

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of Tuesday 28 August 2018

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/64 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Arts and Culture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the bust that was unveiled on Saturday 18th August 2018 at Mont Lubin, she will state:

- (a) on the mode of procurement used therefor, specifying if there has been compliance with relevant existing legal provisions and indicating the successful bidder;
- (b) if any project monitoring committee was set up in regard thereto and, if so, to specify under whose chairmanship; and
- (c) the total cost of the whole project?

B/65 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the structures to canalise waste water from Mont Lubin to Malabar, his Commission has been made aware that same is blocked in the slope nearing Malabar, causing much inconvenience to the villagers, and, in the affirmative, to state the measures his Commission is contemplating to remedy same together with the expected timeframe therefor?

B/66 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others:-

Whether he will, in the wake of the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) which adversely affected Rodrigues, enlighten the House on where matters stand with regard to bans imposed by authorities on local agricultural produces?

B/67 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the delivery of tourism licences/permits by his Commission, he will enlighten the House on the measures envisaged for the implementation of the revised process in regard thereto?

B/68 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Prisons and Reforms Institutions and Others:

Whether, in regard to the Rehabilitation Youth Centre in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state the number of: -

- (a) youths currently thereat;
- (b) Prisons Officers on duty thereat on any given day; and
- (c) Prisons Officers on the Civil Establishment of Mauritius and of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, respectively, currently posted thereat and specifying her Commission's policy as regards current or future recruitment of Prisons Officers therefor, if any?

B/69 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to RodClean Ltd, he will, for the benefit of the House: -

- (a) state the measures undertaken by his Commission to make sure that employees thereof ensure the general maintenance of the beaches, roads and the drains along roads throughout the island; and
- (b) obtain information therefrom and state the:
 - (i) current number of employees thereof;
 - (ii) status of any recruitment process for low and high cadres therefor, if any, and indicating its policy as regards current or future recruitment of cleaners?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Community Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to ‘Agents de santé communautaire’, he will inform the House on:

- (a) where matters stand concerning the increase in the number thereof and their posting, if any;
- (b) any past or future statistical survey aimed at determining the effect of the deployment thereof in the community;
- (c) any meeting held or to be held by his Commission therewith, indicating the purpose thereof;
- (d) any complaint(s) received concerning the allowances and benefits allocated thereto; and
- (e) measures envisaged to give equal opportunities to Rodriguans with little or no experience to work thereas?

B/71 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to chemicals used by planters in Rodrigues, he will state:

- (a) the control mechanism currently being exercised by his Commission concerning the import and use thereof; and
- (b) if the list of dangerous chemicals is being updated as far as health hazard is concerned, indicating the precautionary measures being taken or contemplated by his Commission in regard thereto and to table same?

B/72 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will arrange with the Honourable Prime Minister and the Speaker of the National Assembly of Mauritius to have more Members of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, on both sides of the House, to participate fully or as observers in international fora, with a view to open up Rodrigues further to the world and allow for fruitful interaction?

B/73 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the severe drainage problem mainly faced by the inhabitants of Ofted Roussety (formerly Victoria) and the Max Lucchesi Street, in front of the Bank of Mauritius in Port Mathurin, he will state the measures that his Commission intends to take in order to alleviate their burden, indicating the time frame for same?

B/74 The First Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the maintenance of public buildings in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the:

- (a) mode of operation adopted by his Commission therefor, indicating the number of staff involved therewith; and
- (b) amount of money earmarked therefor under this financial year?

B/75 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the organisation of sports competitions in Rodrigues for the Indian Ocean Island Games 2019, she will inform the House about the:

- (a) sports disciplines concerned, if any, detailing on any agreement signed by her Commission therefor and to table a copy thereof;
- (b) monitoring mechanism set up therefor, providing the detailed composition of any committee tasked in relation thereto; and
- (c) budget earmarked by her Commission therefor, specifying the item vote to be charged in relation thereto and indicating any other financial assistance from relevant authorities?

B/76 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will obtain information from any relevant authority and state on an incident which occurred at Petite Butte in the month of June 2018 whereby a public kiosk collapsed on a Rodriguan citizen and detail, for the benefit of the House, measures undertaken by his Commission to ensure the appropriate maintenance of public kiosks and bus shelters around the island?

