

APPENDIX

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of Tuesday 26 February 2013

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/1

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

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to illegal fishing, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) if he is aware of the acute recrudescence of same, including underwater fishing using superguns, in the lagoon; and
- (b) the measures and policies he intends to take with regard to same, in particular the reactivation of the Fisheries Squad and the observance of Regulations in force for prescribed marine reserves?

B/2

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

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

Whether, in regard to the closure to circulation of certain streets of Port-Mathurin, he can inform the House:

- (a) which streets have been closed and for which periods;
- (b) of the reasons and justifications, including the economic and social cost thereof, together with the statutory/regulatory framework authorizing him to effect such street closures; and
- (c) if any consultations have been held with all parties concerned, including the relevant Thematic Group of the SIDPR and the *Table Ronde de Rodrigues*, and, in the affirmative, when and what was the tenure of the consultations?

B/3

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) examinations pass rate in Rodrigues, he will inform the House:

- (a) of the percentage success rate per primary school and overall in Rodrigues from 2002 to 2012, together with the reasons justifying the pass rate trend for that period;
- (b) if the established yearly meetings with teachers and parents in each primary school were held in the beginning of 2012 by himself and if the “*mois de revision*” period was observed;
- (c) which meetings or visits he had held as at 18 January 2013 in the primary school sector; and
- (d) state what specific policies he intends to implement to remedy the situation?

B/4

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to application for leases for tourism projects on state lands in Rodrigues, he can, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) table the full list of projects which were being processed/monitored as at 01 January 2011 together with the project status as regards processing of the applications as at that date, indicating:
 - (i) which projects have been cancelled, modified or dealt with otherwise and the reasons thereof; and
 - (ii) the project value of each application;
- (b) state which letters of reservation or letters of intent or new leases have been allocated and to whom since 05 February 2012, together with the dates on which the applications were made; and
- (c) table copies of each project so concerned by (b) above.

B/5 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Programme Based Budget (PBB) of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the fiscal year 2012, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) give and table a statement of accounts thereof, including the total revised and actual revenues and expenses from January to 31 December 2012;
- (b) state if any capital project(s) not planned for the financial year mentioned above was executed/completed or under completion and to give the costing for each project, if any; and
- (c) state if any payment of claims from suppliers/contractors has been delayed or postponed for financial year 2013, and, if so, to table same and give the reason(s) thereof?

B/6 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the successive downfall in the exam results of Certificate of Primary Education, School Certificate and Higher School Certificate for academic year 2012, he will inform the House of any measures/actions taken in order to reverse the trend?

B/7 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the payment of school fees concerning children of pre-primary aged 3 plus, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state if the existing scheme has been reviewed/modified, and, if so, why;
- (b) give and table the list of applicants for school year 2013; and
- (c) state if all applications were considered and, if not, why not?

B/8 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to crop production such as onions, garlic, red beans and potatoes, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state the total production of each item for the year 2012;
- (b) give a comparative table of these crops for years 2011 and 2012 respectively and his forecast for year 2013; and
- (c) state what measures/mechanism are put in place to ensure less importation of these commodities?

B/9 The Seventh Island Region Member (**Mr. J. S. Swee**)

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

Whether, in regard to budgetary measures announced by the Vice Prime Minister and Minister for Finance and Economic Development in his Budget Speech 2013 for the support of consumers in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) what measures are being taken to equalize the price of rice (*riz ration*) and flour in Rodrigues; and
- (b) where matters stand pertaining to the introduction of freight subsidies concerning importation of powdered milk, edible oil, tea leaves and cement from Mauritius to Rodrigues?

B/10 The Seventh Island Region Member (**Mr. J. S. Swee**)

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

Whether, in regard to Social Aid, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the trends in the number of applicants who were qualified to be granted same for the year 2006 to 2012?

B/11 The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the shelter of Baladirou, she can inform the House of any new development in the functioning of same and give reasons thereof?

B/12 The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the "Parental Empowerment Programme" launched by her Commission in May 2012 on the occasion of Family Day, she can inform the House if same is still ongoing and in the affirmative, to state (a) the number of persons concerned, and (b) the target for this present year?

B/13 The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Youth and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the National Youth Achievement Award, she can, for the benefit of the House, elaborate on new developments related to the programme?

