

APPENDIX

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of Tuesday 03 March 2015

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/1 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the passage of cyclone Bansi in Rodrigues, he will state on the:

- (a) different sectors which were mostly affected and to table the amount and cost of damages incurred to the economic sectors, buildings and public infrastructure, if any;
- (b) measures this Regional Government intends to take, if any, to mitigate the effects of flood on "radiers" and other prone areas of the island; and
- (c) compensation, if any, paid or to be paid to those severely affected and, if so, the different criteria applied regarding the payment thereof?

B/2 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Programme Based Budget (PBB) 2014, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the financial situation of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly as at 31 December 2014 and to table a copy thereof;
- (b) if all the committed infrastructural projects and other programmes announced in the 2014 budget have been completed by the end of the fiscal year and, if not, to give the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the amount disbursed on each project so far and how the outstanding balance, if any, will be paid and to table a copy of same?

B/3 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of a new secondary school at Pistaches as announced in the Budget Speech 2015, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) if the site plan and tender documents for same have already been finalized and, if so, to table copies thereof;
- (b) if any family/ies found within the perimeter or close vicinity of the proposed school will be relocated and, if so, where and under which conditions; and
- (c) if there are any agricultural lands found thereat which have been vested for the construction thereof and, if so, the modalities put in place for the compensation of these planters, if any?

B/4 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the filling station currently under construction at Grand La Fouche Corail, he will:

- (a) give details on the lease agreement, if any, between the promoter and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and to table a copy thereof;
- (b) state if an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) licence and/or a Preliminary Environmental Report (PER) has been obtained prior to the start of the project and, if so, to table copy of same;
- (c) state the security measures to be taken, if any, by the promoter to ensure the safety of the public and users of the existing sports ground nearby, presently and when same will be operational; and
- (d) table a copy of the conditions attached, if any, for the construction thereof?

B/5 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to agricultural land, he will:

- (a) give details on the preparation, de-rocking and ploughing thereof in Rodrigues;
- (b) state how his Commission proceeds for the granting, if any, of these facilities to planters and, if not, will he consider setting up a mechanism for same; and
- (c) table a list of applicants, beneficiaries and proposed sites, if any, for agricultural development which has already been allocated or will be allocated from February 2012 to date?

B/6 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 four desalination plants under construction in Rodrigues, he will state:

- (a) if there has been any contest brought by any bidder/s before the Independent Review Panel (IRP) prior to the award of the contract and, if so, to give details thereof and to table the related documents;
- (b) how the pre-running tests of both desalination plants of Anse Quitor and Pointe Venus are being conducted and to give details and table on the quantity of water pumped per hour/day, the quality of the water and energy consumption per kw/h per meter cube of water produced to date; and
- (c) if the contract of the consortium J.V Hydro Plumbing Co. Ltd/ Ocean Five Ltd has been terminated and, if so, since when and to give details about the contract and to table same?

B/7 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

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

Whether, in regard to the 300 beneficiaries of the Unemployment Hardship Relief and Social Aid under the Employment Relief Programme, he will state the criteria for the selection thereof and to table a list of the beneficiaries involved together with a copy of their contract, if any?

B/8 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rodrigues Trading and Marketing Company Ltd. (RTMC), he will:

- (a) obtain and table, for the benefit of the House, information from the company as to the:
 - (i) financial statements of the company from the period January 2011 to January 2015;
 - (ii) agreement, if any, signed with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly since 2012 and table same; and
- (b) state and table the business plan, if any, for its restructuration geared towards the strengthening of its financial bases since 2013?

B/9 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mrs. J. Ravina**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to scholarships offered to post-secondary Rodriguan students for Mauritius and abroad for academic year 2014 to date, he will:

- (a) state if there is any policy being implemented by the Central Government and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the allocation thereof;
- (b) table the list of beneficiaries and the conditions attached to the scholarship; and
- (c) state if all beneficiaries have received their stipend/allowance as to date and, if not, why?

B/10 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the Rodrigues Environment Committee, in Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) table the names of the members thereof together with their respective grades; and
- (b) state and table the dates of the meetings held from January 2014 to date together with main outcomes of the decisions taken during that period?

B/11 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the new slaughter house constructed at Baie Diamant, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand as at to date?

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the recent visit in Rodrigues of the Honourable Minister of Finance and his delegation, he will, for the benefit of the House, state on the different decisions already taken and announced by the Minister and any other forthcoming measures to be implemented this year and in the future?

