

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of Tuesday 22 May 2018

Questions addressed to Commissioners

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

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the sea water salt production project which was to be set up at Baie Topaze, jointly by Rodriguan natives in collaboration with French specialists from the “Cooperative des Sauniers de Noirmoutier”, she will state:

- (a) where matters stand concerning same, giving reasons if it has been cancelled; and
- (b) if cooperation between Noirmoutier and Rodrigues, following the twinning of both islands, still continues, giving reasons?

B/2 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Employment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to projects awarded to beneficiaries of the Employment Relief Programme (ERP), he will, for the benefit of the House, state: -

- (a) the number of beneficiaries of agricultural projects with respect to the first and second batches thereof, indicating the implementation status of the respective projects as approved and funded; and
- (b) the measures set for the monitoring of the said projects detailing any collaboration between his Commission and other stakeholders, including the Commission for Agriculture, in connection thereto?

B/3 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Employment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to employment in the construction industry in Rodrigues, he will state to the House on any:

- (a) non-Rodriguan worker(s)/contractors who has been awarded contracts in the construction industry in Rodrigues for this financial year;
- (b) measures set by his Commission with all contractors to minimise any risk of exploitation or discrimination towards the female and male workers onsite; and
- (c) complaints registered with regards to dismissal or unduly low pay rates or tardy payments by contractors to the workers thereof?

B/4 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M. R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to projects allocated to holders of the 'Attestation de fin de formation' leading to the Brevet Professionel Agricole (BPA) by the Commission for Agriculture, he will state, for the benefit of the House, the number of applications received at his Commission in relation thereto together with the number of approved projects currently being implemented following this training?

B/5 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the administration of Plaine Corail Airport, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the relevant authority and state on the alleged taking over thereof by Airport of Mauritius Ltd., indicating the stand of the Regional Government concerning same, and specifying the new role to be held by the Airport of Rodrigues Ltd., if any?

B/6 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to improvement of services provided by the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will state the measures he intends to take with a view to:

- (a) reduce the number of patients transferred to mainland Mauritius for further medical treatment; and
- (b) alleviate the burden of the personnel working at the Laundry Unit?

B/7 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the transfer of a plot of freehold land belonging to one S.S. of Mauritius, from Mt. Charlot to St. François, Rodrigues, he will state:

- (a) the area concerned;
- (b) the reasons/s behind the said transfer, indicating if it is a case of compulsory acquisition;
- (c) if his commission is in presence of other such demands and, if so, to indicate the areas and sites concerned and the outcome for each case, as at date, giving reasons thereon?

B/8 The First Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to on-going capital projects initiated by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if any thereof is behind schedule, as per contract documents/obligations, and:

- (a) table a list thereof not completed to date, per Commission, including the penalty applied per project as at date, if any, and indicating the respective delay in each case; and
- (b) indicate what measures are being taken by his regional government to remedy this situation, if any?

B/9 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the recent “Jeux des Jeunes talents” in Mauritius, she will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the detailed composition of the Rodriguan delegation therefor, indicating the number of athletes involved per discipline together with all officials concerned, including Commissioners, if any, and to table the list thereof; and
- (b) all expenses incurred therefor, detailing the amount of stipend/per diem received by each athlete, coach and official, together with all equipment and/or accoutrements provided to each athlete?

B/10 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the promotion of sports at Plaine Corail Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House state: -

- (a) if there is any registered football team thereat and, if so, to indicate the training ground thereof;
- (b) on the actual ground thereat, detailing if same is classified as a football one and indicating the respective dates of construction and last renovation thereof; and
- (c) if the regional government intends to build a new football ground of required norms thereat, and, if yes, when and, if not, why?

B/11 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to electricity supply in Rodrigues, since November 2017 to date, he will obtain information from the relevant authority and state, for the benefit of the House, on the number of days of occurrence for power cut off and/or interruption, specifying if same were planned or unplanned, the areas/villages

affected and any remedial action/s taken or being envisaged to minimise inconvenience to consumers?

B/12 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of *retenues collinaires* in Rodrigues, he will state and table the: -

- (a) number thereof constructed since 2012 to date, indicating the respective location site/s and operational state, together with the purposed service users in each case;
- (b) total cost and name of the contractor allocated for each one thereof; and
- (c) starting and expected completion dates as stated in their different contract/s and indicating any delay in the commissioning thereof?

B/13 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the reform of football in Rodrigues, she will inform the House on where matters stand in relation thereto, stating: -

- (a) all parties involved therewith, highlighting if same will embrace professional football and the "*academie de football*", giving reasons for any shortlisting and/or selection exercise in regard thereto, if any, and to table same;
- (b) all existing or new infrastructures that will be required therefor, indicating the respective state thereof as available as at date; and
- (c) if the grant scheme to football teams/clubs has been taken into consideration therein?

