

**APPENDIX**

**RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Questions of which notice has been given**

**Requiring an Oral answer**

**Sitting of Tuesday 20 November 2012**

**Questions addressed to Commissioners**

**B/112** The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, in regard to manual, minor grades, and/or general workers employed on contract by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:**

- (a) the number of years that they have served the Rodrigues Regional Assembly;
- (b) what solution has been taken for their placement/employment on a permanent basis;
- (c) if his office has received any correspondence from within Rodrigues concerning them; and
- (d) if any correspondence has been received from or sent to the relevant authorities in Mauritius and, in the affirmative, to table same?

**B/113** The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Water Resources and others:-*

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

- (a) the distribution frequency per electoral region of Rodrigues;
- (b) table the distribution of water for the months of October to March for the year starting 2006 to date;
- (c) the volume of surface and underground water available from August 2012 to date;
- (d) the number of complaints received per water units sub section respectively; and
- (e) the number of households per reservoir?

**B/114** The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

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

- (a) the problems the farmers are facing to date and what is being done to remedy the situation; and
- (b) as a result of the problems mentioned above, if any compensation is envisaged to them and, if not, why?

**B/115** The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

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

**Whether, in regard to unemployment to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:**

- (a) the number of unemployed and the total amount of money paid as Unemployment Hardship Relief from February 2012 to date respectively;
- (b) the number of workers attending the office of conciliation and mediation and the number of cases attended to and reconciled to date;
- (c) the number of active population;
- (d) the percentage of unemployment over active population;
- (e) the number of workers on placement from February 2012 to date; and
- (f) the number of workers attending his office for labour dispute and number of cases settled by mutual agreement or through court of law and the number of pending cases?

**B/116** The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, in regard to Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for fiscal year 2012, he will, for the benefit of the House:**

- (a) state and table all the projects by programmes executed so far since February 2012, which are either completed or still on-going, together with the names of the contractors and the cost of each project;
- (b) state the bidding procedures used for each project; and
- (c) give a breakdown of expenses incurred with the projects and any outstanding balance thereon since February 2012 to date?

**B/117** The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, in regard to the prevailing drought situation in Rodrigues, he can inform the House of:**

- (a) the measures his Commission has taken or is contemplating to take with a view to alleviate the burden and sustain the livelihood of farmers and planters who are being affected; and
- (b) any reported case of losses both in crops and animals, and, if yes, to table the names of those concerned, specifying the nature of losses and their costs?

**B/118** The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

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

**Whether, in regard to relinquishment of fishermen cards, he will inform the House of:**

- (a) the number of applicants for such scheme since the beginning of the year to date and table their names, addresses, and mode of living;
- (b) the number of cases awaiting for outstanding payment and reasons for delay, if any; and
- (c) the mechanisms put in place to monitor the alternative livelihood projects of those concerned.

**B/119** The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Public Infrastructure and Others:-*

**Whether, in regard to the upgrading and realignment of the Brulé to Pte Coton road, he will inform the House of:**

- (a) the cost of the project, its scope of work and completion date;
- (b) any modification in the initial realignment/upgrading plan of the road; and
- (c) table the initial plan and the modified one for the benefit of the House, if any?

**B/120** The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, in regard to the "Free Book Loan Scheme" set up in 2007, he will inform the House if same will be available for academic year 2013, and, in the affirmative, to state if**

**the scheme will be applied same as in previous years, and, in the negative, to inform the House of the reason thereof?**

**B/121** The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, in regard to the construction of the slaughter house at Baie Diamant under the Food Security Fund, he will inform the House:**

- (a) of the percentage completion up to now; and
- (b) in detail of the number of bills certified and paid to now?