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

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the International Women's Day, she will, for the benefit of the House, elaborate on the activities being organized by her Commission?

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

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) development in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand?

B/15 The Ninth Island Region Member (**Ms. M. D. S. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Youth and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the empowerment of the youth in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, elaborate on the strategies being put in place in favour of this target group?

B/16 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to internet connectivity in Rodrigues insofar as to the optical fiber cable project, she will, for the benefit of the House, state on the stand of the Regional Government following the announcement of the Honourable Minister of Finance on this issue?

B/17 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Trade and Commerce and Others:-

Whether, in regard to petroleum products in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) if there has been any shortage thereof in the island as from December 2014 to date and, if so, the exact dates thereof together with its duration;
- (b) the incidence, if any, on the economic activities in the island and, if so, to give details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken/envisaged to avoid recurrence of same?

B/18 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 road damaged at Anse Baleine following the last heavy rainfall, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the measures taken/envisaged to bring back the fluidity of the traffic thereat and to ensure the security of road users in general?

B/19 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to pre-primary education in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) if there has been any incident or complaint received regarding children below the age of three attending some pre-primary schools in the island and, if so, to give details thereof;
- (b) if any child has had to stop schooling a few weeks after resumption of classes in January 2015 and, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the total number of children who attended those schools in January 2015 and the total as at to date?

B/20 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the positioning of the ocean economy as a promising sector of long term economic activity for the Republic of Mauritius, including Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if Rodrigues has, as at to date, participated in the elaboration of any strategic action plan therefor and, if so, to give details thereof and, if not, why?

B/21 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether he will state if consideration will be given for the possibility of setting up a Select Committee composing of Members of both sides of the House to look into amendments to be brought to the Rodrigues Regional Assembly Act in view of the forthcoming Regional Elections and, if so, when and, if not, why?

B/22 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) appointed for Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if any vehicle of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly or any other facility has been provided to the incumbent and, if so, the amount of money with respect to diesel already disbursed during the use thereof in the island?

B/23 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) development in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state on the outcome thereof to date?

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, as regards the fire outbreak which occurred on Monday 23 February 2015 at the Port Mathurin Filling Station, he will state if the existing equipment and manpower of the Fire Service were adequately equipped and sufficient, respectively, to cope with such a calamity?

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

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

Whether, as regards the supply of electricity islandwise and per zone in Rodrigues, he could, for the benefit of the House, obtain information, from the Central Electricity Board, on the different dates of electricity cutoff since 01 January 2015 to date and indicate the main reasons therefor?

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

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, as regards the tendering process for the allocation of the six (6) medium fishing boats, formerly managed by the Rodrigues General Fishing Co Ltd., to local fishers and/or Companies, he will state where matters stand?

B/27 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

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

Whether, as regards the persons enrolled under the Employment Relief Programme, he will give details of the programme execution together with its conditions and modalities?

- B/28** 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 installation or construction of the four desalination plants in Rodrigues, he will give a description of progress of the project to date?
- B/29** The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. D. Speville**)
To ask the Chief Commissioner:-
Whether, in regard to the massive problem of ants invasion and "grand galop" in Rodrigues and which is adversely affecting households, he will state if consideration will be given for the possibility of having an islandwise action to eliminate same and, if not, why?
- B/30** The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. D. Speville**)
To ask the Chief Commissioner:-
Whether, in regard to post School Certificate (SC) and Higher School Certificate (HSC) results for academic year 2014, he will state the:
- (a) results thereof, for each category, for all secondary schools genderwise;
 - (b) number of students who secured a place in lower six together with their combination of subjects chosen; and
 - (c) number of scholarships available and the number of students who have postulated for same per category?
- B/31** The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J. R. Ramdally**)
To ask the Commissioner responsible for Social Security and Others:-
Whether, in regard to the Employment Relief Programme mentioned in the Budget Speech 2015, he could inform the House where matters stand?



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A/1 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel
(Mr. J. R. Ramdally)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to major projects launched or to be launched shortly by different Commissions of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly since the beginning of 2015 to date, he will, for each, state the names of same together with their objectives, status, completion dates and respective costs?

A/2 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 the pulling down of trees along the road at Solitude, he will state the nature of same together with its objectives and of the disposal of the wood collected thereat?

A/3 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 the project for the setting up of a botanical garden at Mourouck, he will state where matters stand in relation thereto?



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