

APPENDIX

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of Tuesday 18 August 2015

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/89

The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the reclaimed land at Mont Lubin behind the bus stop between the market now under construction and the filling station, he will:

- (a) state if any part thereof has been reserved/applied for by Rodriguans or foreigners for any project and, if so, to:-
 - (i) table their names together with the area of land allocated to each and the purpose of the projects;
 - (ii) state what has happened to previous projects on this site prior to the construction of the filling station and the new market, if any; and
- (b) inform the House of the new configuration of this part of Mont Lubin following the construction of the new market?

B/90

The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the development of farming in Rodrigues from 2012 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the number of cattle, goats, sheep, pigs and poultry reared, for that period, by registered farmers;
- (b) the area reserved for grazing and the grazing capacity of our island for a sustainable farming; and
- (c) this Regional Government's policy with regards to the economic and ecological aspect of farming in Rodrigues?

B/91 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the contract of private land surveyors for 1000 residential sites as announced in the 2015 budget, he will:

- (a) state where matters stand as at date;
- (b) inform the House where these new sites are situated and to table the site plans thereof; and
- (c) state if the TOR (Terms of Reference) will comprise the identification of forest reserves and other ecological site for Rodrigues and, if so, where?

B/92 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

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

Whether, in regard to distribution of building materials for the construction of "bassin rond" under the "rainwater harvesting scheme" around the island to date, he will:

- (a) table the list of materials delivered to each beneficiary indicating the quantity delivered per material; and
- (b) state the procedures put in place by his Commission prior to the delivery thereof to the beneficiaries?

B/93 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

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

Whether, in regard to construction of track roads/footpaths around the island from January 2015 to date, he will:

- (a) table the list of contractors who participated in the bidding exercise thereof and indicating the prices quoted by each;
- (b) state the mode by which tender was launched together with the closing date for same; and
- (c) state the length of track roads to be constructed under the contracts and to table a list thereof under construction indicating their respective length, locality and electoral region?

B/94 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the purchase at a preferential price for some Rodriguan agricultural products by the Agricultural Marketing Board (AMB) as negotiated by the Regional Government, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the amount of agricultural products, in each case, sold to the Board, if any, since the implementation of the project to date?

B/95 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. D. L. Guillaume**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to sports infrastructure in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the number of football ground/s in the island and indicating the number of stadium/s and their respective location/s?

B/96 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, if any, and indicating their place of impoundment?

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the prevailing cases of cannabis (gandia) and other hard drugs in Rodrigues, he will:-

- (a) obtain, for the benefit of the House, information from the relevant authorities as to the number of cases thereof, in each case, reported in Rodrigues since 2012 to date and indicating the:
 - (i) number of cases where accused were sentenced to prison;
 - (ii) number of cases involving fine and the amount of money obtained for the same period; and
 - (iii) category by age involved; and
- (b) state the measures taken or to be taken, if any, by this Regional Government to stop its prevalence?

B/98

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 the installation of the four desalination plants in Rodrigues, he will

- (a) state the country of origin of all the spare parts purchased and to table a copy of their respective certificate of origin, if any;
- (b) table the amount of money paid for the spare parts for each plant and to whom payment was effected in each case, if any;
- (c) state the number of times breakdown occurred on each site, if any, and the reasons thereof; and
- (d) table the amount of electricity paid since the operation thereof to date or still due to be paid for each plant?

B/99

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 the installation of the four desalination plants in Rodrigues, he will state:

- (a) if the bids were prepared (excluding vetting and launching) by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly or the Central Procurement Board and where were they opened; and
- (b) the expected completion date of any remaining works thereat following the termination of the contract and if liquidated damages have been applied to date and, if so, the amount thereof?

B/100 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Rodriguan family welfare from 2012 to date, she will:

- (a) state briefly to the House about the degree of poverty prevailing in Rodrigues;
- (b) consider the possibility for causing a survey to be conducted as regards to the number of families who have gone abroad (including Mauritius) leaving their kids with relatives in Rodrigues; and
- (c) table the number of cases in relation thereto reported officially and informally to her Commission involving minors, teenagers and adults and to give the outcomes thereof?

B/101 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of the New Market Fair at Mont Lubin, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the estimated cost thereof together with the rationale behind same and indicating the expected benefits to the prospective vendors and the public at large?

