

APPENDIX

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of Tuesday 06 May 2014

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/39 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to salaries paid to Pre-Primary school teachers in Rodrigues by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) the recommended scale thereof, indicating if all teachers concerned are being paid the same salary and, if not, why; and
- (b) the conditions attached for the payment thereof indicating the item vote for its payment ?

B/40 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to demonstration plots and breeding centres owned by Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will state the:-

- (a) number under operation in each case indicating their locations;
- (b) number of Public Officers posted on each site and how these sites are being managed; and
- (c) amount of money spent yearly since 2012 to date for running of these services indicating the policy of this Regional Government regarding same?

B/41 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to agricultural development for the crop season 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) the different cash and food crops under cultivation and the area cultivated for each;
- (b) the region(s) which normally grow crops but which are now not under cultivation and to give the reasons thereof; and
- (c) the percentage of agricultural lands in Rodrigues which are currently under cultivation as compared to the last five years and to table a copy of same?

B/42 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the CT Scan installed at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) the date, if any, for the launching thereof and, if not, to state the reasons therefor;
- (b) the number of patients who have benefitted from the CT Scan since its installation to date; and
- (c) if the apparatus is fully operational and, if not, the reasons thereof?

B/43 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Public Officers falling under the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will, for the benefit of the House, in each case, state and table the list of Public Officers under leave without pay and under interdiction since January 2012 to date and to give the reasons thereof together with the date of their resumption of duty and indicating if any of them have not yet resumed duty and, if so, why?

B/44 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal
(Mr. J. D. Speville)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Air Mauritius flights to and from Rodrigues, he will:-

- (a) for the benefit of the House, obtain, from Air Mauritius Ltd., information as to the number of flights cancelled or delayed since February 2012 to date and the reasons therefor;
- (b) state-
 - (i) the outcome and impact of such a recurrent problem on the tourism and other related industries in Rodrigues; and
 - (ii) if the matter has been discussed with relevant authorities in Mauritius and what is the way forward?

B/45 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal
(Mr. J. D. Speville)

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

Whether, in regard to the road construction project at Graviers, he will give a description of progress of the project to date?

B/46 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal
(Mr. J. D. Speville)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the last heavy torrential rainfall in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) if his Commission has made any survey on the impact thereof on agriculture and, if so, to table a copy of same;
- (b) the number and nature of grievance(s) received region-wise, if any; and
- (c) if his Commission will consider the possibility of proposing any form of compensation/help to those planters and farmers who have suffered substantial losses?

B/47 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to future development of Rodrigues and in view of the island's geographical isolation from the principal national growth centres, the absence of tile multiplier effect from expenditures and investments (private and public) as in mainland Mauritius and the restricted opportunities for employment and career fulfilment in Rodrigues and other financial and development needs, he will consider reinforcing the issue of 'la continuité territoriale' in Rodrigues and, if not, to give the reasons therefor?

B/48 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the sale of fish in Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) state if his Commission will consider the possibility of establishing a price fixing mechanism, to both fishmongers and fisherman, for the control thereof;
- (b) table a list of persons month-wise who have applied for fishmongers' licence/permit for the period 2012, 2013 and 2014 to date, together with a list of registered fishmongers delivered accordingly; and
- (c) state the number of Fisheries Officers attached to each section and per fish station for the control thereof indicating the means provided to them for the discharge of their duties?

B/49 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to matters of interest and pertaining to Rodrigues, he will inform the House as to:

- (a) if any Chief Commissioner of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, since 2002 to date, has been invited by the Prime Minister to attend any cabinet meeting/s as laid down by section 39 of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act 2001 and, if not, why; and
- (b) the formal meeting/s held, if any, with Minority Leader of Rodrigues and Dr the Honourable Prime Minister, from 2012 to date, to discuss matters in relation thereto and indicating the number of meetings held together with the outcome thereof in each case?

B/50 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to missions effected in relation to the fisheries sector, he will, for the year 2012, 2013 and 2014 to date, state:-

- (a) the number of missions effected by him or any Commissioner/s, Advisers and the officers of his Commission both abroad and in Mauritius together with the detailed amount of per diem paid to the each member of the delegation in each case by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly or Donor Agencies and the time schedule thereof;
- (b) how the selection exercise was carried out for the determination of the composition of the delegation in each case; and
- (c) the outcome of the different missions effected?

