

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 06 February 2024

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/1 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the prevalence of fever in Rodrigues, he will state and table the number of reported cases for the months of October, November and December for the year 2022 and 2023?

B/2 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether there has been a resurgence of dengue fever in Rodrigues and, if so, to state to the House:

- (a) on when the first case was detected, the total number of tests performed and cases detected, and the number of active cases as at date;
- (b) the number of patients currently isolated, specifying the different locations where isolation is being carried out, and
- (c) the measures implemented by his Commission to control the vectors responsible for the propagation thereof?

B/3 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the opening/closing of schools during Heavy Rain Watch/Warning by the Mauritius Meteorological Services, he will inform the House on if there exists any established protocol/practice(s) therefor and, in the affirmative, to give details thereof?

B/4 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, there has been the issue of any Public Service Vehicle Licence for buses along Route 212 (Port Mathurin-Montagne Malgache via Lataniers) since the start of the 2024 and, if so, to state:

- (a) the name/s of the beneficiary/ies;
- (b) if public notice was given for application thereof and, if so, to state the date, and
- (c) when the Rodrigues Transport Committee met to consider and approve the application/s?

B/5 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the promotion exercise for the posts of Deputy Rector and Rector, respectively, conducted in 2022/23 for Rodrigues Educational Development Company Ltd (REDCO) colleges, he will obtain information and state:

- (a) the eligibility criteria for each post;
- (b) the total number of applicants and the number of eligible applicants for both;
- (c) the composition of the board of selection for the interview exercises, and
- (b) if all approvals have been obtained for the appointment of the selected candidates from the relevant bodies?

B/6 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Family Welfare and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of a Family Training Centre as announced in the 2023/2024 budget speech (item vote 31112815), she will inform the House on where matters stand as at date?

B/7 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the 'Hot Meal Project' for schools, as announced in the 2023/2024 budget speech, he will inform the House on:

- (a) the number of days per week that the students are being served a hot meal as at date, and
- (b) if continuous evaluation is being carried out therefor?

B/8 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the increase of allocation of monthly stipend for students at tertiary level, as mentioned in his 2023/2024 budget speech at paragraph 78, he will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at to date?

B/9 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Social Housing Scheme implemented since he assumed office in March 2022, he will provide information to the House as to the number of beneficiaries who have signed their contracts/agreements with the commission to date and to state the number of housing units completed, if any?

B/10 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to beneficiaries of New Social Housing Scheme introduced in 2016/2017, he will state the number thereof who contracted a loan from an approved financial institution to finance their housing unit, indicating the:

- (a) number of defaulters reported to his commission by the respective institution, as per the Memorandum of Understanding, and since when;
- (b) total amount due to date, and
- (c) remedial measures/actions taken or to be taken by the commission in regard thereto?

B/11 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Fisheries Act 2023, he will inform the House on if consultations were made with his commission prior to the adoption thereof by the National Assembly and, if so, to state the recommendations/proposals made in relation thereto?

B/12 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the local meat market, he will inform the House on if he is aware of the shortage in the supply of pork and, if so, to state the reasons thereof together with the measures that his commission is implementing or envisaging to address this shortage and its consequences?

B/13 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to piglets produced by his commission since March 2022 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the number thereof and indicate the:

- (a) established procedures and eligibility criteria for potential breeders to benefit therefrom;
- (b) number of applications received therefor, and
- (c) number of piglets sold, specifying the number of pig breeders who have benefited therefrom and the number of piglets given in each case?

B/14 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Youth and Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Football Association (MFA) Cup 2024 tournament in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if any team from Rodrigues will participate therein and, if so, to specify:

- (a) the details as to their departure to Mauritius;
- (b) the facilities to be provided thereto, and
- (c) if any participating team has been provided with its grant for the ongoing season and, if so, the quantum thereof and when the payment effected?

B/15 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to lemon farming in Rodrigues since 2023 to date, he will state to the House the:

- (a) number of tons produced;
- (b) number of tons exported, and
- (c) support/facilities provided to the planters to help them in the marketing of their products?

B/16 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in view to mitigate the effects of climate change and to ease access to villagers during heavy rainfalls, he will:

- (a) state and table the number of bridges/box culverts/cross drains built in the different villages around Rodrigues year-wise by his commission and the National Development Unit since 2017 to date, and
- (b) define his policy therefor highlighting any set timeframe?

