

APPENDIX**RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY****Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral answer****Sitting of Tuesday 18 June 2013****Questions addressed to Commissioners****B/71** The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-***Whether, in regard to the collaboration of the Regional Assembly with various ministries in Mauritius from February 2012 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House:**

- (a) state the names of the different Ministers who effected missions in Rodrigues, together with the respective period and outcome of such mission; and
- (b) table the different missions effected by the Commissioners to Mauritius where they met Ministers, together with the outcome and the total amount of money spent respectively per mission per official?

B/72 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-***Whether, in regard to television and radio broadcasting, he will obtain information from the relevant authorities:**

- (a) if the debates of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly can be broadcasted live and verbatim for the population of Rodrigues;
- (b) the number of channels available and broadcasted on mainland compared to Rodrigues; and
- (c) the number of persons who are subscribed to the national television and to other private television service providers respectively, including CS and PM?

B/73 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 freights between Rodrigues and Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) if same has been increased recently and, in the affirmative, to state the quantum; and
- (b) the effect of same on local consumers?

B/74 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to octopus in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) if any closing period will be effected in 2013 for octopus fishing;
- (b) the sale price per kilogram as at to date; and
- (c) if he is aware of the difficulties faced by fishermen and, in the affirmative, what he is contemplating to do to remedy same?

B/75 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Programme Based Budget (PBB) of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the fiscal year 2013, he will, for the benefit of the House, state, list and table the different projects which have been initiated by commissions falling under his responsibility, up to date together with their respective cost estimates and completion dates?

B/76 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to breeding and marketing of local poultry, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) what is his commission presently doing to help these breeders; and
- (b) the price per kilo at which this product is being sold locally and in Mauritius?

B/77 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

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

Whether, in regard to construction of roads for financial year 2013, he can, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the roads already started;
- (b) when are they due to be completed;
- (c) the scope of work involved for each; and
- (d) the cost of each respectively?

B/78 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the fleet of ambulances attached to the health sector, he can inform the House:

- (a) how many ambulances are there in total;
- (b) how many are in good running conditions; and
- (c) how many the Commission intends to purchase in this financial year and whether procedures for the latter has been initiated?

B/79 The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Youth and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the launching of the Youth Coordinating Committee, she will, for the benefit of the House, elaborate on the aim and the 'raison d'être' of the committee?

B/80 The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Youth and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the setting up of a cafeteria at Malabar Atelier de Savoir, she will, for the benefit of the House, elaborate on the aim and objectives of same?

B/81 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel
(Mr. J. R. Ramdally)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Sports and Health:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of a drainage system and other renovation works being or to be carried out at Camp du Roi Stadium, he can inform the House:

- (a) where matters stand; and
- (b) if there has been any delay in the projects and, if yes, the reasons thereof?

B/82 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel
(Mr. J. R. Ramdally)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the eradication of *Acacia Nilotica* (piquant loulou) in Rodrigues, he can inform the House on:

- (a) the measures that have been taken by his Commission as at to date;
- (b) the benefits and advantages of any particular method adopted; and
- (c) the name of places where same will be applied in the short term?

B/83 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel
(Mr. J. R. Ramdally)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Commerce and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the import of agricultural produce to Rodrigues, he can, for the benefit of the House, give a breakdown of the figures concerning the quantities imported for each item for the year 2012 and to table a copy of same?

B/84 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Programme Based Budget (PBB) 2013, he can inform the House if:

- (a) he has devised and put in place a control mechanism for budget implementation programmes and, in the affirmative, to table same;
- (b) there will be timely implementation of all programmes budgeted for 2013, if not, why not; and
- (c) he can state which programmes could not be implemented as at date and to give the reasons thereof?

B/85 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to reported and alleged cases of child abuse (pedophilia) in Rodrigues, she can inform the House:

- (a) of the number of cases since January 2012 to date;
- (b) if any school institutions in Rodrigues were involved in one way or another in these cases and to explain how; and
- (c) how her office, the Child Protection Unit, the police and all the other institutions dealing with child protection dealt with these cases?

B/86 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

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

Whether, in regard to global consultancy services for development projects of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA), he can inform the House:

- (a) when the Expression of Interest was launched and what was the closing date;
- (b) whether the successful bidder, if any, is already appointed and, if not, why not;
- (c) how are the different development projects of the RRA being designed; and
- (d) the scope of works and bidding documents prepared since February 2012 to date?

B/87 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to sustainable fisheries development in Rodrigues, he envisages to come up with aquaculture projects, if yes, to state which projects and, if not, why not?

