when and to table a list thereof?

B/80 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to State Land allocated to Ultra Marine Ltd at Anse Nicolas, he will state to the House: -

- (a) the nature of project that will be implemented thereat indicating the total investment in connection thereto and to table same; and
- (b) if there is a partnership there-into same and which includes Rodriguan(s) and, in the affirmative, to give details thereon?

B/81 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to Mont Lubin College, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the Rodrigues Educational Development Company Ltd and state if all the buildings thereof are in good condition indicating if any of them is leaking, giving reasons, and of any remedial measures/actions which have been taken in relation thereto?

B/82 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Port development in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from relevant authorities on: -

- (a) if the Port Master Plan has been completed, and, in the affirmative, to give details thereon and, in the negative, to state the expected time for its completion thereof; and
- (b) the actions, if any, that are being taken to implement the Port Master Plan?

B/83 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to infrastructural projects around the island since February 2017, he will, for the benefit of the House: -

- (a) list and give brief details on each of the different projects that are on-going, launched and already awarded and those already launched but not yet awarded; and
- (b) table the cost, the successful bidder, the scope of work and the expected completion date for each of the project mentioned, if any?

B/84 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Employment and Others:-

Whether, in regard to employment in the construction sector, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if he is aware of difficulties being met by contractors to obtain manpower and, in the affirmative, to give details thereof and to state the actions taken, or being contemplated, by his Commission to remedy the situation, if any?

B/85 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J. R. RAMDALLY**)

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

Whether, in regard to the contract launched for the laying down of the fibre optic cable, she can enlighten the House as to where matters stand?

B/86 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to security at Plaine Corail Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the relevant authorities, including the Commissioner of Police, on if any enquiry has been initiated into the alleged loss of a “colis” which occurred on or about the 27th January 2017 at the then Sir Gaetan Duval Airport?

B/87 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the write-off of items at the Commission for Public Infrastructure, from 2012 to date, he can state and table all items disposed per category per price and the names of purchasers thereof, if any?

B/88 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the coastal road linking Rivière Cocos to Songes, he will state if he has been informed of the bad conditions of the road thereat and, if so, to indicate if any remedial measures will be taken therefor during this financial year?

B/89 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to Rivière Cocos village, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if he intends to carry out any survey on the state of the gabion bridge crossing the river and of the absence of street lanterns thereat and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

B/90 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to hospitals and area health centres in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House: -

- (a) indicate the number of dentists, generalist and specialist doctors, respectively, attached to each; and
- (b) table a list thereof, indicating their qualifications and field of specialisation, respectively?

B/91 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Training and Others: -

Whether, in regard to scholarships offered to Rodriguan students, she will, for the benefit of the House, indicate where matters stand for this current year?

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