B/14 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to patients sent for treatment in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House state:

- (a) the protocol set for case processing and/or monitoring;
- (b) the number of cases referred since January 2017 to date together with the total cost involved therefor indicating any increasing/decreasing trend noted per disease; and
- (c) if any complaint has been received so far regarding the transfer methodology of patients to Mauritius?

B/15 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to an incident of prolonged traffic jam which occurred on the public road which runs through the Queen Elizabeth Hospital compound in the afternoon of Saturday 28 April 2018, he will seek information from the relevant authority, including the Commissioner of Police, and state the cause thereof, indicating measures taken or being envisaged to prevent the reoccurrence of such incident thereat or in Rodrigues generally?

B/16 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

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

Whether in regard to fibre optic cable connecting Rodrigues to the rest of the world, she will state:

- (a) the number of cables that are to be laid therefor, indicating the respective promoter/s besides those related to the Mauritius and Rodrigues Submarine (MARS) cable, if any; and

- (b) the completion status of the survey that was to be carried out therefor, stating if any report has been submitted in regard thereto and, in the affirmative, to table same?

B/17 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the operation of the Rodrigues Trading and Marketing Co. Ltd. (R.T.M.C.) in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the company to: -

- (a) state and table the composition of the board of directors indicating their respective occupational background together with the actual strength and organigram thereof;
- (b) table a list of its assets and liabilities to date;
- (c) list and table the annual value of products imported and exported since 2012 to date thereby showing occurrence of profit or loss per year; and
- (d) state how many annual reports have been published since 2012 to date, and to table same?

B/18 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/19 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
- (c) the total contractual costs implicated therefor and the names of the contractor/s involved therewith, if any, per site?

B/20 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/21 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the national project of providing tablets in primary schools, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) the number of tablets received therefor by his Commission up to now; and
- (b) if same have been distributed in Rodrigues; if not, why and, in the affirmative, to which classes?

B/22 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the free books provided to students in both primary and secondary institutions, he will inform the House on:

- (a) if every student has been provided with all books needed for this present year; and
- (b) when the last stock was received at his Commission and distributed thereto?

B/23 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the reported shortage of staff in the health sector, he will, for the benefit of the House, state measures taken to ensure:

- (a) that all patients, especially those bed ridden and/or having just undergone surgical interventions, receive the appropriate treatment and consideration; and
- (b) adequate supervision so that patients do not leave their respective wards without authorisation?

B/24 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 inform the House of measures undertaken by his Commission to compensate the farmers affected thereby and to reduce damages caused by such heavy rainfall in the future?

B/25 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Tourism Enterprise Licence Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House state: -

- (a) the objective/s thereof, the number of officers attached thereto, indicating their positions together with the respective qualifications therefor; and

- (b) if measures and decisions taken by the Mauritius Tourism Authority are also applicable in Rodrigues?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the finalisation of a master plan for the health sector in Rodrigues, he will enlighten the House as to where matters stand, detailing:

- (a) on consultancy services retained therefor indicating the cost thereof, the name of the contractor/consultant, the scope of work and the expected completion date for same;
- (b) if consultation will be made with any other stakeholder and, in the affirmative, to give details thereon; and
- (c) the timeframe for the commencement of any work resulting therefrom and the funding thereof?

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

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the structures to canalise or collect surface water all around the island including blocked/inappropriately sized drains, silted dams and reservoirs, he will enlighten the House about measures his Commission is contemplating in regard thereto, if any, and, in the affirmative, to give details about the scope of work, the amount of money to be disbursed and the expected time frame for the completion of same?

B/28 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to infrastructural projects already started around the island, he will state and table the status of each project

as at to date, specifying if each contractor is complying with the terms of contract and, in the negative, to state the actions being taken by his Commission to address same?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Youth and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the 'Youth on the Move' project, she will enlighten the House thereon, stating its objective(s) together with its time frame, expected cost and the number of youths targeted thereby?

B/30 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of a community school at Baie Malgache in local electoral Region Number 2, he will state:

- (a) the date of the award of contract;
- (b) the start and intended completion dates thereof; and
- (c) if progress of work is as planned and, in the negative, to give reasons therefor and to provide details on any remedial action envisaged by the Commission in regard thereto?

B/31 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to State lands in Rodrigues, he will give details of the number of private lands exchanged therefor from 2012 to date and the reasons thereof?

B/32 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Petit Gabriel to St. Gabriel road project, he will table a list of landowners whose private property have been compulsorily acquired in respect of Phase I, II and III indicating in each case:

- (a) amount of compensation paid; and
- (b) exact extent of the land or building?

B/33 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others:-

Whether, in regard to public beaches along the southern coastline, specifically at the level of Petite Butte, he will indicate:

- (a) the respective environmental status thereof;
- (b) the measures envisaged to protect same from degradation; and
- (c) details aiming at rendering it more pleasant, cleaner and safer for visitors?

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