

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 22 August 2023

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/94 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the export of livestock to Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if he has been made aware of the difficulties faced by the breeders since several weeks and, in the affirmative, to indicate the:

- (a) nature thereof together with details of the livestock ready for export per category, and the number of breeders concerned, and
- (b) remedial measures he is contemplating to take to alleviate the problems?

B/95 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he is aware of the difficulties faced by the beneficiaries of the social housing project to obtain timely delivery of construction materials and the financial constraints thereby to meet the labour costs and, if so, to state the remedial actions he envisages to take to remedy the situation?

B/96 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to peaceful marches and public gatherings in Port Mathurin, he will inform the House on if there is any new policy therefor by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and, if so, to state since when together with the details thereof?

B/97 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the capital budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2023, he will state and table the list of the different projects implemented/ completed together with their respective costs, the budget earmarked and the amount paid and indicating the amount reallocated and/or unspent?

B/98 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 payment of allowances /overtime to officers of his commission for the financial year 2022/2023, he will state and table the:

- (a) budget earmarked, the amount paid monthly and the item vote/s from which payments have effected, and
- (b) amount still due as at 30 June 2023?

B/99 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC), he will state and table on the:

- (a) total amount of funds transferred thereto from the Rodrigues Regional Assembly's budget since March 2022 by way of share capital, grants and others, indicating the item vote from which funds were made available, and
- (b) assets transferred from the Rodrigues Regional Assembly thereto and their respective value, if any?

B/100 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:

Whether, in regard to granting of leases for commercial and industrial purposes, he will state to the House on the number thereof, new and for extension, currently being processed under the new procedure since he took office and the respective number thereof per stage of the procedure?

B/101 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the launching of the Sustainable Integrated Development Plan for Rodrigues and a new Land Use Plan in May 2023, he will state to the House on the steps taken by the commission for Land in order to grant land leases in a planned manner with a view to stop the conversion of agricultural land and natural spaces to other uses?

B/102 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms M. N. RAFFAUT**)

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

Whether in regard to the inscription of the Sega Tambour of Rodrigues on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly's commitment to preserve its cultural heritage, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) actions already taken by his commission to conserve the authenticity thereof, and
- (b) any new measures that his commission is envisaging to take to promote the Sega Tambour?

B/103 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Child Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to social ills implying minors, she will obtain information to:

- (a) state and table on the latest statistics of reported cases, at the level of the police and her commission, from January 2022 to date, and
- (b) outline the actions and the new policies of her commission concerning same?

B/104 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

Whether, in regard to communication by Internet, he will state the outcome of his recent mission and that of a delegation from his office to meet stakeholders in Mauritius, in view to provide better capacity to members of the public?

B/105 The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huitres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the organisation of Miss Rodrigues Grand Finale 2023, he will obtain information and state to the House on the:

- (a) composition of the organising committee/ body;
- (b) role and responsibility of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in the activity, and
- (c) total cost incurred by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in connection thereto, giving details thereof?

B/106 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 procurement of Point of Care (POC) diagnostic devices by his commission, he will enlighten the House on:

- (a) the procurement method adopted therefor;
- (b) number of each type of device procured and their total cost, and
- (c) if all officers are qualified to operate same and, in the negative, to give details thereof?

B/107 The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huitres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Tourism and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the organisation of the Kite Surf Festival 2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, give details about the role and financial contributions of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the activity and the expected outcome thereof?

B/108 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the training programmes for officers of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) in the People's Republic of China, he will state to the House on the:

- (a) eligibility criteria and the mode of selection for designated officers;
- (b) the total cost incurred or to be borne by the RRA, providing its breakdown, if any, and
- (c) table the list of the selected Officers, together with their post held and their respective training courses to be followed?

B/109 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the siltation of the lagoon, he will state on the work undertaken by his commission since February 2022 to date, specifying the scope thereof, the number and the site of navigational channels and/or boat passes that has been desilted?

B/110 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to ambulance services in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state on the:

- (a) outcome of the assessment exercise of the 13 ambulances broken down at the Mechanical Workshop as announced in the Budget Speech 2022-2023;
- (b) total number of ambulances that are operational as at date, specifying where they are attached, and
- (c) number of ambulance drivers and ambulance attendants posted at the commission as at date?

B/111 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to red beans production in Rodrigues, he will state to the House on:

- (a) the expected harvest for this year, and
- (b) if the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, through the Rodrigues Trade and Marketing Company, will provide a guaranteed market for the produce, in the affirmative, to give details thereof?