B/88 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

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

Whether, in regard to green spaces/children garden in Rodrigues, he can give a brief description of their present state and how same are managed?

B/89 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

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

Whether, in regard to street lighting in Rodrigues, he can inform the House of:

- (a) the number of street lighting installed and repaired since his coming into office;
- (b) the amount of money earmarked for this item under this financial year; and
- (c) the average monthly bill paid to the Central Electricity Board?

B/90 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Marine Parks and Others:-

Whether, in regard to equipment found at the South-East Marine Protected Area (SEMPA), he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) table a copy of same, including their present condition; and
- (b) state if any of them has recently been damaged and, if yes, the reasons thereof?

B/91 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Rodriguan students attending tertiary education in Mauritius, he will for the benefit of the House:-

- (a) state how many students are attending same;
- (b) table their names, institutions they are attending and the income status of their parents;
- (c) state the number of beneficiaries who receive the grant/stipend of Rs 3000 and the total amount disbursed from January 2012 to date; and
- (d) state the responsibility of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly concerning the lodging for those whose parents cannot afford same?

B/92 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the Fisheries Research and Training Unit (FRTU), he will for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) how many officers are attached to their grades;
- (b) the number of training session effected at sea around all Fish Aggregating Devices(FADs) of the island from January 2012 to date;
- (c) the number of boat(s) attached thereto; and
- (d) the number of off-lagoon fishers trained for the same period?

B/93 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:

Whether, in regard to law and order in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, seek information from the relevant institutions and state:-

- (a) the number of offences as regards theft reported to the police from January 2012 to date;
- (b) how many cases involved minors; and
- (c) what measures are being envisaged for the social reintegration of offenders?

B/94 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Sports:

Whether, in regard to the stagnant water found behind the laboratory complex of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) where this water comes from; and
- (b) if this is not a threat to the environment?

B/95 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the octopus closed season 2013, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand?

B/96 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state the actions taken by the Regional Government since January 2013?

B/97 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to entrepreneurship development in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state the actions taken by the Regional Government since January 2013 to promote same and the outcome thereof?

B/98 The Seventh Island Region Member (**Mr. J. S. Swee**)

To ask the Commissioner for Tourism and others:-

Whether, in regard to "La semaine Rodriguaise" held in Mauritius from 25 May to 02 June 2013, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the outcome thereof?

B/99 The Seventh Island Region Member (**Mr. J. S. Swee**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the dumping site at Grenade, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the measures that are being envisaged by his Commission to rehabilitate same?

B/100 The Seventh Island Region Member (**Mr. J. S. Swee**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the legal adviser appointed by the previous Regional Government, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state the monthly allowance which was paid from the date of his appointment to the end of his contract; and
- (b) table same, giving details with regards to cases/works concerned together with the outcome?

B/101 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner for Labour and Others:-

Whether, in regard to employment in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state how many cases of termination of employment his office has registered since he took office in February 2012 to date in both private and public sector and state the reasons thereof ; and
- (b) state and table the number of new recruitment in the public sector in different grades, if any, since January 2012 to date?

B/102 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to agriculture in the region of St Francois, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state and table the number of associations/organisations which are directly involved in agricultural projects in that region; and
- (b) state if there has been any request from any group/association in that region for technical support and, if yes, to table copy or same?

B/103 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner for Tourism and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the organization of "La semaine Rodriguaise" in Mauritius held recently, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table:

- (a) the composition of the delegation, their grades and their responsibilities thereat; and
- (b) the breakdown of expenses for this promotion campaign including the number of air and sea tickets, cost of lodging, cost of rental for each site used for this promotion and the stipend allocated to each member of the delegation thereof?

B/104 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. D. Speville**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the agricultural plot situated at Grand La Fouche Corail on which a greenhouse is erected, he will, for the benefit of the House:-

- (a) give details on the present state of the agricultural plot with all its amenities; and
- (b) give and table yearly production per category of agricultural products cultivated on the plot since January 2012 to date?

B/105 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. D. Speville**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the school materials delivered to needy students of Rodrigues at primary and secondary level by the National Empowerment Foundation, he will, for the benefit of the House, give a description of progress of the project for the academic year 2013?

B/106 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 setting up of two desalination plants in Rodrigues as stipulated in the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Budget Speech 2013 delivered in September 2012, he will inform the House where matters stand?

