

**RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Questions of which notice has been given**

**Requiring an Oral answer**

**Sitting of 16 July 2024**

**Questions addressed to Commissioners**

**B/62** The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the livestock export to Mauritius, he will:**

- (a) inform the House on the number of large and small ruminants exported to Mauritius from January 2024 to date and the amount of money paid to Rodriguan breeders during the corresponding period, and
- (b) give details on the protocol in force therefor?

**B/63** The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -*

**Whether he will state the number of butchers' associations/companies operating in Rodrigues making a brief statement detailing their mode of operation?**

**B/64** The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to State land allocated/fenced in the village of Marechal and/or Deux Montagnes for agricultural purposes, he will state and table the:**

- (a) number of breeders, their names and the extent of land allocated therefor, respectively, including Rod Farm Ltd and Mr J.M.B.;
- (b) date of application and date of issue of the agricultural lease/agricultural permit therefor, and the conditions attached thereto, and
- (c) procedures and requirements for the breeders/farmers to be supplied with electricity?

**B/65** The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the sale of animals from Rodrigues for the Mauritian market, he will state if he has been made aware of any attempt to ship animals on Friday 14 June 2024 without required authorization and/or compliance to the biosecurity protocol in force and, if so, to state the:**

- (a) number and type of animals involved;
- (b) reasons for this breach of protocol, and
- (c) measures envisaged by his Commission to avert the recurrence thereof?

**B/66** The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the operationalisation of the 'Museum', as announced in the Budget Speech 2024-2025 at paragraph 263, he will inform the House on where matters stand?**

**B/67** The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huitres (**Ms K. ROUSSEY**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to patients sent to Mauritius for specialised treatment, he will inform the House on the actual protocol for transfer of patients from Rodrigues to hospitals in Mauritius and back to Rodrigues, particularly with regard to the facilities offered and the follow-up arrangement in relation thereto?**

**B/68** The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huitres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the taking over of the southern/western section by the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) from the Water Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the:**

- (a) number of staff who have had to be redeployed together with their respective grades;
- (b) status of the water production in the region as at date highlighting the sources, and
- (c) frequency at which water is being distributed from the different reservoirs to the villagers?

**B/69** The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the three Trainee Nurses of the last recruitment exercise who undergone their training with Polytechnics Mauritius Ltd (PML) in Rodrigues, he will inform the House on:**

- (a) the date they joined the service, including their grade as at date, and
- (b) if they are fully compliant with the requirements of the Nursing Council, and, if not, to state the reasons thereof and the course of action contemplated to regularise their situation, if applicable?

**B/70** The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Housing and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the provision of housing assistance to needy families, as announced in the Budget Speech 2024-2025, he will inform the House of any changes made thereto or any new scheme introduced therefor, stating the reasons thereof and the number of housing units expected to be completed in the current financial year?**

**B/71** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the site initially used for motorsport events in the region of Pointe Palmiste, he will inform the House on if there has been a change in the location thereof and, in the affirmative, to give details thereof?**

**B/72** The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Tourism and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to tourism development in Rodrigues, he will enlighten the House on his policy in relation thereto laying emphasis on the:**

- (a) tourism accommodation capacity;
- (b) standards for tourist enterprises, and
- (c) involvement of Rodriguans thereinto as regards training and tourism business facilitation measures?

**B/73** The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the grant of industrial land lease for tourism development projects on state land, from 2022 to date, he will state to the House the:**

- (a) number of applications therefor approved by his Commission to date and stage attained in the processing of each;
- (b) beneficiaries thereof as at date, indicating the location and extent of land concerned, and
- (c) eligibility criteria and procedure to be followed for the granting thereof?

**B/74** The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Family Welfare and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to Item Vote 31112815: Family Training Centre announced in the 2023-2024 Budget Speech, she will, for the benefit of the House, give a breakdown of all projects carried out in connection thereto together with their respective cost?**

**B/75** The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to gynaecological services provided in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the monthly number of:**

- (a) caesareans sections performed indicating the number thereof made after normal working hours, and
- (b) infant mortality from January to May 2024, together with the causes thereof?

**B/76** The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSEY**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the domiciliary medical visits for elderly and disabled, he will inform the House:**

- (a) of the number of persons benefitting therefrom;
- (b) of the number of doctors engaged in the exercise, and
- (c) if he is aware that some elderly persons are being deprived thereof since several months?

**B/77** The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the pumping stations at Mourouk and Rivière Coco, he will inform the House as to:**

- (a) the actual pumping capacity of each station per day, and
- (b) if there is any pump which is not operational at each respective station, and if yes,
  - (i) since when;
  - (ii) if any tenders were launched for the replacement thereof and, if so, to state the number of bidders together with their respective bids value, the name of the successful bidder and the conditions attached to the awarded contract, if any?

**B/78** The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the enforcement of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Prohibition of Use of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the:**

- (a) number of contraventions issued since January 2022 to date;
- (b) number of applications made for exemption therefrom highlighting the local products concerned, and
- (c) validity period of any exemption granted thereunder?