B/77 The First Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Labour and Industrial Relations and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Occupational Safety and Health Unit at his Commission, he can give details about the number of notices/reports issued thereby, from January 2016 to date, to any Commission regarding any government building/premises, including the administrative building at La Ferme and, in the positive, to table same?

B/78 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner -

Whether, in regard to the ongoing road construction linking Montagne Charlot to Camp du Roi, he will state:

- (a) the initial and estimated final cost of the project together with the expected completion date;
- (b) if the plan has been finalised, detailing on:
 - (i) any acquisition of private land made/required therefor and, in the affirmative, to state if any concerned owner has been informed accordingly;
 - (ii) road drains and/or other land drainage done/required in relation thereto; and,
 - (iii) if any deviation from the initial road is being contemplated?

B/79 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to reservoirs around Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the number thereof available, specifying their respective location and indicating: -

- (a) the number thereof constructed since 2012 to date and respective site;
- (b) when monitoring was last carried out on the water quality and by whom, stating, in the affirmative, on the findings thereof and tabling any report resulting therefrom; and
- (c) the operational status of any chlorination plant/site being used in relation thereto, providing reasons thereon?

B/80 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner -

Whether, in regard to the operation of the Mechanical Workshop by his Commission, he will state on the organigram thereof and further inform the House on: -

- (a) if all equipment required for the day to day running are available, tabling an up-to-date detailed inventory list and highlighting the current condition thereof, in each case;
- (b) if any procurement exercise for acquisition or renewal of equipment has been made/considered and, if so, to give details;
- (c) the methodology for the disposal of used oil, specifying measures taken for leakage prevention; and
- (d) if any report has been submitted to his Commission concerning the health and safety of officers posted thereat and, if so, to table same?

B/81 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Family Welfare and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of houses on a voluntary (personal) basis for the vulnerable under the Housing to Family in Distress Scheme, she will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the:

- (a) number of beneficiaries and houses constructed, respectively, since 2016 to date indicating the corresponding location thereof;
- (b) total sum of money earmarked therefor indicating if there has been any delay in the construction thereof and the reason therefor; and
- (c) support provided to beneficiaries thereof and the conditions attached thereto?

B/82 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will, in regard to the recruitment of General Workers by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, from 2012 to date, state and table on the number thereof, providing details:

- (a) where criminal records or charges have been disclosed, indicating if police clearance was sought as a result thereof and giving the outcome for each case; and
- (b) on the exact constitution of each board of selection appointed therefor together with the relevant background information of those selected in respect thereof?

B/83 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 Health Director, presently in post, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the date and conditions of appointment of the incumbent, detailing on:

- (a) the selection process and criteria applied for the recruitment thereof, indicating the date of assumption of duty thereas and if in a substantive capacity; and
- (b) if the incumbent solely does administrative duties and, in the affirmative, to indicate what measures have been implemented to ensure that the duties of her substantive post are performed?

B/84 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 on all public officers posted thereat together with duties being performed thereby?

B/85 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner of Consumer Protection and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the sale and price of fish, she will state and table on the last time fish was categorised and prices fixed, indicating if any review is being envisaged by her Commission and, if so, to state when, if not, why?

B/86 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the pledge at “Engagement 6” of the budget speech 2017-2018 to provide more accessible health services to the population, he will state and table the number of:

- (a) family doctors who are actually in post; and
- (b) Community Nurses together with their scheme of duty?

B/87 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the occurrence of bad weather in the island, he will state and table the:

- (a) number of additional school holidays recorded as a result thereof for this academic year; and
- (b) measures his Commission has taken to compensate the forced holidays, if any, providing, in the negative, reasons therefor?

B/88 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Go-Export program for local entrepreneurs proposed in the budget speech 2017-2018, she will enlighten the House as to where matters stand?

B/89 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the ten percent (10%) reduction in the import of chicken and yoghurt announced in the budget speech 2017–2018, she will enlighten the House as to where matters stand?

B/90 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the recruitment of the last batch of General Workers by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will inform the House:

- (a) of the selection process, giving details, and stating the selection criteria applied therefor; and
- (b) if any complaint was made concerning the selection process, indicating any action taken in response thereto by his Commission or otherwise, including any official enquiry made and to provide details thereon?

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