

APPENDIX

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of Tuesday 10 May 2016

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/33 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)
To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health & Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the “unité sports pour tous”, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the rationale behind same together with the objectives thereof and indicating the major achievements so far?

B/34 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)
To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, as regards the Limon D’Or compound at Maréchal, she will, for the benefit of the House, state if it has ceased its activities and, if so, the reasons therefor and indicating as to why it is presently closed down?

B/35 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)
To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, as regards local entrepreneurs in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state if any service contract has been awarded to Consultants at the level of her Commission to assist them in writing their business plans and, if so, to give details thereon together with the terms of the contract and amount paid to date, if any?

B/36 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment and Others:-

Whether, in regard to small man-made passes in the lagoon such as the one linking Pointe La Gueule to Pointe Rond up to Cocos, he will, for the benefit of the House, state on his policy for the maintenance and cleaning thereof with a view of ensuring smoother navigation especially at low tide?

B/37 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to assistance to cattle, goat and sheep breeders for the setting up of integrated farms, he will:

- (a) state how the selection of beneficiaries thereof was made;
- (b) table the list of beneficiaries thereof; and
- (c) state the difficulties, if any, encountered by the beneficiaries thereof together with the remedial measures taken?

B/38 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. C. Agathe**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Labour and Industrial Relations and Others:-

Whether, as regard the Employment Relief Programme (ERP), he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the number of beneficiaries under the Unemployment Hardship Relief and Social Aid who are now involved under the Employment Relief Programme, respectively, for each batch; and
- (b) the number thereof already converted into productive labour force contributing actively to the socio-economic development of Rodrigues and earning their livelihood independently?

B/39 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

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

Whether, in regard to public transport in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the measures taken or being taken by his Commission since 2015 to date, if any, to improve the service thereof and, if so, the expected or observed impact thereon?

B/40 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Pay Research Bureau (PRB) Report published in April 2016, he will state:

- (a) the outcome thereof for Rodrigues and the new implications, if any, for the public administration of the island; and
- (b) the measures taken, if any, for the effective implementation of the different recommendations thereof?

B/41 The Eighth Island Region Member (**Mr. A. Edouard**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Community Schools in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand in relation to the setting up thereof at Anse Quitor and Baie Malgache and indicating the cost estimates for the projects together with the number of new posts to be created as result thereof, if any?

B/42 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Roussety**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, as regards Invest Hotel Scheme projects or any other project involving long term rental or sale of built-up property in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, give information on each project under consideration including the name of the promoters, location and extent of land together with the status of the projects?

B/43 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to registration of planters and farmers carried out in 2015 and 2016 in Rodrigues by the Commission for Agriculture, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table on the:

- (a) number thereof registered per category per electoral region;
- (b) number of permits and/or leases issued to those concerned, if any; and
- (c) eligibility criteria to obtain a lease or permit as stated above?

B/44 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Cultural Exchange Assistance Scheme, she will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the groups or individual artists, if any, invited to perform abroad since its implementation to date and to table their names together with a copy of the invitation therefor;
- (b) the ceiling of financial assistance allocated to eligible applicants; and
- (c) the mode of selection thereof and indicating the eligibility criteria, if any?

B/45 The Minority Leader (**Mr. G. Jabeemissar**)

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

Whether, as regards to goods imported from Mauritius and abroad for sale in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the main reasons, if any, as to why there is a difference in the prices of those commodities sold in mainland Mauritius and Rodrigues; and
- (b) on the price control mechanism now in force for price fixing in Rodrigues?

B/46 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Officers on contract in the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will:

- (a) state if the Acting Island Chief Executive, presently in post, has been recruited on a contractual basis and, if so, indicating the starting and ending date of the contract period;
- (b) table a copy of all the contract/s signed between the Acting Island Chief Executive and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, if any; and
- (c) state and table the qualifications of the Acting Island Chief Executive together with the salary obtained since his assumption of the office thereto to date?

B/47 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the “*unité de transformation de limon*” at Graviers, she will state:

- (a) if this ambitious project has received the support of different funding agencies/government bodies and, if so, to give details thereof and to table same; and
- (b) where matters stand as at to date in relation thereto?

B/48 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

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

Whether, in regard to rehabilitation works at Pointe Canon, she will state:

- (a) if any agreement/Memorandum of Understanding has been reached between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and the “Vicariat Apostolique de Rodrigues” therefor and, if so, to give details thereof and to table a copy, if any; and
- (b) the amount of money earmarked therefor and indicating the item vote from where the sum will be allocated?