B/14 The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Youth and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the implementation of a Centre de Lecture et d'Animation Culturelle (CELPAC) in Rodrigues, she can, for the benefit of the House, elaborate on the inauguration of same and highlight the advantages that Rodriguans will benefit from same?

B/15 The Seventh Island Region Member (**Mr. J. S. Swee**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the extension of the Terre Rouge Secondary School and Terre Rouge Government School (primary), he will inform the House where matters stand?

B/16 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

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

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

- (a) state the number of cases of acts of vandalism registered since February 2012 to date;
- (b) table a list of the places concerned and the estimated amount of water lost due to such acts;
- (c) state the cost of repairs of the damaged materials for the same period; and
- (d) state which measures have been taken to remedy such situation?

B/17 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner

Whether, in regard to the setting up of an ICT Centre for Excellence, she will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) where matters stand and the rationale behind such project;
- (b) which courses will be available, the respective entry requirements and their duration; and
- (c) the number of students currently enrolled on different courses?

B/13 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to hot meal/school feeding projects, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state if any tender has been launched, and, in the affirmative, to table the successful bidder together with the price quoted per commodities;
- (b) table the consent form issued to parents recently and to give the reason thereof; and
- (c) state what measures have been taken locally to ensure that strict sanitary norms are adhered to in relation to hot meal?

B/19 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to advisers paid by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state if they have been subject to any performance appraisal in the course of their duty; and
- (b) state whether any incidents have been reported to him involving one of them during his/her working hours and, in the affirmative, to table a copy of the complaint and to state if the contract would come to an end and, if not, why not?

B/20 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, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) table the organigram of this sector together with the name of the highest and lowest officer/s posted to each section;
- (b) state if he is satisfied with the situation prevailing and, if not, what has been done to overcome this situation; and
- (c) state the amount of money earmarked to give a boost to that sector in 2013?

B/21 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 the communiqué released recently in line with the budget proposal of the Minister of Finance and Economic Development, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) table a copy thereof and state in what newspaper(s) it was published;
- (b) state the number of applicants received to date; and
- (c) state the number of applicants turned down and the reason(s) behind?

B/22The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment and Others:-

Whether, in regard to refuse collection carried out by Rod Clean Co Ltd in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the amount of money earmarked for this item under the present financial year;
- (b) the reasons as to why the contract of employees of Rod Clean have not been renewed on a yearly basis; and
- (c) the number of meetings he had with the employees of Rod Clean to discuss matters related to cleaning services or others?

B/23The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

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

Whether, in regard to loss of employment in government/private sector activities (mainly construction industries and hotels) in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) table a breakdown of the number of persons who have lost their jobs per category as specified above for the last four months;
- (b) give details of the measures his Commission is taking to tackle this social problem; and
- (c) confirm the receipt of a letter addressed to him or his Commission from a group of victims inviting him for a meeting with them?

B/24The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

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

Whether, in regard to water distribution in the village of Parc Tortue and its surroundings, he can, for the benefit of the House, state the frequency at which water is distributed to them and the date(s) on which distribution of water was made for the last three months?

B/25 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 applicants for Unemployment Hardship Relief, he can inform the House as to (a) the number of requests received by his Commission since 01 January 2013 to now; and (b) how many have been entertained, approved and disregarded respectively and to give reasons for not approving same?

B/26 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to monthly stipend scheme paid to Rodriguan students attending tertiary institutions in Mauritius, she will inform the House:

- (a) if the scheme still exists and, in the affirmative, how many students are benefitting from same and from which institutions; and
- (b) if there has been any delay in payment for academic year 2012 and, if yes, to give reasons thereof?

B/27 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to infant mortality rate and maternal death for period February 2012 to now, he can inform the House of the prevailing situation in Rodrigues and table the list of specialists/consultants in gyneacology posted at Queen Elizabeth Hospital for the period February 2012 to December 2012?

B/28 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment and Others:-

Whether, in regard to illegal fishing, he can obtain information from the Commissioner of Police:

- (a) as to the seizure of illegal fishing net trafficking on MV Mauritius Trochetia during the months of January and February 2013 on passenger(s)/staff in Rodrigues;
- (b) if it is the first time and what are the measures he intends to take to combat illegal fishing; and
- (c) if there has been any police enquiry and arrest?