**B/122** The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the celebration of Remembrance Day 2012 on Sunday 11 November 2012, he will inform the House as to the procedure to take the decision to hold same at the Quay of Port-Mathurin?**

**B/123** The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Public Infrastructure:-*

**Whether, in regard to fiscal year 2012, he will, for the benefit of the House, table a list of projects falling under his Commission which have not been implemented as per Programme Based Budget 2012?**

**B/124** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Public Infrastructure and Others:-*

**Whether, in view of difficulties faced by vehicle owners, ambulances transporting patients to get access to the roads of Camp du Roi to Accacia and Rivière Coco to Camp Paul due to potholes, he will inform the House, what actions are being taken to remedy this situation?**

**B/125** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, in view to enhance the quality of food (milk, meat) in the island and improve local food production, he will**

**inform the House of the number of piglets, goats, sheep and cows which are being sold to farmers at the level of his Commission?**

**B/126** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

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

**Whether, in regard to fisheries development in Rodrigues, he will inform the House of his policy concerning aquaculture?**

**B/127** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, in regard to employees (Rodclean, General workers, etc) on contract with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will inform the House if he intends to renew their contract in 2013 and, if not, why not?**

**B/128** The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether in regard to the Fact Finding Committee set up by his Commission, he will:**

- (a) give the objective of same and define its terms of reference;
- (b) table the composition of the members and their grade, giving reason of the choice; and
- (c) inform the House about the financial and legal implication of same?

**B/129** The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, in regard to goods and services for events organized under the Commission for Arts & Culture, as from February 2012 to date, he will:**

- (a) inform the House about the number of events organized;
- (b) state if there has been any bidding exercise, indicating the bidding procedure followed for each event, and table the list of successful bidders and the respective cost incurred for each?

**B/130** The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

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

**Whether, in regard to social aid (Basic Invalidity Pension, Unemployment Hardship Relief, etc), he will, for the benefit of the House:**

- (a) state the number of beneficiaries who have been disqualified from February to date and state the reasons thereof; and
- (b) table the name(s) of same specifying their respective categories, age and addresses per group?

**B/131** The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-*

**Whether, in regard to patients suffering from non communicable diseases, he will inform the House and table the number of patients suffering from (a) cardio vascular diseases per sex, (b) renal failure under dialysis treatment?**

**B/132** The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. A. L. Emilien**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the embarking and disembarking of containers on board of MV Mauritius Trochetia and MV Mauritius Pride, he will obtain, from the Cargo Handling Corporation or any relevant authorities, information concerning any problems, be it technical or not, affecting such embarking and disembarking, if any, and, in the affirmative, to state what measures have been taken or are being envisaged to avoid shortage of commodities in the local market?**

**B/133** The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. A. L. Emilien**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Octopus Closed Season 2012, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:**

- (a) the percentage increase in octopus catch from 12 October 2012 to date compared to the same period last year;
- (b) the percentage increase in the export of same for the same period; and

- (c) measures already or to be taken to avoid exploitation of octopus fishers during the closed seasons envisaged for 2013?

**B/134** The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. A. L. Emilien**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner*

**Whether, in regard to measures announced in the National budget 2013, she will inform the House where matters stand in so far as the time frame for the increase in the broadband capacity for internet connectivity in Rodrigues is concerned?**

**B/135** The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. A. L. Emilien**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Water Resources and Others:-*

**Whether, in regard to water distribution in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House:**

- (i) table the daily production of water from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 to date;
- (ii) state the number of government lorries involved in the distribution of water and the daily average number of trips per lorry;
- (iii) table the amount in cubic meters of water given/sold to private lorries for the same period, stating the registration number of each lorry together with their respective owners; and
- (iv) state the places from which private and/or public lorries are allowed to fetch water for distribution?

**B/136** The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Water Resources and Others:-*

**Whether, in regard to water in the region of La Ferme/Citron in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:**

- (a) if there has been any study/report which has been carried out to determine the availability of ground water in that region and, if yes, to table same;
- (b) if there is any borehole/wells which have been drilled by third party since 2006 to date in the above region;
- (c) if there has been any authorization/ licence(s) granted to any individual/person for the setting up of any

borehole/wells for abstracting/using ground water in the same region for the above period and, in the affirmative, to state:

- (i) the date(s) the application(s) were made;
- (ii) the name(s) of the person(s) making the application(s); and
- (iii) the condition(s) attached to the licence/authorizations?

