APPENDIX

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of Tuesday 08 July 2014

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/69 The Eighth Island Region Member (Mr. A. Edouard)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Awareness and Screening Campaign held on the 29th and 30th May 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) what are the short, medium and long term objectives thereof;
- (b) the number of participants registered in relation thereto; and
- (c) the number of cases of potential breast cancer identified during that campaign, if any?

B/70 The Eighth Island Region Member (Mr. A. Edouard)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Parent's Empowerment Programme held during the month of May this year, she will, for the benefit of the House, state what is the rationale and methodology for same together with the outcome thereof?

B/71 The Eighth Island Region Member (Mr. A. Edouard)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the World Environment Day Commemoration 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, state what has been the outcome of the activities organized on the occasion thereof?

B/72 The Eighth Island Region Member (Mr. A. Edouard)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the High Level Round Table Consultation on agriculture held on the 12th and 13th June 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the expected contribution of the different stakeholders involved therein; and
- (b) the rationale behind the holding of such event together with the outcome thereof?
- B/73 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?

B/74 The Ninth Island Region Member (Ms. M. D. S. Perrine)

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

Whether, in regard to the Music Day 2014, she will, for the benefit of the House, state the activities organised by the Commission in the context of the said event?

B/75 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 inform the House about the action/s taken at the level of her Commission to fight against same?

B/76 The Minority Leader (Mr. G. Jabeemissar)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the cultivation of beans in Rodrigues this year, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the:

- (a) total area currently under cultivation and how much in terms of percentage does it represent for the normal beans plantations;
- (b) regions where beans are mostly grown and the expected yield regionwise for this year;
- (c) problems encountered by planters and what measures his Commission has taken to overcome same, if any; and
- (d) percentage in terms of revenue this cash crop represent for the agricultural sector in Rodrigues?

B/77 The Minority Leader (Mr. G. Jabeemissar)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether in regards to capital projects in Programme Based Budget 2014, he will for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state and table the list of projects already completed as at to date together with the amount already paid for each project;
- (b) state and table the list of outstanding projects, if any, together with their completion dates; and
- (c) state the delays encountered by any projects and the length thereof and, if so, the reasons therefor?

B/78 The Minority Leader (Mr. G. Jabeemissar)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether he is aware of any complaint which has been lodged against a Commissioner of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly who has allegedly been involved with a case of interfering on a work site for the dismissal of some workers on or about the month of May 2014 and, if so, he will, obtain information from the Commissioner of Police as to if an enquiry has been carried out thereinto and the outcome thereof?

B/79 The Third Island Region Member (Mr. F. A. Grandcourt)

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

Whether, in regard to the payment of cheques under the National Housing Development Corporation (NHDC) slab grant scheme to beneficiaries in Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) obtain, for the benefit of the House, information from the Company the date of the last payment thereof and stating the number of beneficiaries concerned; and
- (b) state the number of applications received at his Commission including those which have already been approved and awaiting payment to date?

B/80 The Third Island Region Member (Mr. F. A. Grandcourt)

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

Whether, in regard to the award of a contract for the improvement of water pipeline networks in the northern region of Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) table the list of the bidders indicating the price quoted by each;
- (b) give a brief description of the scope of work; and
- (c) state the item vote under which payment thereof will be effected by his Commission?

B/81 The Third Island Region Member (Mr. F. A. Grandcourt)

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

Whether, with regard to the distribution of housing materials to beneficiaries around the island, he will:

- (a) state the criteria used by his Commission to designate the beneficiaries; and
- (b) table the names and addresses of the beneficiaries indicating the social profile for each of them, including the total number of materials distributed to each beneficiary?

B/82 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 Unit Section of La Ferme, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the:

- (a) number of officers per grade posted thereat;
- (b) amount of overtime paid to officers per grade, if any, since February 2012 to date; and
- (c) number of vehicles attached thereto specifying their running conditions and the mode of control for their displacement?

B/83 The Sixth Island Region Member (Mr. J. L. R. Perrine)

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

Whether, in regard to allowances and Social Aids, he will state and table the different categories thereof paid to beneficiaries in Rodrigues and, for the period January 2014 to date, state:

- (a) if any applications for Child Allowance and Carers Allowance have not been considered and, if so, to give reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether there are beneficiaries still awaiting for recommendation from Medical Board to have their allowance/Social Aid and, if so, since when?

B/84 The Sixth Island Region Member (Mr. J. L. R. Perrine)

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

Whether, in regard to the Nosy Bé Donia Festival held recently in Madagascar, she will:

- (a) state the composition of her delegation and in which capacity they represented Rodrigues;
- (b) table the detailed costs incurred per person/group in the delegation; and
- (c) state the outcome of same?