B/102 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the new edition of the "Salon des Métiers et des Entreprises" held this year at the Mont Lubin College, she will, for the benefit of the House, state what has been the outcome thereof?

B/103 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment & Others:-

Whether, in regard to the recent visit of the Honourable Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the objectives and outcome thereof?

B/104 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 track roads/roads/minor works in villages around Rodrigues, he will state if:

- (a) the construction of track road/road from "croisée Le Chou via Jardin Mamzelle to Fond Baie Aux Huitres" will be done during this present financial year and, if so, when and the estimated cost thereof;
- (b) Mont Charlot village will be connected with track road and other infrastructural amenities to protect the inhabitants from flooding; and
- (c) the construction of track road/road from "Allée Tamarin to Mt Tonnerre" will be done during this present financial year and, if so, when and if not, why?

B/105 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to compensation paid to planters following cyclone Bansi in January 2015 in Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) table the list of planters registered therefor to date together with the list of damages reported and the compensation paid to each and when; and
- (b) state if any of them have not yet received their compensation and, if so, why?

B/106 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Arts and Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the development of arts and culture in Rodrigues, she will:

- (a) state and table the list of all artists who benefitted from the Artist Assistance Scheme and indicating their different categories and the sum allocated to each from 2012 to date;
- (b) inform the House as to where matters stand with regard to the inscription of the Segá Tambour as an intangible heritage with UNESCO; and
- (c) state and table the list of recordings/objects/photos that the "archives sonores" of Rodrigues collected to date indicating if same will be made available to the public and, if so, when?

B/107 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the development of sports in Rodrigues, he will state if the Camp Du Roi stadium and other sports infrastructure are accessible for sports for all and, if so, to give details thereof and if not, why?

B/108 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to bad weather allowance, he will state the:

- (a) number of official days of bad weather allowance payable to both in-lagoon and off-lagoon fishers for the different regions of Rodrigues for the months of March, April and May 2015; and
- (b) allowance paid to those fishers for the same period and indicating their respective region?

B/109 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, she will, following declarations made by the Honourable Minister of Finance during his last mission in Rodrigues as regards the optical fiber cable connecting Rodrigues to the world via mainland Mauritius, state, for the benefit of the House, the new time frame for the installation thereof?

B/110 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and others;

Whether, in regard to the octopus closed season for the year 2015, he can inform the House about difficulties encountered by his Commission, if any, to enforce the laws during the past closed seasons and the measures taken/envisaged to avoid recurrence of same, thus avoiding contraveners to benefit from loopholes, if any, in the Regulations?

B/111 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, he will state if the Rodrigues Regional Assembly has been requested to participate in researches effected to trace eventual debris of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH 370 and, if so, what has been done/scheduled so far?

B/112 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J. R. Ramdally**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the forthcoming "Jeux des Femmes de l'Océan Indien", she could enlighten the House about the scope and objectives of same, and where matters stand as regards preparatory works, if any, to host this game?

B/113 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J. R. Ramdally**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Web-cup competition held during the last school holidays, she could give details about the project and the outcomes and future developments thereof, if any?

B/114 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J. R. Ramdally**)

To ask the Commissioner for Youth and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the third edition of the Youth Parliament, she could give details about the changes that have been brought to the project and the outcomes thereof?

B/115 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J. R. Ramdally**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the reform of the agricultural sector in Rodrigues as announced in the Budget Speech 2015, he will state on the different projects that have been launched, or are about to be launched, if any, as at to date, together with their respective objective(s) and completion date?

B/116 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 construction of a new market on the reclaimed land at Mont Lubin in the vicinity of the filling station, he will state the permanent remedial measures that are being contemplated, if any, to address road traffic congestions thereat during peak hours?

B/117 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. D. Speville**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Rodriguan students pursuing tertiary education in all tertiary institutions in Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the:

- (a) number and names of all the students, faculty-wise per institution; and
- (b) total cost of registration fee, tuition fee, monthly stipends and other related fees, if any, that have been and will be incurred by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the academic year 2015-2016?

B/118 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. D. Speville**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the state lands, he will state if his Office will consider coming up with a more transparent set of procedures for the allocation thereof with a view to tackle the problems of arrears and debtors?



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

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the "Cadastre Agricole" for agricultural land in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand?



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