B/17 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether drainage works have been proposed by the National Development Unit at Accacia and, if so, will he state:

- (a) a brief of the project as sent to his commission for approval;
- (b) the different sites to be covered by the drainage system within the project, and
- (c) if his commission has recommended not to go ahead with the project and, if so, how and when he intends to alleviate the problems of flooding faced by the villagers during heavy rainfalls?

B/18 The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Tourism and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the 'One Visitor, One Tree' project, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) give details about the outcome of the project as at date, and
- (b) state and table the total cost incurred therefor together with its breakdown?

B/19 The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Tourism and Others: -

Whether, in regard to renovation works at Ile aux Cocos, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the:

- (a) scope of work of the project;
- (b) name of the successful bidder together with the date of award, contract value, contract period and the expected completion date, and
- (c) progress of work and the amount already disbursed as at date?

B/20 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to road safety, he will inform the House on if his commission has carried out any survey to determine the extent of damages caused by accidents, vandalism and normal wearing out to signposts, road markings and other related public structures in Rodrigues and the measures he is contemplating therefor, indicating any set timeframe?

B/21 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the granting of ‘droits de surélévation’ for existing State land leases, he will state to the House on the (a) number thereof granted by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) per year since 2020, and (b) policy of the RRA for the promotion thereof as a way of accessing State land lease rights?

B/22 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the Sustainable and Strategic Development Centre, as announced in the 2023/2024 budget speech, he will state (a) if the new Geographical Information System (GIS) is operational and is enabling adoption of new procedures for the granting of leases of State Land, and (b) the percentage of leases awarded using the GIS together with the extent of land concerned per category of lease during the last three months?

B/23 The Fourth Local Region Member for Marechal (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the teaching of 'Kreol Rodrige' in primary schools, he will provide details on:

- (a) the recommended weekly contact hours for same for the different grades;
- (b) if any discrepancy has been noted among the schools and, in the affirmative, to state measures taken to remedy the situation?

B/24 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the recent recruitment of managers for the Rodrigues Educational Development Company Ltd (REDCO) colleges, he will obtain information and state to the House on the:

- (a) criteria for the enlistment of candidates together with the composition of the board of selection;
- (b) number of applications received and the number recruited, and
- (c) allowances and privileges of the managers?

B/25 The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether in regard to the construction of road from Mte Tonnerre to Allée Tamarin, as announced in the 2023/2024 budget speech, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matter stands as at to date?

B/26 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, following the recent torrential rains, his office has carried out any survey with respect to the state of Anse Femie-Saponnaire road, leading to the church and, if so, to table the report thereof and the subsequent necessary actions to be carried out, if any?

B/27 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Book Loan Scheme for secondary schools, he will inform the House on the:

- (a) actual situation for the current academic year in the different colleges;
- (b) dates the procurement exercises were carried out, giving details of the successful bidders, and
- (c) expected total cost of the project for 2024, the amount paid and the outstanding payment if any?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to land mechanisation around Rodrigues, he will inform the House on if same is being done by his commission and, in the affirmative, to state the number of:

- (a) tractors involved in the process, indicating if any thereof is not operational and, if yes, why, and
- (b) planters, if any, requesting for the service together with the number of demands per type of mechanisation attended to on a weekly basis?

B/29 The Fourth Local Region Member for Marechal (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the School Certificate results for the year 2023, he will state the:

- (a) overall percentage pass for the past three years;
- (b) total number of students who sat for the examination in 2023 and the number thereof who scored at least five credits per college;
- (c) number of students who acceded to Grade 12 and the number who will repeat Grade 11, and
- (d) measures envisaged by his commission to improve the success rates per college?

B/30 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to 'Fédération des Associations Coopérative des Eleveurs de Rodrigues Ltée' (FACER) and Rodrigues Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Federation Ltd (RAMCF), he will, for the information of the House, state if he has been made aware that the continued failure to operate the two federations is causing much difficulties to planters and breeders in Rodrigues and, in the affirmative, to indicate: -

- (a) the reason of the non-appointment of the different Caretaker Boards, and
- (b) remedial measures he is proposing to take in the meantime to alleviate the problems?

B/31 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, he will inform the House of measures being taken by his commission to increase the production and the market value of the Rodriguan lime (*citrus aurantifolia*)?

B/32 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Terre Rouge Farmer's Service Center, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if: -

- (a) the center is operational and, if so, to indicate the date of same became operational together with services being offered thereat to planters and breeders of the region, and
- (b) this project will be replicated in other regions of the island?



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