

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 25 February 2020

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/1 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak that is expanding worldwide and the dengue outbreak affecting Reunion Island, he will state: -

- (a) the precautionary measures his Commission has taken in order to detect and prevent any affected person or goods from entering Rodrigues and the enforcement protocol established therefor; and
- (b) if on or about the 8th February last, a feverish passenger was allowed to enter the island from Plaine Corail Airport, indicating if there was non-observance of any set protocol and the reasons therefor?

B/2 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the students who have failed to secure five credits at the last School Certificate (S.C) examinations in Rodrigues, he will state the:

- (a) number and percentage thereof, indicating those who will not be allowed to re-sit therefor and the alternatives provided to them;
- (b) number of technical schools, including the number of seats available therefor; and
- (c) strategy of his Commission concerning this problem?

B/3 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the heavy duty shredder that is left idle at Oyster Bay, he will state:

- (a) the reason thereof, indicating if it is in good running conditions;
- (b) if it will now be put to contribution, following his Commission's proposal for selective wastes sorting at the Roche Bon Dieu dumping site, indicating the time frame?

B/4 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of a community and health centre at Oyster Bay, he will inform the House on where matters stand as at date, specifying if there is any dispute or legal action initiated involving the contractor as regards the settlement of claims and, if so, to give details on the reasons therefor?

B/5 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the territorial sea around Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain, from the relevant authorities in Mauritius, information as to the: -

- (a) different survey/s, if any, carried out in relation thereto since 2017 to date and to table the findings thereof;
- (b) extension of the continental shelf of Rodrigues, giving details on the objective thereof and indicating if a roadmap has been set up to better explore the seabed for hydrocarbon and other minerals;
- (c) mechanism put in place, if any, for its surveillance; and
- (d) amount of money generated since 2017 to date, if any, pursuant to its exploitation by the Republic of Mauritius?

B/6 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the amenities and tables installed at the different beaches in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) the number of beaches concerned together with the list of amenities and the amount of money involved in each case;
- (b) the successful bidder and the tendering procedures, if any; and
- (c) if the amenities installed are in line with the project *Rodrigues, île écologique*?

B/7 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the supply of electricity at “La Maison des Pêcheurs”, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) the average monthly consumption of electricity thereby;
- (b) the total cost of installation of solar photo-voltaic system thereat indicating the actual production of electricity thereby from the installation to date and giving details on any benefit derive therefrom;
- (c) the date of acquisition and maintenance cost of the generator thereat, indicating the frequency and average period of use; and
- (d) the detailed number of claims therefor settled by his Commission with the Central Electricity Board, indicating the corresponding date and sums, respectively?

B/8 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the recruitment of scavengers by Rodclean Company Ltd on or about the 6th January 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information therefrom and state:

- (a) when notice for recruitment was made in relation thereto, indicating the different means adopted;
- (b) if an interview panel was set up therefor, indicating the composition thereof;
- (c) the number of candidates called for interview specifying the number of days interviews were held; and
- (d) the number of scavengers recruited, specifying if on a temporary or permanent basis?

B/9 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner -

Whether, in regard to State lands in Rodrigues that are vested in the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will enlighten the House on the:

- (a) extent thereof together with demand for leases thereof specifying if same are by Rodriguans residing in Rodrigues, Rodriguans not residing in Rodrigues and non-Rodriguans;
- (b) number of applications for lease received, for all approved categories, respectively, since 2012 to date, specifying the number thereof that have been approved and/or allocated;
- (c) criteria and time limit for the allocation of lease indicating any backlog thereon and measures to clear same, if any?

B/10 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to environmental protection, he will state and table to enlighten the House on:

- (a) the number of environmental complaints relating to noise pollution, odour, dumping, eyesores, illegal slaughtering and nuisances caused by derelict bare lands recorded in Rodrigues for the year 2018 and 2019;
- (b) the efficiency of response to citizens by the present Environment Protection Unit indicating the number of breaches of environmental laws and types of enforcement actions taken; and
- (c) any sensitisation campaigns carried out in the community, especially on noise pollution together with the sum budgeted and amount disbursed therefor, respectively, the financial year 2018-2019?

B/11 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to Medical and Health Officers/Senior Medical and Health Officers posted in Rodrigues, he will seek information from the relevant authority to state and table on:

- (a) the total number thereof on the Civil Establishment of Mauritius(CEOM) and presently serving in Rodrigues;
- (b) the number thereof on the Civil Establishment of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (CEOR) on specialist training in Mauritius or abroad indicating their respective specialty;
- (c) any discussion held by the Commission with the Ministry of Health for the posting of specialists thereof in Rodrigues and the outcome thereof; and
- (d) any intended recruitment of specialists on the CEOR for the respective fields of oncology, respiratory and sleep medicine, and sexual health, detailing on any need thereof in Rodrigues?

B/12 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Family Welfare and Others: -

Whether, in regard to assistance offered to families in distress, she will enlighten the House on the:

- (a) number of beneficiaries thereof from July 2018 to date, indicating if same was financial or otherwise;
- (b) set criteria to benefit therefrom indicating the timeframe between application therefor and grant thereof;
- (c) budget earmarked and amount disbursed therefor for the financial years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, respectively; and
- (d) any collaboration with the relevant ministry in Mauritius as regards uniformity of schemes developed therefor across the Republic of Mauritius?

