

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 15 September 2020

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/87 The Minority Leader (**Mr F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the budget item 28212034 COVID-19 Relief Support Scheme for the current financial year, he will state and table the: -

- (a) different projects implemented thereunder to date indicating the beneficiaries;
- (b) amount of money disbursed per project to date providing their respective implementation plan, if any?

B/88 The Minority Leader (**Mr F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the beneficiaries of Social Aid in Rodrigues, he will state and table the: -

- (a) number thereof per category for the last three years including the total amount paid yearly thereto;
- (b) criteria applied by his Commission to benefit therefrom; and
- (c) measures being undertaken by his Commission to help claimants from depending less thereon?

B/89 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Slaughter House at Baie Diamant, she will state, for the benefit of the House, if it is now operational, indicating: -

- (a) the company selected therefor as well as its track record/experience in the sector, and the conditions attached thereto;
- (b) if an open tender exercise was launched therefor, tabling, in the affirmative, the list of tenderers as well as the tender document; and
- (c) how far will her Commission be involved in its operationalisation?

B/90 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Association des Ecole Maternelles de Rodrigues, he will obtain information therefrom or from any relevant authority to state, for the benefit of the House: -

- (a) if the association is duly registered with the Registrar of Association and the Early Childhood Care and Educational Authority and, if so, since when;
- (b) if all employees appointed thereby have been given a contract on such terms and conditions including remuneration in line with prescribed guidelines and scales; and
- (c) the composition of the board of directors thereof and when did they take office?

B/91 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, he will, in regard to the household biogas project co-financed by the Indian Ocean Commission and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, inform the House on where matters stand as at date indicating the: -

- (a) starting and completion date thereof and the successful bidder;
- (b) total number of bio digesters implemented under this project and the villages concerned; and
- (c) total cost of the project and the amount of money disbursed therefor as to date?

B/92 The Minority Leader (**Mr F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the production and sale of onions in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) the production thereof to date per region indicating the quality of same; and
- (b) measures taken by his Commission to help planters sell their products?

B/93 The Minority Leader (**Mr F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the export of live animals from Rodrigues, he will state the protocol observed by his Commission regarding sanitary measures prior to their embarkation?

B/94 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to projects for the production of combava limes and chilli paste under the Switch Africa Green Programme, he will inform the House on where matters stand as at date, specifying the total funds granted to beneficiaries therefor and indicating the financial status of any association or cooperative having benefited therefrom?

B/95 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of additional classrooms at La Ferme College, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table on if: -

- (a) bids were evaluated in accordance with the criteria specified in the bid documentation; and
- (b) there is any litigation regarding the awarded contract?

B/96 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the allocation of land to farmers from Ste Marie village, Plaine Corail, Cascade Jean Louis and any other relevant applicant, he will state and table, for the benefit of the House, on the site plan and surveys carried out therefor in La Boucherie/Plaine Corail?

B/97 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the use of glyphosate in the practice of agriculture in Rodrigues, he will state if he is aware of the health hazard it represents, indicating: -

- (a) the measures his Commission undertook or intends to take to protect the population; and
- (b) if he will arrange with any relevant authority to have a study carried out for the determination of its impact on the health of the Rodriguan population?

B/98 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the issue of farmer's card in 2016, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) the allocation process used therefor;
- (b) the number of cards issued per Local Region, indicating if all beneficiaries were full-time farmers;
- (c) any money obtained from beneficiaries in connection thereto and the outcome thereof;
- (d) all facilities attached thereto indicating if same concur with those being provided for in mainland Mauritius; and
- (e) on any application for the renewal thereof specifying if the cards have already been renewed and, if not, why?

B/99 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether she is aware of the deplorable state of the Montagne Cabri Corail football playground and, if so, to indicate the measures her Commission proposes to take in regard thereto?

B/100 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the SME Welfare Fund announced in the Budget Speech 2019-2020, she will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at date?

B/101 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, he will state and table, for the benefit of the House, where matters stand in regard to heavy works at Anse Aux Anglais beach indicating:

- (a) the number of filaos trees pulled down thereat, specifying, if necessary clearances have been duly obtained therefor;
- (b) if any report has been submitted and any action taken in relation thereto; and
- (c) if the soil stocked on the public beach will be removed, and, if so, to state when?

