

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 14 May 2019

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/34 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in respect to the Rs 35 million cheque obtained from the honourable Prime Minister, following the passage of cyclone Gelena, he will table and state:

- (a) how this money has been utilised up to now, indicating if there is any sum remaining; and
- (b) if the victims of cyclone Joaninha have also been compensated with same and, if so, to give details?

B/35 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others: -

Whether, following the damages caused to houses by cyclones Gelena and Joaninha, he will state if a new urgent housing scheme has been set up in order to help the victims and other families with poorly structured settlements, indicating how this will be implemented and tabling same?

B/36 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the sale and/or signed Memorandum of Understanding between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the Employees Welfare Fund (EWF) with respect to the ex. Pointe Venus Hotel, he will state and table details of the said transaction, informing the House of: -

- (a) the deal price, indicating the benefits Rodrigues will enjoy thereon;
- (b) if there was any expression of interest launched prior to the acquisition of the ex-hotel by the EWF; and
- (c) the use to which this ex-hotel will be made?

B/37 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the new runway of the Plaine Corail Airport, he will state and table:

- (a) the new site plan, indicating its alignment, length and average cost;
- (b) if any new survey and Environment Impact Assessment will be done; and
- (c) if any part of it will be constructed on piles, indicating if any cave is found in its vicinity?

B/38 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to road drains by the one-way road located next to Mr. M. B. retail shop towards Coromandel, at Grande Montagne, he will inform the House of the state thereof and indicate any remedial action his Commission intends to take in regard thereto and, if so, when?

B/39 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the compensation of victims of cyclone Gelena, he will inform the House of the sum disbursed therefor as at date, and table the list of beneficiaries thereof, specifying the sum paid in each case together with their respective electoral region?

B/40 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the operation of the Department of Civil Aviation at Plaine Corail, he will state the number of Assistant Ground Supervisor posted thereat together with all duties currently being performed thereby and to table their official scheme of duties?

B/41 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether in regard to parking facilities at Port Mathurin, he will: -

- (a) obtain information from any relevant authority to inform the House on the number of vehicles transiting in Port Mathurin daily; and
- (b) state the number of public parking spaces situated thereat, indicating if same are sufficient and, if not, what remedial measures his Commission has envisaged in regard thereto to prevent illegal parking by road users?

B/42 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Vocational Training and Others: -

Whether in regard to the use of the buildings of ex -Coralie La Difference for the setting up of the *Pôle Formation pour le Tourisme* in Rodrigues, she will inform the House if any memorandum has been signed between VATEL Mauritius and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and, if so, to give details and table a copy of all relevant documents?

B/43 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether in regard to the import of vegetables and fruits in Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) state and table a list of the quantity and type(s) of vegetables and fruits, respectively, imported from January 2018 to date, indicating, in each case, the importer;
- (b) state if there is any mechanism put in place by his Commission to monitor the quality thereof; and
- (c) inform the House how damaged and contaminated products are disposed of and where?

B/44 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the export of animals to Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, seek information from relevant authorities to state:

- (a) the number of containers normally available for the transshipment thereof and under which conditions;
- (b) and table the average number exported per trip per category pre 2019 and the number of animals per category shipped to mainland since January 2019 to date; and
- (c) if any mechanism has been set up to ensure a proper monitoring and equity in the transshipment thereof?

B/45 The First Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the established protocol regarding the opening of refugee centres in Rodrigues during cyclones, he can, for the benefit of the House, state if he will consider reviewing same and if not, why?

B/46 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Vocational Training and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the development of human resources under the Training and Student Sponsorship Scheme, she will for the benefit of the House state and table: -

- (a) the eligibility criteria to beneficiate therefrom; and
- (b) the list of student beneficiaries thereof from 2016 to date?

B/47 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of bus shelters in Rodrigues since 2017 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table a detailed list thereof, their respective location and electoral region, indicating the: -

- (a) number constructed for the financial years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019, respectively;
- (b) number scheduled for construction for financial year 2019/2020; and
- (c) their respective successful bidder and the total amount disbursed for each financial year, respectively?

B/48 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the 2019 Indian Ocean Island Games Event to be held in Rodrigues, she will state where matter stands as at date regarding the state of the infrastructures in relation thereto?

B/49 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the outcome of the discussions held with the honourable Prime Minister, if any, post cyclones Gelena and Joaninha, he will state and table, for the benefit of the House, as regards the:

- (a) enlistment of the service of contractors to repair all damaged houses at the earliest;
- (b) type(s) of houses targeted;
- (c) number of houses repaired or currently being repaired and the respective amounts disbursed therefor as at date;
- (d) status of the elaboration of the modified housing scheme aiming owners of "Trust Fund Houses", highlighting the number of Trust Fund Houses targeted and the intended date of implementation of the said modified scheme?