**B/137** The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel  
(Mr. J. R. Ramdally)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, in regard to the first edition of the "Salon Infotech" held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> November 2012, she will, for the benefit of the House, state the main objectives and the outcomes thereof?**

**B/138** The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel  
(Mr. J. R. Ramdally)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, in regard to the creation of WIFI zones in Rodrigues, she will inform the House where matters stand?**

**B/139** The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal  
(Mr. J. D. Speville)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Water Resources and Others:-*

**Whether, in regard to the period following the winding up of the Rodrigues Water Company Ltd, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:**

- (a) if there has been any change in the organigram or management structure of the water unit and, in the affirmative, the nature thereof, stating all the transfers that have been done and that will be done in the different sections all over the island; and
- (b) if there has been a transition period between the water unit and the Rodrigues Water Company before its winding up and, if not, why?

**B/140** The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal  
(Mr. J. D. Speville)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Water Resources and Others:-*

**Whether, in regard to the water sector in Rodrigues, he will inform the House:-**

- (a) on the number of government water lorries which are available and in good running conditions at the level of his commission and when same were purchased;
- (b) if since he has assumed office in February 2012, there has been any policy in so far as the use of government and private water lorries for water distribution is concerned; and
- (c) of the breakdown of all expenses incurred since February 2012 up to date, stating
  - (i) the amount of money spent on each government lorry in terms of fuel and overtime and the amount of money paid to private lorries, if any;
  - (ii) the number of trips effected by each lorry, government and private, if any, with dates and regions, villages concerned with the distribution?

**B/141** The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal  
(Mr. J. D. Speville)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Water Resources and Others:-*

**Whether, in regard to the distribution of domestic water in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:**

- (a) if a preparedness plan was prepared to face the persisting drought prevailing on the island and, if yes, enunciate the different strategies and plans and, if not, why;
- (b) what immediate actions are being taken to ensure a fair distribution of water over the island in this dry period;
- (c) if all water distributed over the island satisfies the required physico-chemical and biochemical norms; and
- (d) the frequency of water distribution currently in force in villages of Rivière Coco, Ile Michel, Cité Patate, Mont Cabris Est and Maréchal giving the different dates of distribution since July 2012?

**B/142** The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal  
(**Mr. J. D. Speville**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Water Resources and Others:-*

**Whether, in regard to the construction of a 1000m<sup>3</sup> concrete reservoir at Camp Pintade, he will state:**

- (a) where matters stand;
- (b) if the reservoir has been connected to the brackish water treatment plant of the village and, in the affirmative, when; and
- (c) if during the month of October there has been representation by the villagers with respect to this connection and to give details and reasons thereof with respect to dates actions have been taken?

**B/143** The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mrs. J. Ravina**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Public Infrastructure and Others:-*

**Whether, in regard to the bus shelter at Acaccia, he will inform the House as follows:**

- (a) when same was built;
- (b) the amount of money spent on materials, labour and others to erect same;
- (c) if same has been dismantled and, in the affirmative, by whom and the reason thereof?

**B/144** The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mrs. J. Ravina**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Water Resources and Others:-*

**Whether, in regard to the fibre glass water tank situated at Maréchal, he will inform the House on:**

- (a) the way the water tank receives water;
- (b) the different frequencies that water reaches same; and
- (c) if the water which should normally be given to this water tank is deviated to other sources for other use?

**B/145** The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mrs. J. Ravina**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Social Security and others:-*

**Whether, in regard to Elderly Day celebration 2012, he will inform the House:**

- (a) as to why meals were not provided to the elderly citizens;  
and
- (b) of all the facilities provided to them on that day?

**B/146** The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Youth and Others:-*

**Whether, in regard to the coming of "Special Vacances", she will inform the House of the activities which her Commission is proposing for the youths during these holidays?**

**B/147** The Seventh Island Region Member (**Mr. J. S. Swee**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the marketing of local Rodriguan fowl by local producers, he will, for the benefit of the House, state what his Commission is doing or envisages to do to help them to sell/export their products?**



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