B/102 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the renovation works at various sites of his Commission including Citronelle, Baie Topaze and St Gabriel, he will state and table the: -

- (a) successful bidder in each case and the total cost therefor per site; and
- (b) specific conditions of the contract including the time frame for job completion for each site?

B/103 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the recent survey made in the fishing community by his Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the objectives thereof?

B/104 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether in regard to the procurement of private security services at primary school compounds, he will, for the benefit of the House, provide information as to if tenders were launched therefor and, if so, to indicate:

- (a) names of bidders participating in the exercise;
- (b) name of the successful bidder; and
- (c) the date on which the contract was awarded?

B/105 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of a 1000 m³ concrete reservoir at Montagne Cabris West, he will:

- (a) state when works are expected to be completed; and
- (b) give a list of villages that will be connected from the new network that will be set up thereat?

B/106 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to dialysis patients, he will state if his Commission proposes to provide the day care services in connection thereto to La Ferme Area Health Centre and, if so, when?

B/107 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the post of Departmental Head on the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Establishment, he will state if there exists any vacancy and, if so, to provide the steps being taken by the relevant authority to have them filled?

B/108 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Tourism Alternative Livelihood Scheme, he will inform the House on where matters stand as regards work undertaken thereunder indicating if any measure for combatting soil erosion have been envisaged, giving details?

B/109 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:

Whether, in regard to the resettlement of the villagers of Ste Marie village, he will inform the House on where matters stand as at date, indicating if a precise date has been fixed therefor and, if not, why?

B/110 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to Rodclean Company Ltd, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information therefrom and state:

- (a) the number of recruitment exercises undertaken since its incorporation to date; and
- (b) if all the different batches of employees recruited are working on the same conditions and, if yes, to give details and, if not, to state why?

B/111 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the health care officers providing services to the elderly under the purview of his Commission, he will state and table:

- (a) how many have followed the required training;
- (b) how many are still in post as at date; and
- (c) their duties and conditions of work?

B/112 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the incidence of cervical cancer in Rodrigues, he will state and table the preventive and curative measures undertaken by his Commission to curb the trend thereof for the last three years together with the future measures being contemplated in relation thereto?

B/113 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to Fire Services, he will inform the House on the number of lorries attached thereto which are currently in good working conditions and the areas of operation thereof?

B/114 The Second Local Region Member for St Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Tourism Alternative Livelihood Scheme, he will enlighten the House as to:

- (a) the works that have been carried out by the workers to date and indicating the number thereof involved therewith;
- (b) the amount of money disbursed as at to date therefor; and
- (c) the expected completion date thereof being given that economic activities have resumed in Rodrigues?

B/115 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 the different local regions of the island, he will inform the House as to where matters stand specifying if the identification of the proposed track roads has already been done and, if not, to state when same will be undertaken together with the expected commencement and completion date for the works?

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

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to distribution of water during the forthcoming dry season, he will enlighten the House on any measure that his Commission is contemplating to cater for any decrease in the production of water around the island?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Youth and Others: -

Whether, in regard to construction of a Youth Centre at Baladirou, she will enlighten the House as to where matters stand, stating on the amount of money disbursed therefor as at to date, the objectives thereof as well as the target groups, and indicating how the centre will be, or is being, operated?

B/118 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others:

Whether, in regard to the Staple Crop Production Scheme as announced in the Budget Speech 2020/2021, he will state and table for the benefit of the House on: -

- (a) the objectives thereof;
- (b) what the scheme provides for;
- (c) the criteria to benefit therefrom; and
- (d) the intended starting date thereof and cost implications therefor?

B/119 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:

Whether, in regard to the tourism sector, he will state, for the benefit of the House, the statistics for tourist arrivals in Rodrigues for the period June to August 2020 and the impact thereof on the local economy?

B/120 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Vocational Training and Others:

Whether, in regard to the schemes and facilities applicable for students attending tertiary or vocational education institutions in mainland Mauritius and abroad as well as via distance learning from Rodrigues, she will state and table:

- (a) what the schemes provide for;
- (b) the set criteria to benefit therefrom; and
- (c) the funds disbursed therefor for the last two and the present academic year(s), respectively?

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Date: 10 September 2020