

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 14 September 2021

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/109 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the upgrade of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital at Creve Coeur, Rodrigues into a modern hospital, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand as to date, indicating:

- (a) any amendment made to the initial aims and the project value thereof; and
- (b) all medical equipment procured in relation thereto, giving details?

B/110 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Housing and Others: -

Whether he will state to the House on the recent review of the Elderly Slab Scheme by his Commission, indicating any new eligibility criterion and/or facility brought thereby?

B/111 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to road construction/maintenance in Rodrigues, he will state to the House on:

- (a) when the one linking Montagne Bois Noir to Port Sud Est will be completed, giving details; and
- (b) the reasons why the one linking Anse Ali to St. François has not been resurfaced to date indicating if and when same will be done?

B/112 The Minority Leader (**Mr. F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table on the timeframe for the resumption of commercial flights between Mauritius and Rodrigues to date, detailing on any: -

- (a) correspondence between the appropriate authority in mainland Mauritius and his office regarding the final decision on the matter; and
- (b) study/survey made to determine the impact thereof in Rodrigues?

B/113 The Minority Leader (**Mr. F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the established COVID-19 protocol in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table on if consideration is being given to the review thereof ahead of the planned lifting of flight restrictions between Mauritius and Rodrigues indicating, in the affirmative, the new measures and/or arrangements made in the health sector in relation thereto and, in the negative, the reasons therefor?

B/114 The Minority Leader (**Mr. F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Alternative Livelihood Scheme designed for octopuses' fishermen during the closure of octopus fishing, he will state and table on the new measures set by his Commission in relation thereto?

B/115 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Physiotherapy Department of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will state:

- (a) if it is properly staffed, giving details; and
- (b) who is actually heading same, indicating if treatment to patients is being given according to prescribed standards and practice?

B/116 The Second Local Region Member of St Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Housing and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of social housing units through the financial assistance of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, from August 2006 to February 2012, he will enlighten the House on the:

- (a) total number of housing units constructed together with the total amount of money disbursed therefor;
- (b) construction mechanisms set up therefor as well as selection criteria to benefit therefrom; and
- (c) modalities for any repayment, as may have been applicable?

B/117 The Second Local Region Member of St Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will give a list, if any, of work orders that have been/will be issued by his Commission stating the successful bidders, the cost and the scope of works and completion date for each project?

B/118 The Second Local Region Member of St Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Education and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the non-availability of some textbooks in secondary schools around Rodrigues for the academic year 2021/2022, she will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at date?

B/119 The Minority Leader (**Mr. F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the occurrence of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in Rodrigues, he will state to the House on where matter stands as at date?

B/120 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to any case of dangerous drugs recently detected in Rodrigues and to state: -

- (a) if any arrest has been made in relation thereto;
- (b) if any additional measure taken/to be taken to tighten control, including around the port and airport; and
- (c) if any sensitisation campaigns have been envisaged, giving details?

B/121 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the subsidy of up to fifty per cent on the cost of agricultural labour, as announced in the budget speech 2020/2021, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the:

- (a) objectives of the incentive;
- (b) eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom; and
- (c) number of beneficiaries together with the total amount disbursed therefor as at date?

B/122 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Education and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Tablet Loan Scheme, as announced in the budget speech 2020/2021, she will inform the House on where matters stand as at date?

B/123 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Education and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the lack of Educators in the government primary schools in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state on the number of Trainee Educators actually being trained in Mauritius, providing the timeframe as to when they will be able to assume duty in Rodrigues together with the interim remedial actions taken at the level of her Commission to alleviate the shortage?

B/124 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to land allocated for hotel development projects in Rodrigues, from 2007 to date, he will state and table, for the benefit of the House, the status of each project as at date, indicating any action undertaken by his Commission for any non-compliance to the lease conditions?

B/125 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Women's Affairs and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the implementation of projects aimed at women empowerment at the level of her Commission, from 2012 to date, she will state and table on the number thereof, indicating each project status as at date?

B/126 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the Family Doctor project, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand as at date, indicating the: -

- (a) number of community centres involved, their physical state and the facilities available thereat;
- (b) total staff requirement, detailing the financial implications therefor and highlighting any additional recruitment required for the purposes thereof;
- (c) total cost of the project together with a breakdown of cost estimates for the upgrading of community centres?

B/127 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether she will state and table, for the benefit of the House, on the *Open de Rodrigues* scheduled for September/October 2021, specifying from which item vote of the approved 2021/2022 budget funds therefor have been earmarked?

B/128 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Education and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the latest examination results for the School Certificate, she will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) a complete breakdown of the results;
- (b) the number of students who have been enrolled in Grade 12; and
- (c) study options made available to successful candidates with less than five credits?

B/129 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether he will inform the House on where matters stand as at date in regard to the upgrade of the rubbish dump at Roche Bon Dieu?

B/130 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the re-possession of the six outer lagoon fishing vessels that were previously managed by six different operators under the promotion of the Outer Lagoon Scheme, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand as to date, indicating: -

- (a) the re-possession process and the reason therefor;
- (b) if a survey has been carried out and to table the outcome thereof; and
- (c) if all equipment/fishing equipment granted by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the operation thereof have also been re-possessioned?

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Date: 10 September 2021