

APPENDIX**RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY****Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral answer****Sitting of Tuesday 04 March 2014****Questions addressed to Commissioners**

B/1 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the payment of arrears for bad weather allowance to fishermen, he will state:

- (a) the amount of money, if any, which has remained in relation thereto and, if so, why and the outcome thereof;
- (b) if this Regional Government will propose or cause an enquiry to be conducted as to why fishermen were not paid bad weather allowance as per the set quantum for the period 2008 to 2013 and, if not, why; and
- (c) table a list of the names of the beneficiaries thereof together with the names of those who have not yet cashed their cheques?

B/2 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

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:

- (a) if any assessment or survey has been carried out on the impact of the recent increase in internet connectivity in Rodrigues and, if so, the outcome thereof;
- (b) the different projects in the pipeline in relation thereto, if any; and
- (c) table the number of missions carried out by her and Officers of her Commission in Mauritius, since February 2012 to date, in relation thereto together with the outcome thereof and the amount spent per mission?

B/3 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 distribution in the Regions 1 and 2, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the frequency for the distribution thereat by indicating the quality of the water and the sources from where same is obtained?

B/4 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 for 2013 for Sports, he will:

- (a) table a list of projects undertaken under-
 - (i) "Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets" from 27 November 2013 to 31 December 2013 indicating the amount paid under each project and remaining amount at the end of the financial year, if any;
 - (ii) item vote "22900 Other Goods and Services- Sub-programme 60102" for the year 2013 indicating the amount paid under each project and remaining amount at the end of the financial year, if any; and
- (b) state the amount of money which was earmarked for the Maréchal swimming pool and the purpose for the use of same?

B/5 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 the desalination projects as announced in the Budget Speech 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand to date?

B/6 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Enhancement Programme for students of Standard III and IV in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state as to if any changes were brought thereto for the year 2014?

B/7 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 acquisition of a CT Scan by his Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the date on which the equipment has been commissioned and, if so, when, indicating the date it became operational;
- (b) the modus operandi of this equipment together with the final cost paid therefor?

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the MV Mauritius Pride, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the relevant authorities and state as to if it has ceased operation on the Mauritius/Rodrigues route and if so, the reasons therefor, and indicating if his Commission has had discussions with the authorities in Mauritius or Rodrigues regarding same and if so, to table a report on the outcome thereof, if any?

B/9 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the land use and development for tourism/commercial projects in Rodrigues since February 2012 to date, he will state:

- (a) the projects, if any, which have been rejected by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) and if so, to name them and table a copy of same; and
- (b) if any promoter/s has/have consequently sued the RRA and if so, on which grounds together with the detailed amount claimed for each rejected project?

B/10 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Programme Based Budget 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the list of investment projects which have obtained the approval of the Project Plan Committee (PPC) and those of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development prior to their execution together with the cost for each project concerned?

B/11 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to "kreol morisien" at schools in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the primary schools in the island which are studying same for this year and if not, why; and
- (b) the number of pupils who have been studying this subject since the introduction thereof?

B/12 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the coastal zones around Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the different works and development projects carried out since March 2012 to date, indicating in each case the reasons therefor and to table a list of all projects together with their different environmental assessment or studies carried out, if any?

B/13 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to patients sent to Mauritius since January 2014 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, table a list thereof and state on the transportation arrangement made for their conveyance from the Hospital in Rodrigues to Sir Gaëtan Duval Airport and from Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Airport to their respective medical centres in Mauritius?

B/14 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

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

Whether, in regard to the new Terre Rouge-Citronelle road, he will:

- (a) state when the road was opened to the public; and
- (b) obtain, for the benefit of the House, from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if there has been any road accident thereat to date and if so, to give details thereof?

B/15 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to scholarships offered by foreign donor countries and the Government of Mauritius for academic year 2013, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the number of scholarships offered to Rodrigues and the eligibility criteria to benefit from same?

B/16 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

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

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

- (a) if there has been any change in the water distribution in the regions of Pointe Monier, Camp du Roi, Mt Charlot, Accacia and the surrounding villages and if so, why and to give details thereof; and
- (b) the plans set up, if any, for the alleviation of water problem around the island and, if so, to table same?

B/17 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal
(Mr. J. D. Speville)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Lower Six students in Rodrigues for academic year 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the number thereof enrolled in each college and indicating the:

- (a) number of main and subsidiary subjects combinations being offered in each college and the names thereof;
- (b) number of students transferred within the colleges around the island to be able to secure a seat in Lower six; and
- (c) facilities put at the disposal of these students by the Commission and the different colleges?

