

APPENDIX

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of Tuesday 20 August 2013

Questions addressed to Commissioners

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) mock exams 2013, he will inform the House:

- (a) of the objectives behind same;
- (b) how many mock exams are scheduled for this year;
- (c) if the recent mock exams have replaced the normal second term exam; and
- (d) if such exam takes into account the CPE syllabus and, if not, why not?

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

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Rodriguan students actually attending tertiary institutions in Mauritius and abroad, she will inform the House of:

- (a) of the different institutions they are attending, specifying their sex, date of admission and expected completion date;
- (b) how many of them have been benefitting from either scholarship, financial support, lodging and any other support during the past three academic years to date and to table copy of same;
- (c) how many requests for financial support from tertiary students studying in Mauritius and abroad his office has received this year and how many have been considered so far?

B/120 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of a "Student Hostel" as announced in the Budget Speech 2013, he will inform the House where matters stand with technical and financial feasibility study thereof?

B/121 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to "School Feeding Project", he will, for the benefit of the House, give a detailed breakdown of the different food items offered to students, their costs and the names of suppliers for each item for this financial year?

B/122 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 production in Rodrigues, he will inform the House:

- (a) if any discussion has been carried out with the different ministries including the Prime Minister's Office or any international agency and, if yes, to state the outcome thereof; and
- (b) of the financial implementation and performance indicators/service standard of Programme Based Budget 2013, sub-programme 21601 to date including the outcome concerning:
 - (i) Water Supplies Development Projects; and
 - (ii) Construction and Rehabilitation of Dams and Reservoirs respectively?

B/123 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 Programme Based Budget 2013, Sub Programme 21601: Water Production, item 22-31113435 Desalination Project, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state the amount of money spent from this item to date;

- (b) table the concept plan including aim, objectives, methodology and expected outcome; and
- (c) state if any tender has been launched and, if yes, to give the name of bidders together with their respective quote and the successful bidder, if any?

B/124 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to Programme Based Budget 2013 sub programme 60102: Promotion for Sports and Sports for all, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) table the financial implementation, the performance monitoring capacity on a monthly and yearly basis of item:
 - (i) 22900 under heading Other Goods and Services
 - (ii) 31 Acquisition of Non-Financial assets; and
- (b) state the activities held in Mauritius where the Rodriguan sports community used to participate but had not attended same and the reason(s) thereof?

B/125 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to agriculture in Rodrigues, he will inform the House:

- (a) in relation to agriculture taking place in the valley of Anse Baleine:
 - (i) the number of planters involved;
 - (ii) if electricity could be provided to them for irrigation purposes so as to increase their yields; and
 - (iii) if any other new development project(s) will be undertaken there; and
- (b) of the situation faced by bean growers in the village of Plateau Cambi and surroundings in regard to irrigation, mechanization and fence and the outcome of 2013 harvest?

B/126 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

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

Whether, in regard to Rain Water Harvesting Scheme as stated in the Budget Speech 2013 and Programme Based

Budget sub-programme 21601-water production, item no. 31113003, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand?

B/127 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

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

Whether, in regard to leakages on water network, he will inform the House of the remedial actions being taken in this context by his Commission?

B/128 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 sub-programme 50301: Construction and Rehabilitation of Roads and Bridges, item no. 31113022, he will inform the House where matters stand concerning the reconstruction of the Pont Des Soupairs at English Bay?

B/129 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to airport development, he will inform the House if studies and all respective plans and documents are ready to go ahead with option 2 of the recommendation of the Feasibility study by ECORYS, and, in the affirmative, to table all the above stated documents?

B/130 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

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

Whether, in regard to the procurement and commissioning of desalination plants presently undertaken by his Commission he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) give details and table a copy of all tender documents being issued to bidders related to the tendering process;
- (b) state the exact location where it is proposed to install these plants and table the exact location plans; and
- (c) state if Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) procedures and approvals have been sought?

B/131 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to students who have been offered a place at the University of Mauritius and other tertiary institutions in Mauritius for academic year 2013-2014, she is aware of the financial difficulties being faced by some of them to pay their fees and living expenses and state which measures are being contemplated to assist them?

B/132 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the consultation and "Dialogue" which started in Mauritius on 22 July 2013 in relation to the concept of "Ocean Economy", he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state the ocean surface area attributable to the State of Mauritius by virtue of his control of the island of Rodrigues and the total of the state itself;
- (b) state if the Rodrigues Regional Assembly has been taken on board/invited, and, if not, why not; and
- (c) describe how Rodrigues would potentially benefit from same?

B/133 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

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

Whether, in regard to the changes in social security pensions/social aid of all types including Carers Allowance since January 2013 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state the individual amount payable for each category at present;
- (b) state the total number of pensioners per category as at 1st January 2013, as at to date, the changes in between and an explanation of the changes per category; and
- (c) state whether "Carers Allowance" has been discontinued for any person aged 95 or over and the details or reasons thereof?

B/134 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the new tenders launched by his Commission regarding refuse collection and cleaning of beaches in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand?

B/135 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to vegetable stalls sold to vegetable sellers outside Port-Mathurin, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) table the number of stalls sold to the public per locality including the names of the owner; and
- (b) state his policy regarding the selling of same to the public?

B/136 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 regard 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/137 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to octopus closed season in Rodrigues, he will inform the House of:

- (a) the number of fishers who applied for "travail alternatif" for the years 2012 and 2013; and

- (b) how many of them have received off-lagoon training theory by the Fisheries Research and Training Unit and when?

B/138 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 development projects in the water sector in Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) inform the House if contracts have been awarded and/or the sum of money paid to all contractors and/or suppliers of water equipment in Rodrigues since February 2012 to date; and
(b) if yes, to table a breakdown of the amount paid to each contractor or supplier itemwise?

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 excavation works which is being done from the extremity of the trackroad of Dans Coco in the direction of Pointe Corail, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the purpose of same?

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 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/141 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 state same; and
- (d) state if any person/group of persons benefitted from these government properties namely iron sheets and woods?

B/142 The Seventh Island Region Member (**Mr. J. S. Swee**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the processing of lemon in Rodrigues and the export of derived products to other countries, she will, for the benefit of the House, state the measures her Commission has taken or is contemplating to take to tackle with same?

B/143 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 yearly 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/144 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible 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/145 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Information Communication and Technologies Development in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House state the actions taken by this Regional Government since January 2013?

B/146 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/147 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 organization of an inter-island volleyball tournament in Rodrigues from 23 to 25 August 2013, he will, for the benefit of the House state:

- (a) its benefits for the volley ball community;
- (b) the preliminary measures that have been taken by his Commission to ensure the smooth running of same; and
- (c) where, as at date, has reached the preparation process?

B/148 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 forest management in Rodrigues, he will for the benefit of the House, elaborate on:

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

B/149 The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the purchase of new equipment to offer better medical services to people in Rodrigues (CT Scan and Dialysis machines) as announced in the Budget Speech 2013, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand?

B/150 The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of a boxing centre at Malabar as announced in the Budget Speech 2013, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand?



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