B/51 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

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

Whether, in regard to the water distributed in the southern part of Rodrigues namely Rivière Coco, Ile Michel, Grand Var and Petite Butte, from the reservoir of Rivière Coco, he will state:

- (a) if the water is safe for human consumption; and
- (b) the test/study carried out, if any, to determine same and, if so, when, indicating the outcome thereof and, if not, why?

B/52 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 have been or will be taken to remedy the problem of frequent falling of boulders thereat and, if so, to give details thereof?

B/53 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/54 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether in regard to illegal fishing in Rodrigues, he will, for the period January 2013 to date, state:-

- (a) the number of cases thereof reported and indicating the different categories of fishing;
- (b) the number of offenders being prosecuted and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) if there is any strategy from his Commission to bring down this illegal fishing and if so, to name them and if not, why not?

B/55 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the recent participation of Rodriguan athletes for the "Jeux de l'espoir" in mainland Mauritius, he will inform the House as to the number thereof who participated in same indicating where they have been staying during the event?

B/56 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to stray dogs in the island, he will, for the period 2012 to date, state the number thereof caught and spayed, in each case, and indicating their place of impoundment?

B/57 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 coming into operation of the CT Scan in March 2014 at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) if a radiologist has been posted to Rodrigues and, if so, indicating the length of stay;
- (b) the number of scans performed to date; and
- (c) if any breakdown or mal-functioning thereof has been reported and, if so, the nature thereof?

B/58 The Second Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Tourism and Others:-

Whether, in regard to tourists arrival in Rodrigues for period January 2014 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state whether there has been any decrease noted as regard same for this period and to table a detailed breakdown of statistics on the issue from the main niche markets?

B/59 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 the construction of the Grande Montagne – Graviers road, he will, for the benefit of the House, give a detailed status of work from the date of start thereof to date?

B/60 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 Programme Based Budget (PBB) Estimates 2014, item 31113022 - "construction of Bridges", he will inform the House as to the number of bridges his Commission intends to build during this current financial year indicating their respective locations, if any?

B/61 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, as regards the teaching of any subject at Primary Level in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:-

- (a) the decision taken, if any, by the Executive Council recently in relation thereto and, if so, to give information as to the number of students and teachers involved in relation to the subject(s); and
- (b) if there has been any objection from Central Government in relation thereto and, if so, the nature thereof and indicating the position of the Commission for Education?

B/62 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

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

Whether, in regard to the desalination plants presently under construction at Anse-aux-Anglais and Pointe Coton, he can give the full details, including drawings of the layout of pipes, pumps and exact place of brine release/disposal in the sea or else at the sites thereof?

B/63 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

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

Whether, in regard to pensioners or persons in receipt of social security benefits, he will state if they are being offered any sort of "Food Aid" to date as is being provided for in mainland Mauritius, if any?

B/64 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the newly installed CT Scan equipment at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will inform the House about the performances thereof, indicating the number of patients who have been scanned to date and state if there is any problem regarding same?

B/65 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mrs. J. Ravina**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to missions undertaken by her in Mauritius and overseas from January 2014 to date, she will, for the benefit of the House, in each case, state:-

- (a) the scope thereof and to table their respective itinerary; and
- (b) the composition of her delegations for each mission and table a copy of same together with detailed costs incurred respectively in terms of amount of per diem paid to each participant?

B/66 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mrs. J. Ravina**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Arts and Culture and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the new Copyrights Act recently passed at the National Assembly, she will inform the House if the Rodrigues Regional Assembly was consulted prior to the passing thereof and, if so, to state the proposals of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in relation thereto?

B/67 The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Youth and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the World Theatre Day 2014, she will, for the benefit of the House, state the activities that have been organized to mark the event and to promote the Rodriguan artists and the genre?

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

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the promotion of Rodriguan Products in Mauritius and abroad, she will, for the benefit of the House, elaborate on the measures being undertaken by her Commission in relation thereto and state the expected outcomes?



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