B/50 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the whole island cleaning campaign carried out post cyclones Gelena and Joaninha, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table as regards the areas of Rodrigues targeted, indicating the: -

- (a) number of cleaners and supervisors recruited and/or engaged therefor;
- (b) duration thereof and remuneration of the cleaners/supervisors and stating the effectiveness of the campaign; and
- (c) number of private lorries hired?

B/51 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether he will state and table, for the benefit of the House as regards his leadership of a delegation to Mauritius the week of the 22nd April 2019 so as to hold discussions with the Minister of Agriculture concerning the ban on certain agricultural products following the outbreak of the fall armyworm in Rodrigues and to provide the outcome(s) thereof?

B/52 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of a multipurpose playground at Maréchal College, he will state and table on the status thereof, indicating the intended duration and costs of the said works?

B/53 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the mechanisation of land for crop production purposes, he will state:

- (a) the total land surface area rehabilitated since 2016 to date, specifying the mechanism applied;
- (b) the locations and respective surface area recovered per year, indicating:
 - (i) the starting and completion dates of works;
 - (ii) the procurement exercise preferred, the successful bidder and the sum disbursed, in each case; and
- (c) the scope of works and the different operations carried out on field?

B/54 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Zepth FELICITE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Tourism Enterprise Licence Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the number of licences issued since 2012 to date indicating the different types of licences for Rodriguans and non-Rodriguans, including non-Mauritian citizens, respectively, if any; and
- (b) from when new measures for the allocation of tourism licences as announced in his budget speech 2019/2020 will be made applicable?

B/55 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Zepth FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Employment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the consolidation of the employment office as stated in the budget speech 2018-2019, he will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at date?

B/56 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Vocational Training and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the training program offered by Greenwich University (Pakistan – Mauritius) in collaboration with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, for the development of the Youth of Rodrigues starting from May 2019, she will state and table the:

- (a) number of candidates enlisted therefor;
- (b) participation/contribution of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in regard thereto; and
- (c) fees payment mechanism, if any, together with relevant certificates to be awarded?

B/57 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Child Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the shelter *Foyer Mère Marie Madeleine de la Croix* located at Baladirou, she will state and table:-

- (a) the conditions of admission thereto;
- (b) the number of children admitted thereto since 2012, indicating their ages; and
- (c) if all the persons working thereat have had the proper training therefor?

B/58 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the nine year continuous schooling, he will inform the House:-

- (a) if the pilot coaching/ mentoring project for the benefit of struggling secondary school students as mentioned in his budget speech 2018/2019 has already been implemented and, if so, to indicate the outcome thereof; and
- (b) on the measures taken or being envisaged by his Commission as regards students leaving college after Grade 9 without admission to the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development?

B/59 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Family Welfare and Others: -

Whether, in regard to new-born babies, she will inform the House of measures taken at the level of her Commission to ensure that all births in Rodrigues are duly registered in time, if any ?

B/60 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to water production through desalination in the eastern region of Rodrigues, he will inform the House on where matters stand, giving details about how this infrastructure will improve distribution on this whole region?

B/61 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

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

Whether, in regard to fibre to home connection in Rodrigues, she will inform the House of the works that are being undertaken by her Commission or any other partner since the landing of the optic fibre cable at Grand Baie in November 2018 and to indicate the timeframe under which the whole population will fully take advantage of this infrastructure?

B/62 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the second phase of the survey on cervical cancer in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state briefly the major observations and recommendations resulting therefrom and to table a copy of any report thereon?

B/63 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Youth and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the intercollegiate competition in arts and culture being undertaken by her Commission, she will enlighten the House about the objectives thereof stating the approximate cost to be incurred therefor?

B/64 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he is aware that buses operating along bus route 213, from Terre Borne Bus Terminal to Rivière Coco, are not available after 16.30 hours and, if so, to indicate the remedial measures his Commission intends to take in regard thereto?

B/65 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether in regard to electoral region number 2, he will, for the benefit of the House, give the list of projects: -

- (a) implemented for the period January 2017 to December 2018; and
- (b) earmarked for implementation in 2019 and, for each case, indicating the amount of money budgeted therefor?

B/66 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the relevant authority, including the National Development Unit, information as to if there is any project for the construction of drains and associated works in Rivière Coco and, if so, to indicate when works are likely to start?

B/67 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether in regard to cyclone Gelena, he will state the actions that have been taken for the victims thereof and the amount of money spent in connection therewith as at date?

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