B/18 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal
(Mr. J. D. Speville)

To ask the Commissioner for Water Resources and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the water system of "source tindoye" situated at Fond La Bonté, he will inform the House how same is being managed?

B/19 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal
(Mr. J. D. Speville)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the green-house project set up in the region of Petit Gabriel-Eau Vannée in the year 2012, he will give a description of progress of the project to date?

B/20 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal
(Mr. J. D. Speville)

To ask the Commissioner for Water Resources and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the Water Research Company Ltd. which is presently on mission in Rodrigues, he will give details on their scope of work?

B/21 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to off-lagoon fishing in Rodrigues, he will state the number of:

- (a) fishermen who have obtained training in relation thereto from June 2012 to date; and
- (b) Fish Aggregating Devices (FAD's) installed around the island to date?

B/22 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to Rodriguan off-lagoon fishers, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if a survey has been carried, for the period January 2012 to date, by his Commission to establish the number thereof who are at St Brandon and other fishing banks and if so, indicating if they are eligible to bad weather allowance and if not, why?

B/23 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Budget for the financial year 2013, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the adjusted or revised total estimates earmarked for "Investment Projects" or "Acquisition of Non-Financial Assets" as summarized in Appendix D of the Programme Based Budgeting; and
- (b) which total of that amount has been effectively disbursed by 31st December 2013 and, if that amount is less than the adjusted or revised total estimates, to explain as to why the funds have not been fully utilized?

B/24 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Commissioner for Water Resources and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of a desalination plant at Anse Goeland/Baie Malgache, he will:

- (a) table the whole set of building layout and construction plans with details regarding the:
 - (i) intake of seawater and return of brine/waste to the sea;
 - (ii) position of the pipes of the water intake and along the coast line; and
- (b) state if all environmental clearances have been obtained and indicating if any risk assessment for the marine ecology has been undertaken?

B/25 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Commissioner for Commerce and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the sale of "basmati rice" in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the State Trading Corporation, information as to if same which is put on sale by the Corporation in Mauritius has been sold in Rodrigues and if not, why?

B/26 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the recent School Certificate and Higher School Certificate results for the year 2013 in Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) table the list of:
 - (i) SC and HSC performances per Secondary School;
 - (ii) the different scholarships available for former HSC 2013 students; and
- (b) obtain information from REDCO as to if Grande Montagne College has had a low performance for School Certificate and if so, the reasons therefor?

B/27 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mrs. J. Ravina**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the visit in December last of cyclone Amara in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) if any survey has been carried out to identify the damages caused by the cyclone and if so, to table a copy of same together with the estimated cost thereof; and
- (b) the measures, if any, taken by his Commission, so far, to help those concerned and to table the list of the beneficiaries?

B/28 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mrs. J. Ravina**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to newborn babies in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the number of births for the period January 2013 to date indicating the number thereof done under caesarian and the term of service of the present Gynaecologist?

B/29 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the upgrading of the Mont Lubin football ground, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the total cost of the project indicating the completion date thereof and the expected outcome?

B/30 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the Gitanjali week held recently in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state what was the rationale in relation thereto and the outcome thereof?

B/31 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the recent holding of the Queen's Baton Relay in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state what has been the outcome thereof?

B/32 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to secondary education at Higher School Certificate level in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if any changes will be brought in relation thereto for the academic year 2014 and if so, when and to provide details thereof?

B/33 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Officers posted at the Family Planning Section of his Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the number thereof who have gone on retirement during the past three years, if any, and if so, indicating their respective date of retirement; and
- (b) if these vacancies have been filled and if so, when and if not, why?

B/34 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

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

Whether, in regard to the public road between Anse Raffin and Anse Baleine, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if any measures will be taken to remedy the problem of frequent falling of boulders thereat and if so, to give details thereof?

B/35 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment and Others:-

Whether, in regard to dustbins recently purchased by his Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the number thereof purchased together with the total amount disbursed therefor;
- (b) the criteria used for their issue to villagers; and
- (c) if any complaints have been made by the public to the Commission as to the distribution thereof and if so, the nature thereof?

B/36 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to onion seeds sold to planters by the Rodrigues Trading and Marketing Company (RTMC) for 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company information as to the quantity thereof sold, indicating the cost of same together with the percentage increase or decrease in the quantity sold and price as compared to 2013?

B/37 The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

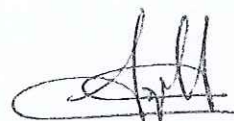
To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the celebration of the International Day for Women 2014, she will, for the benefit of the House, state the activities her Commission is planning to organize?

B/38 The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to gender-based violence in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state if her Commission has any plan to combat same and if so, to give details thereof?



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