B/13 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the closure of the former Roche Bon Dieu dumping site, he will, for the benefit of the House, state: -

- (a) how many sites are now being used for the disposal of wastes indicating how, when and why these sites have been chosen;
- (b) if the officers working on these sites have all required safety equipment and, in the affirmative, to give details and if not, to state why; and
- (c) for how long these new dispositions will prevail?

B/14 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Primary School Achievement Certificate (PSAC) of the nine-year continuous schooling programme for Rodrigues, he will state and table: -

- (a) a complete breakdown of the 2019 PSAC examination results; and,
- (b) the number of the 2018 PSAC pupils admitted in extended streams in the different colleges sat for the PSAC in 2019, if any and, in the affirmative, the number who consequently joined the normal stream, and if none, to give details why?

B/15 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the recent Cambridge School Certificate, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) a complete breakdown of the 2019 examination results thereof; and
- (b) the measures his Commission has taken or is envisaging for these students who passed the examination but do not meet the criteria to be admitted to Grade 12?

B/16 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the time allotted for the broadcast on Rodrigues television of the parliamentary sittings of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will seek information, for the benefit of the House, from any relevant authority, including the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation, to: -

- (a) state if consideration is being or will be given to the broadcast of complete sittings indicating if so, when and if not, why; and
- (b) give the January 2020 programme concerning local events broadcast?

B/17 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to Discovery Rodrigues Company Ltd, he will obtain information therefrom to inform the House if there has been any recruitment process for the post of Manager thereof cum/ or Tourism Office recently indicating: -

- (a) the number of applications obtained therefor and the name of the selected candidate;
- (b) the salary and any other benefits attached to the post; and
- (c) to table the detailed composition of the selection board?

B/18 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether in regard to the resettlement of inhabitants of Ste Marie in connection with the construction of a new runway at Plaine Corail Airport, he will state and table:

- (a) the name of any organisation(s) financing the project and the cost of each housing unit;
- (b) the number of families concerned indicating the surface area allotted to each family and exact location;
- (c) the contractor(s) undertaking the construction of houses therefor indicating the selection process therefor; and
- (d) if any of the sites allotted therefor was previously subject to any restriction for construction of residential dwelling?

B/19 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the resettlement of villagers of Ste Marie to La Boucherie/Plaine Corail, he will state and table: -

- (a) the list of registered farmers from all concerned locations together with their respective strength of livestock;
- (b) the area available in the vicinity for farming detailing on any study and/or recommendations regarding the impact of merging the two flocks; and
- (c) if his Commission conducted any meeting with farmers of both villages, indicating if yes, when and in the negative why?

B/20 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the maintenance of all tourism sites around Rodrigues, he will state and table:

- (a) if there is a team therefor and, in the affirmative, to detail the composition thereof indicating the date same was established and the tasks attributed thereto;
- (b) if the sites of Trou D 'Argent, Caverne Patate and Ile aux Cocos are fully equipped in terms of equipment and infrastructures for the safety for the visitors; and
- (c) the number of visitors per site from January 2017 to December 2019?

B/21 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the development projects in the water sector in Rodrigues, he will state and table on:

- (a) the total sum disbursed for water production from desalination plants, surface water and borehole from January 2014 to end 2019;
- (b) if there is any agreement signed with another stakeholder for the running of any desalination plant in Rodrigues;
- (c) the status of the desalination plant of Songes as at date indicating the daily production capacity, daily cost of operations highlighting the cost for rejection of brine in the lagoon, respectively; and
- (d) the status of the desalination plant of Anse Goeland/Baie Malgache as at date?

B/22 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Zepth FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the passage of cyclones Gelena and Joaninha in 2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the number of greenhouses damaged and/or destroyed thereby together with their respective location, if any, and the sum disbursed to compensate these victims, if any?

B/23 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Zepth FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the setting up of twenty seed farms for onion, garlic and red beans in Rodrigues as stated in the budget speech 2019/2020, he will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at date?

B/24 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the management of Crab Island by the regional government, he will state and table: -

- (a) if the said island is a government owned property and if not, to provide details, including any material documents related thereto;
- (b) the details of all projects currently running on the island together with the costs incurred monthly therefor specifying if there is any new project in the pipe line so far and, if yes to give details?

B/25 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Zepth FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Trade, Commerce and Licensing and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak around the world, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the relevant authorities to state and table on the: -

- (a) list of the most imported products in terms of basic necessities and raw materials from affected Asian countries, if any; and
- (b) measures her Commission has taken to avoid shortage of these products, if any?

B/26 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Grade 9 students expected to take the National Certificate of Education (NCE) examinations this year, he will inform the House if all:

- (a) textbooks have been provided thereto for their preparation therefor and, in the negative, to state reasons therefor; and,
- (b) the colleges in Rodrigues are providing thereto the appropriate number of subjects, especially with regards to non-core subjects, so that they satisfy the entry requirements for the NCE and, in the negative, to state any remedial actions the Commission is envisaging in relation thereto?

B/27 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Consumer Protection and Others: -

Whether, in regard to fishmongers selling fish at a price higher than fixed by the relevant authority, he will state the measures his Commission is contemplating in response thereto, if any?

B/28 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 E-health programme, whether he will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at to date?

B/29 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of track roads in Rodrigues, he will enlighten the House where matters stand as at to date?

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Date: 20 February 2020