

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of Tuesday 10 July 2018

Questions addressed to Commissioners

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

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the disposal of hospital waste in Rodrigues, he will state:

- (a) how it is actually being effected, indicating if the incinerator/s intended therefor is/are out of use; and
- (b) if any new site(s) recently identified is/are currently being used therefor and, in the affirmative, to state the reasons therefor, specifying if all decisions taken in regard thereto are in compliance with the existing laws of the Republic of Mauritius?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to agricultural land for crop production in Rodrigues, he will state:

- (a) the area still under cultivation to date as compared to that of 2016, indicating the area that has been left fallow;
- (b) the support actually provided to Rodriguan farmers for the timely preparation therefor, specifying if the roof tractors and other implements available therefor are in good running conditions; and
- (c) if there has been any delay in land preparation for beans cultivation this year?

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

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

Whether, in regard to lemon harvest for this year, she will state the facilities provided by her Commission to the Rodriguan producers for the timely sale/commercialisation of this commodity, indicating if the Rodrigues Trade and Marketing Company Ltd and the Lemon Processing Unit/Factory of Graviers have been put to contribution and, if not, why?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether he will inform the House of any shortage in the fleet of vehicles at his Commission, stating if any contract has been awarded for the rental of vehicles for use thereby and providing, in the affirmative, the reason/s therefor, specifying if all necessary official tendering procedures have been followed?

B/38 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the setting up of a ‘technopole’ in Rodrigues at Mont Venus, she will enlighten the House as to where matters stand?

B/39 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to track roads and footpaths constructed or to be constructed all around Rodrigues per the approved Budget for financial year 2017/2018, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the list thereof and by indicating: -

- (a) their respective lengths and exact location, specifying actual geographical positions being linked; and
- (b) the total contractual costs implicated therefor and the names of the contractor/s involved therewith, if any, per site?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Meteorology and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Meteorological Department of Rodrigues, he will inform the House if another full fledge station will be operational shortly in Rodrigues and, in the affirmative, to state when and where, and to table the organigram of the meteorological station actually based at Pointe Canon?

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

To ask the Commission for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the production of onions, red beans, chillies (*ti piment*) and lemon, respectively, in Rodrigues, from 2012 to 2017, he will state the total tonnage thereof produced per year, indicating if any specific trend in the production thereof has been observed and, if so, to give details thereon and state any reasons therefor?

B/42 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the operation of Discovery Rodrigues Ltd, from 2012 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the company to state and table the: -

- (a) composition of the board of directors, indicating their respective occupational background;
- (b) number of tourists visiting Ile aux Cocos and Caverne Patate, respectively, per year, indicating the amount of money received for permit delivery and all facilities being offered to the respective visitors thereof; and
- (c) number of annual reports published as at date, providing copy thereof?

B/43 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the pre-primary schools in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state: -

- (a) the total number thereof and if all teachers therefor are employed on a permanent and pensionable basis by Rodrigues Regional Assembly;
- (b) the current supervisor of the teachers' work; and
- (c) for each school situated in government schools' premises, the number of: -
 - (i) classes and teachers involved, tabling same;
 - (ii) Helpers, specifying their respective years of service and salaries?

B/44 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Chief Commissioner's Relief Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the objective(s) thereof, the amount credited thereto and available to date, respectively, and the different project(s) financed thereunder from 2012 to date, if any?

B/45 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others: -

Whether, in regard to any contributory scheme set under the Employees Welfare Fund, he will seek information from the relevant authority and state to the House as to if any complaint has been made thereat and/or at his Commission concerning any request for refund of contribution made thereto from any former contributor therefor in Rodrigues and, in the affirmative, to give details thereon, indicating the number of such request/s received as at date together with the outcome for each case?

B/46 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Artist Assistance Scheme, she will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the: -

- (a) conditions applicable for the grant thereof;
- (b) total cost disbursed therefor together with the name of any beneficiary per category, if any, from February 2012 to February 2018; and
- (c) time frame for the disbursement of funds therefor and specify if there has been any complaint from any artist in relation thereto as at date?

B/47 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the national project of education for primary schools, he will state and table: -

- (a) the number of tablets received and distributed to pupils up to now; and
- (b) when the last stock of books was received and distributed?

B/48 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to secondary school education in Rodrigues, in line with the nine-year schooling, he will inform the House if: -

- (a) every student has been provided with books needed for this present year.
- (b) all colleges have the required number of instructors; and
- (c) the National Support Teaching programme is available to all students and, if not, to state what his Commission intends to do in regard thereto?

B/49 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the bio cultivation of Combava lime plants and the production of chilli paste projects under the Switch Africa Green programme, he will state where matters stand as at date in relation thereto, indicating the state of finance earmarked accordingly and to table same?

B/50 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the last cyclone and recent heavy rainfalls, he will for the benefit of the House, state and table on measures undertaken by his Commission to compensate the farmers affected thereby and to reduce damages caused by such heavy rainfall in the future?

B/51 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/52 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/53 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/54 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 Rodriguan with little or no experience to work thereas?

B/55 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the on-going upgrading/renovation of the Passenger Terminal at Plaine Corail Airport, Rodrigues, he will obtain information from the relevant authorities and inform the House on where matter stands and specifying the:

- (a) name of the successful bidder and the supervising agency therefor;
- (b) date the contract was awarded;
- (c) project contract cost; and
- (d) source of funding and the project status as at date?

B/56 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Training and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the setting up and operation of a ‘centre de formation hôtelière’ in Rodrigues, she will state if the acquisition process of the building identified therefor has been finalised, indicating if payment therefor has been completed and, if so, to state when, providing details of transactions effected and to table a copy of all mandatory documents signed in relation thereto as at date?

B/57 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/58 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/59 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/60 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will, in regard to the review of the organisation structure of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, inform the House about any project undertaken by the regional government therefor, giving details:

- (a) about any major weakness identified in the organisation structure, if any; and
- (b) on if any contract has been awarded therefor and, in the affirmative; to give the name of the successful bidder, the scope of works, the completion date and the projected cost thereof?

B/61 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/62 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/63 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the Germination Project being implemented by the *Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement* (CIRAD) of Reunion island, in collaboration with his Commission, he will enlighten the House thereon and elaborate on any new developments in relation thereto?

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