B/49 The Sixth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. L. R. Perrine**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Environment & Others:-

Whether, in regard to the “Dominique FARLA Centre” at Grande Montagne, he will state:

- (a) if same has been vested/allocated to any organization apart from the forestry department and, if so, to give reasons therefor; and
- (b) if the Forest Guard/s and /or Officers posted thereat have been transferred elsewhere and, if so, the reasons therefor and indicating the new location of the office ?

B/50 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) if there has been any case reported, from January 2016 to date, for loss of blood or other tests results made at the laboratory thereat or the central laboratory of Candos Hospital and, if so, the number thereof; and
- (b) the measures taken or being envisaged to remedy same, if any?

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

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

Whether, in regard to road traffic accidents in Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) obtain, for the benefit of the House, from the relevant authorities, information as to the number thereof officially reported since January 2015 to date and indicating the number of fatal ones, if any;
- (b) state the measures taken or envisaged by his Commission in collaboration with other partners, if any, to bring down the number thereof; and
- (c) state on its economic impact on the island?

B/52 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. J. Allan Ladd Emilien**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

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

- (a) the total area of land presently under cultivation therefor;
- (b) the facilities made available to the planters thereof and indicating the expected yield for the present season; and
- (c) if the whole harvest thereof will be purchased by the Rodrigues Trading and Marketing Company Ltd., or any other agency at an already agreed price?

B/53 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to pig breeding, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the measures taken, if any, to encourage the sale or export thereof in and/or from Rodrigues?

B/54 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr. F. A. Grandcourt**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to bean planters in the western part of the island, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the actual state of growth of beans in that area; and
- (b) the measures being taken by his Commission, if any, to compensate for any loss incurred by the planters due to drought conditions?

B/55 The Seventh Island Region Member (**Mr. J. S. Swee**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Fisheries and Others:-

Whether, in regard to lagoon and marine resources of Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the measures, if any, taken or being envisaged for the protection thereof?

B/56 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J. D. Speville**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to Ambulance Drivers posted at his Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the number of established posts for the year 2016-2017 and indicating the number thereof that have retired or will retire for the years 2015 to 2017;
- (b) the number of officers, if any, performing the duties of Ambulance Drivers at the Commission although not being promoted to such post; and
- (c) on his policy, if any, to maintain a stable ratio thereof in view of the increasing demand for transportation of patients by ambulance to and from the Hospital and Health Centres in the island?

B/57

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Nine Year Basic Continuous Schooling Programme more specifically the first batch taking part in the Primary School Achievement Certificate Examination in 2017 in Rodrigues, he will state:

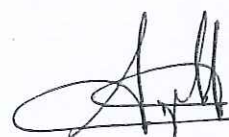
- (a) where matters stand with regards the Report of the Technical Committee concerning Rodrigues in relation thereto and to table same;
- (b) where matters stand as to the training of educators therefor and indicating the number thereof together with their respective course contents; and
- (c) on the mode of assessment of the Primary School Achievement Certificate Examination and indicating who will be assessing the pupils for the modular and written assessments, respectively?

B/58

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

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to Medical Doctors in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if there have been any offers for the recruitment thereof overseas and, if so, indicating the actions initiated, if any, by the Commission in relation thereto?



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A/1

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the placement/training of trainees of the Brevet Professionel Agricole (BPA) at the Lycee Agricole de St Joseph, Reunion island , he will:

- (a) table for each group-
 - (i) the list of trainees and the officers who accompanied them thereat;
 - (ii) the approval letter from the Prime Minister's Office with regard to the mission and the accompanying officers; and
 - (iii) the facilities in terms of stipend, board and lodging given to any person/s by the Regional Government accompanying the trainees thereat;
- (b) state if any incident occurred with one trainee on his arrival at the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport and, if so, to table a copy of the official incident sheet occurring thereat together with the explanation of the trainee concerned; and
- (c) table a copy of the mission report, if any?

A/2

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, with regards to the study tour in India for the year 2016 for people involved in agriculture in Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) state who will be financing the tour and indicating its objectives and expected output;
- (b) table a list of all participants and how the selection thereof has been made;
- (c) state if a Service to Mauritius (STM) intern is accompanying the participants instead of an Officer from the Commission of Agriculture and, if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) state if the approval of the Prime Minister's Office was sought and obtained and, if so, to table same and indicating the item vote from which such expenses will be met together with the estimated amount earmarked therefor?

A/3

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

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

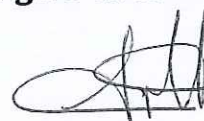
Whether, in regard to the construction of a Respite Care Center at Piton, he will state on the objective/s thereof and indicating the status of the work in progress together with the expected completion date thereof and to table a copy of the plan showing the front, rear and side view of the building?

A/4

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

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Community Development and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the construction of community centers in Rodrigues, she will state on the ongoing projects in relation thereto and indicating if her Commission is embarking on any new projects this year and, if so, to give details thereon?



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