B/85 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 construction of commercial buildings in Port Mathurin, he will, for the benefit of the House, give information on the buildings under construction one at La Rue Solidarité (Mutual Aid building) and another at the intersection of Father Ronald Gandy and Max Lucchesi Streets and state if application for the permit/s for the constructions thereof has complied with all legal requirements and, if so, to table copy of the building permits together with site plans thereof, respectively?

B/86 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 four desalination plants in Rodrigues and which were to be operational since April 2014, he will give a description of progress of the projects to date?

B/87 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (Mr. J. D. Speville)

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

Whether, in regard to the payment of an allowance of Rs 750 per child per month for families earning less than Rs 6200 per month, he will state the number of applications received therefor and beneficiaries thereof, since its introduction to date?

B/88 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (Mr. J. D. Speville)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the massive problem of Powdery Wildew (Icerya Seychellarum) commonly known as cosny plants and which is adversely affecting attacking agriculture with negative impacts he will state consideration will be given for the possibility of having an islandwise action to eliminate same and if not, why?

B/89 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (Mr. J. D. Speville)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

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

- (a) the number of stray dogs caught islandwise since February 2006 to date;
- (b) the ways and means available at the level of his Commission to catch these dogs; and
- (c) the procedures and modus operandi involved when these dogs are caught, if any?
- B/90 The Second Island Region Member (Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment and others:-

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the "Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Prohibition of Use of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2014" to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the number of businesses/enterprises/tourist enterprises and other institutions which have made written request at the Commission for Environment for authorisation to import/stock and use plastic carry bags and pocket type plastic bag of any size or colour; and
- (b) what is the response time of the Commission following receipt of a request and the length of time the authorisation granted is due to last?
- B/91 The Second Island Region Member (Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment and others:-

Whether, in regard to the eradication of Accacia Nilotica commonly known as "Piquant Loulou", he will inform the House as to if any tender procedure has been carried out in relation thereto and, if so, to give details thereof?

B/92 The second Local Region Member for St Gabriel (Mr. Jean Rex Ramdally)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the project for the creation of the label for Rodrigues, she could enlighten the House where matters stand in relation thereto?

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

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Internet and Computing Core Certification (IC3) run under the Universal ICT Education Programme (UIEP) in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state the number of participants who were enrolled for same and who have completed the course for the period January 2012 to date?

B/94 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 January 2012 to date, state the number thereof caught and spayed, in each case, indicating their place of impoundment?

B/95 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (Mr. J. C. Agathe)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the territorial sea around Rodrigues, he will state and table copy of any survey/s carried by different authorities in mainland and by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in relation thereto and to give details thereof?

B/96 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (Mr. J. C. Agathe)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, he will, for the benefit of House, state if consideration could be given to cause a survey to be conducted on the basaltic rocks (rusted rocks) situated in the region of Baie Topaze to know both its extent and the possibility of its eventual use?

B/97 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (Mr. J. C. Agathe)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Rodrigues Disaster Committee, he will state the:-

- (a) number of times the Committee has met for the period 2013 to date and to table same;
- (b) amount of money paid together with the names and duty performed by each member of the Committee for each calamity for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 to date and to table copy of same; and
- (c) working arrangement, if any, established with the Disaster Committee in Mauritius and, if so, to give details thereof?

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A/1 The First Island Region Member (Mr. J. Roussety)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to radio broadcast in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of House, obtain from the Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation and any other relevant authority, information as to:

- (a) why *Radio France Internationale* (RFI) which was formerly broadcast on FM frequency 93.20 has ceased to emit in Rodrigues and if he will use his good office to request the restoration of the broadcast thereof; and
- (b) whether the non-broadcasting in Rodrigues of all radio channels such as Radio Plus, Top FM, Radio One and others at the national level is in conformity with existing laws?
- A/2 The First Island Region Member (Mr. J. Roussety)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Officers of the Health services, he will, for the benefit of the House, state as to if there is any provision for the payment of a "Lying-in-Period" therefor and, if so, to give details thereof and its application to Ambulance Drivers and Ambulance Attendants, respectively?

A/3 The First Island Region Member (Mr. J. Roussety)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the coming into operation of the "The Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Prohibition of Use of Plastic Bags) Regulations 2014" he will, for the benefit of the House, state if he is aware of any civil action which has been lodged against the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in relation thereto and, if so, to give details thereof?

A/4 The First Island Region Member (Mr. J. Roussety)

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

Whether, in regard to the four desalination plants presently under construction around the island, he will, for the benefit of the House, table hard or soft copies of the contract agreements in relation thereto?

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Clerk, Rodrigues Regional Assembly

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