B/29 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal
(**Mr. J. D. Speville**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

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

- (a) give the production of same together with the surface area of land cultivated for the year 2011 and 2012;
- (b) state what is being done to enhance its cultivation; and
- (c) inform what is being done regarding the massive problems of bats and other insects together with the problem of water which adversely affect the production of litchis in Rodrigues for the possibility of an islandwise action to eliminate these problems?

B/30 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 borehole situated at Le Chou, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state the number of times same has broken down, giving the different dates and the nature thereof, since February 2012;
- (b) give the number of trips made by the government water lorry tankers since February 2012 together with its purpose;
- (c) inform on the consequences arisen with respect to the borehole breakdown on the day to day functioning of the institutions which use that water; and
- (d) give his policy on the future use of the borehole with respect to its location?

B/31 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

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

Whether, in regard to difficulties faced by vehicle owners, ambulances and others to get access to the road from Mourouk "Radier" to Mourouk water pump due to pothole, he can inform the House, what actions are being taken at the level of his Commission to remedy this situation?

B/32 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the dry season from October 2012 to February 2013, he will inform the House of:

- (a) a survey has been carried out at the level of his Commission to know how many goat, sheep and cow died during the same period; and
- (b) these farmers will be compensated?

B/33 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to difficulties faced by local producers to sell their products (vegetables) on the island, he can inform the House of how many tons of vegetables have been imported from Mauritius from January 2012 to date and what actions are being taken to remedy this situation?

B/34 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to South-East Marine Protected Area (SEMPA), he will inform the House of:

- (a) how surveyance of the above is being currently monitored;
- (b) who are entitled to arrest, seize fishing products and equipment in the SEMPA zone and the surroundings; and
- (c) table the list of contraveners including seizure of their catch and equipment reported from January 2012 to date?

B/35 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to land mechanization for the planters of Parc Tortue, Camp Pintade and Mt Goyaves/Baladirou, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) table the list of equipment in good running condition available at the Commission for Agriculture for land mechanization purposes;
- (b) table the list of applicants for such facilities from January 2012 to date; and
- (c) state if there has been any request from planters in these regions which has been turned down and give reasons thereof?

B/36 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

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

Whether, in regard to water network and water distribution, he will inform the House, if there has been any complaint received from the villagers of Terre Rouge, Mt Charlot, Roche Bon Dieu since February 2012 and, in the affirmative, to give details about same and what measures has he undertaken to remedy same?

B/37 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J. R. Ramdally**)

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

Whether, in regard to the production of water in Rodrigues, he can inform the House about:

- (a) the average amount of rainfall per month and the average volume of water produced per day and per month from January to December 2012;
- (b) the policy of the government with respect to same and hence, state the measures implemented, if any, or those to be implemented in the short and long term; and
- (c) the expected results on water production in Rodrigues?

B/38 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel
(**Mr. J. R. Ramdally**)

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

Whether, in regard to the infrastructural projects undertaken by this Commission for the year 2012, he can inform the House of the name of same, their status, their completion date together with their costs?

B/39 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mrs. J. Ravina**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the recent recruitment of General Workers by Rodrigues Regional Assembly in December 2012, he will, for the benefit of the House obtain information from the Commissioner of Police if any of these new recruits have been involved in police cases, and in the affirmative, (i) to table their names and (ii) state if they have been sentenced by the Court of Rodrigues or are on bail?

B/40 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 measures announced in the National Budget 2013 by the Minister of Finance and Economic Development Hon X. L. Duval, for child allowance, he will for the benefit of the House:

- (a) table the criteria of eligibility;
- (b) state how many applicants to the scheme has his Commission received to date; and
- (c) state how many applications have been rejected and the reason(s) thereof?

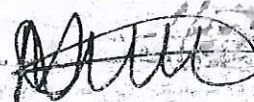
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The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mrs. J. Ravina**)

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

Whether, in regard to the modification works made to the water distribution network at Allée Tamarin, namely at Mr. H.M's place, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) who took the decision to disconnect his domestic water point and to give the reason(s) thereof;
- (b) how was Mr. H.M made aware of such decision; and
- (c) has Mr. H.M made any representation in order to restore the situation and, if yes, what does he envisage to do ?



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