**B/79** The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the Rodrigues Committee for the Elderly, he will, for the benefit of the House state:**

- (a) the current composition thereof, indicating in each case the date of appointment for the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members together with their respective capacity;
- (b) the fees/allowances payable thereto and other benefits drawn, and
- (c) table a list of fees/allowances payable to different members thereof to date?

**B/80** The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the comprehensive grant formula established by the Private Secondary Education Authority in favour of grant-aided colleges in Rodrigues, he will obtain information to state and table on:**

- (a) the amount of money claimed and obtained by the different colleges under the respective grant elements for the years 2023 and 2024;
- (b) the difficulties faced by the colleges with respect to the comprehensive grant formula 2024-2026;
- (c) if all colleges in Rodrigues are complying with the current requirements thereof, and
- (d) any action taken by his Commission in connection thereto?

**B/81** The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether his Commission has received any request for the extension of electricity network in the 'morcellements' of Mte Cabris Est/ Montagne Longue and Mourouk following new constructions and, if so, when, indicating if the Central Electricity Board (CEB) has been requested to carry out a survey as to the works implied and, if in the affirmative to state:**

- (a) the cost implications, and
- (b) when works are expected to start?

**B/82** The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Prisons and Reforms Institutions and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the recent recruitment of Trainee Prisons Officers, he will provide information to the House on if there is a training period prior to their substantive appointment as Prisons Officers and, in the affirmative, to outline the details thereof?**

**B/83** The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the New Haemodialysis Unit at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will inform the House on the:**

- (a) total number of patients benefitting therefrom, the number of sessions per day together with the number of patients per session;
- (b) total number of machines thereat specifying the number which are in good working condition together with the required number of sessions per patient per week, and
- (c) facilities provided to those patients attending the different sessions?



**B/84** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the committees and boards set up by his Commission, he will state and table:**

- (a) the list of the different committees together with the composition of each one thereof, respectively, and
- (b) details of their responsibilities and remuneration rate?

**B/85** The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Labour and Industrial Relations and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the labour and industrial relations issues, from January 2024 to date, he will state on the:**

- (a) total number of complaints registered at the Labour Office, the nature thereof, and the total number of employers and workers concerned;
- (b) monthly breakdown of the number of workers who have been laid off or had their contract of employment terminated, and
- (c) number of workers laid off/contract terminated per sector or trade?

**B/86** The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huitres (**Ms K. ROUSSEY**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Fire Services and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the Fire Station at Mon Plaisir, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:**

- (a) if the station is fully operational and, in the affirmative, since when, and
- (b) the composition of personnel working therein?

**B/87** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the road from Petite Butte to Pointe Vingt Tours, he has been made aware of the bad state thereof and the measures he envisages to take therefor and the time frame set, if any?**

**B/88** The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the resurfacing carried out on the road at Petit Gabriel, he will state:**

- (a) the value of the contract awarded;
- (b) when same was completed;
- (c) the specifications with respect to asphalt and bituminous wearing course content as tendered to the contractor, and
- (d) if his Commission has carried out any investigation on the reasons of such a rapid wearing off thereof following recent representations made in regard thereto and, if yes, to give details thereof?

**B/89** The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the issue of Planter's and Breeder's Card by the Small Farmers Welfare Fund in Rodrigues, he will obtain information from the relevant organisation and state to the House on the:**

- (a) eligibility criteria and the conditions attached thereto;
- (b) support/facilities provided to the farmers and the number of members in Rodrigues who have already benefitted therefrom per category since January 2023, and
- (c) role of his Commission in this process?

**B/90** The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Information Technology and Telecommunications and Others: -*

**Whether in line with the Budget Speech 2023-2024, under the chapter “Réussir l’ère Numérique: le Secteur des Technologies de l’Information et de la Communication (TIC)”, he will outline the principle measures of the action plan for the sector?**

**B/91** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to sports in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and explain the policies and activities of his Commission with regard to the promotion of swimming?**

**B/92** The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the celebration of the United Nations Public Service Day at the Baladirou public beach on Sunday 23 June 2024, he will state to the House the purpose thereof, indicating:**

- (a) number of civil servants in Rodrigues and the approximate number of public servants who attended same, and
- (b) the total budget spent therefor?

**B/93** The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huitres (**Ms K. ROUSSEY**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the unavailability of CT Scan services at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:**

- (a) since when these services are not available and the reasons thereof;
- (b) if any breakdown occurred and, in the affirmative, to give details, and
- (c) if any enquiry has been carried out in relation thereto giving the outcome thereof, if any?

**B/94** The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to services being provided by his Commission to farmers and breeders, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the:**

- (a) policy on extension services;
- (b) number of regional centers providing same and their respective coverage area?

**B/95** The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the registration of day-care centre and the training of caregivers, she will inform the House where matters stand and to table the number of:**

- (a) applicants;
- (b) day-care centres already registered;
- (c) pending applications and reasons thereof, and
- (d) new applications?

**B/96** The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the project ‘Technical Assistance on Fisheries Management’ provided through Food and Agriculture Organisation’s Technical Cooperation Programme (TCP), he will:**

- (a) give details on the impact and outcome thereof, and
- (b) inform the House on activities to be organised for achieving the different outputs?

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**Date:12 July 2024**