B/107 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 water distribution in villages of Rivière Coco, Mont Charlot, Citron Donis, Papayes, Cité Patate and Reposoir, he will, for the benefit of the House:-

- (a) give and table the different dates of water distribution in these villages for the period of January 2013 to date;
- (b) state how water is distributed to the village of Cité Patate;
- (c) state if with the closure of the Rodrigues Water Company Ltd. there is a smooth running of water distribution in the villages concerned, be it directly or indirectly; and
- (d) put forward his policy to attend to complaints in these villages in short delays?

B/108 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 reservoir 'la digue' situated at Reposoir, he will, for the benefit of the House:-

- (a) state if it is operational and, if not, why not;
- (b) give the reason(s) for removal of the iron sheets and woods which were covering the reservoir;
- (c) state if there has been an order to do so and, if yes, to table same; and
- (d) state if any person/group of persons benefitted from these government properties namely iron sheets and woods?

B/109 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the procurement of all stationery and all computer supplies, he will, for the benefit of the House:-

- (a) describe the bidding process being practised for the Regional Assembly;
- (b) state from when dates the last registration of bidders for same and table the list being used if any;
- (c) give details as regards all procurement made for same since February 2012 to date giving name of bidders, outcome of bidding process, items procured, contract amount ; and
- (d) state if all local suppliers for same are being given equal opportunity to bid for these purchases?

B/110 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Transport Authority's Office in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House state:-

- (a) the number of vehicles per category on the roads in Rodrigues as at 31st May 2013;
- (b) the amount of money collected from the public thereat for 2012 and as at to date for 2013, giving details per category of fees;
- (c) if it happens that the cash/public counter closes down while there are still members of the public waiting to be dealt with outside and, if yes, why?;and
- (d) where do members of the public wait or queue up and what is the average waiting time for a person attending the payment counter?

B/111 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the National Empowerment Foundation in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information and state:-

- (a) what items have been supplied to primary school children in Rodrigues from January 2013 to date; and

- (b) on which basis the items were supplied, the total value of items supplied, the procurement method and the reasons as to why local suppliers have not been preferred?

B/112 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Labour and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the employment of workers by Mauritours and its affiliates in Rodrigues namely Les Cocotiers Hotel and Pointe Venus Hotel, he will, for the benefit of the House state:

- (a) if all relevant procedures as regards termination of employment or other, if any, are being adhered to; and
- (b) if the company has failed to pay the salaries of the employees recently and what is being contemplated by him to help these workers in difficulty?

B/113 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Commerce and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the Rodrigues Trading and Marketing Co. Ltd, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) table the amount of commodities, namely fruits, vegetables and seedlings, imported from Mauritius to Rodrigues from February 2012 to date together with their cost price and selling price; and
- (b) table the amount per category of commodities bought locally together with the amount sold locally at Rodrigues Trading and Marketing Co. Ltd and amount exported to Mauritius with their respective cost price and selling price from February 2012 to date; and
- (c) table the annual report(s) of the company for the year 2012?

B/114 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. A.L. Emilien**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the proposed submarine optic fibre cable between Mauritius and Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) if new developments have been registered and, if yes, to state same;

- (b) what has been the stand of both the Central and the Regional Government in connection with the European Union's wish to finance the project; and
- (c) if the cost of same has been assessed and, if yes, to state the involvement of different partners in the financing process?

B/115 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. A.L. Emilien**)

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

Whether, in regard to pedestrian crossings throughout the island, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) if any of these crossings have been cancelled since 2011 to date and, if yes, to state the places and the reasons thereof;
- (b) how often these crossings are being maintained and when they were last maintained (both roads and sign parts); and
- (c) what amount of money has been earmarked in the present budget for maintenance of same?

B/116 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. A.L. Emilien**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the fishing sector in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) if there will be any closed period for octopus fishing this year and if yes, when and what changes, if any, have been made compared to last year;
- (b) if he is aware of difficulties encountered by octopus fishermen to sell their catch and if yes, what measures have been or will be taken to remedy same; and
- (c) if any contraveners have been arrested in the South East Marine Protected Area from January 2012 to date and if yes, to state the number of same per month and what measures have been or will be taken to remedy same?

B/117 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. A.L. Emilien**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Labour and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the labour sector in Rodrigues, he will for the benefit of the House:-

(a) table the total number of unemployed in Rodrigues presently among the following age groups:

- (i) 18 yrs to 25 yrs;
- (ii) 26 yrs to 35 yrs;
- (iii) 36 yrs to 45 yrs; and
- (iv) above 45 yrs

on a monthly basis from January 2010 to date, stating the percentage increase/decrease compared to each previous month; and

(b) state what measures are taken or envisaged by the Regional Government to remedy same?



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