B/112 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Child Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Foyer Marie Madeleine de la Croix of Baladirou, she will obtain information and state, for the benefit of the House, on if any incident recently occurred thereat and has been reported to the Police and, in the affirmative, indicate any new policy regarding the establishment as a result thereof?

B/113 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether his commission is renting building/office spaces from any private owner and, if so, (a) since when, (b) the purpose, and (c) the rental cost, duration of contract and any other conditions attached thereto and table a copy of the contract?

B/114 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Child Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the prevalence teenage pregnancy, she will

- (a) state and table on the statistics per age group for the past 3 years, and
- (b) provide the action taken since she is in office and the policy of her commission regarding same?

B/115 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the board of directors of the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC), he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information and state on:

- (a) the current composition thereof;
- (b) the monthly remuneration payable thereto, and
- (c) any specific benefit/conditions/facilities provided to any member, including air fares and accommodation, detailing the corresponding amount incurred therefor item-wise and per member, from February 2022 to date?

B/116 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:

Whether, in regard to the Rodrigues Nature Company, he will state:

- (a) when same was incorporated;
- (b) if any recruitment exercise has been initiated indicating the number of positions and their respective minimum required qualifications;
- (c) the number of candidates who applied and was selected for each position respectively;
- (d) the budget for the payment of salaries to the staff and fees to the board members, and
- (e) the item vote from which the fund will be/have been taken from the Rodrigues Regional Assembly?

B/117 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of the Bus terminal at Rivière Coco, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matter stands regarding the completion of work?

B/118 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner Social Security and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA+) Climate-Smart Agriculture Project at Mt du Sable, headed by his Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, give details relating to any progress of work made since July 2022 to date, including procurement procedures carried out in connection thereto, if any and their outcome?

B/119 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to patients under treatment for hypercholesterolemia he will state to the House:

- (a) the number of patients under treatment in Rodrigues per age group;
- (b) the name of the medication being provided to them;
- (c) if there is actually a lack of that specific medication and, in the affirmative, to give the reasons thereof together with the measures his commission is contemplating to remedy the situation?

B/120 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to missions he fielded to Mauritius and/or abroad since May 2022, he will state and table to the House on the:

- (a) purpose of each mission together with its number of days;
- (b) outcome/s of each mission as at to date;
- (c) composition of the delegation for each mission, and
- (d) detailed breakdown of the costs incurred for each mission?

B/121 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Labour and Others: -

Whether, in regard to safety and health at work, from July 2022 to date, he will state the:

- (a) total number of workplaces visited, and the number of workers covered;
- (b) number of cases of accident at work reported, together with the details relating to sites of work concerned, and the nature of same, and
- (c) number of contraventions, legal actions or other measures taken by his commission to ensure compliance with all the appropriate labour laws?

B/122 The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to facilities available to post-secondary students for the financial year 2023/2024, he will state and table to the House on the:

- (a) list of scholarships, schemes and other measures together with the eligibility criteria;
- (b) number of eligible students level-wise per scheme per institution as at now, and
- (c) total number of students level-wise per institution for the current financial year?

B/123 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to Item No 22140.001 of Vote 5-1, Medicines, Drugs and Vaccines, of Approved Estimates 2022-23, he will state:

- (a) what was the provision for this item used for, stating the allocated amount to same;
- (b) if all the amount was disbursed as at 30 June 2023, and
- (c) to table a detailed breakdown of all the expenses incurred under this item?

B/124 The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the acquisition of vehicles for the period March 2022 to date, he will state and table the different:

- (a) vehicles concerned, together with the procurement method, the date the tenders were floated, the successful bidder, the costs, and the amount already paid.
- (b) item votes from which payments were made therefor?

B/125 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Forestry and Others: -

Whether he will inform the House of measures proposed in the National Forest Policy being implemented in Rodrigues and, if not, to state the reform he proposes to introduce to reorganise the Forest Department in Rodrigues?

B/126 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

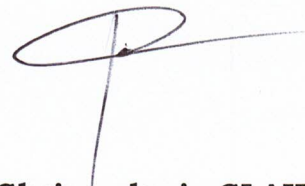
Whether he will inform the House of actions being taken by his commission to increase the market value of the Rodriguan Lime (Citrus Aurantifolia)?

B/127 The Fifth Island Region Member (Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether during the visit of the Honourable Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping to Rodrigues, from 04 to 09 August 2023, disclosures were made as regards: -

- (a) the outer lagoon Fisheries Development programme;
- (b) the Blue Economy, and
- (c) Bad Weather allowance to fishers and the zoning system?



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Date: 18 August 2023