APPENDIX

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of Tuesday 22 March 2016

Questions addressed to Commissioners

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, as regards the rental of a building or office space for the Commission for Education, he will:

- (a) state if the tenders were launched therefor by the Commission for Education in 2015;
- (b) give details as to how the Mutual Aid Building was chosen by the Commission for Education for the renting thereof and on which terms and conditions; and
- (c) table a copy of the rent agreement?
- B/2 The Eighth Island Region Member (Mr. A. Edouard)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Tourism & Others:-

Whether, in regard to the recent visit of the delegation of the Tourism Authority in Rodrigues from the 8th to 13th February 2016, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the outcome thereof?

B/3 The Eighth Island Region Member (Mr. A. Edouard)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the training of twenty-two trainees for the "Brevet Professionel Agricole (BPA)", he will, for the benefit of the House, state the objectives thereof and where matters stand in relation thereto? B/4 The Eighth Island Region Member (Mr. A. Edouard)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Arts & Culture:-

Whether, in regard to the commemoration of the "International Day of the Abolition of Slavery" for 2016, she will, for the benefit of the House, state the activities organised in relation thereto and the outcome thereof?

B/5 The Minority Leader (Mr. G. Jabeemissar)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Rodrigues economic development and its contribution to the national Gross Domestic Product (GDP) from 2012 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the relevant authorities and state and table on the:

- (a) percentage contribution of Rodrigues to the national GDP;
- (b) main economic sectors of the island contributing thereto; and
- (c) amount in terms of different taxes contributed annually by Rodrigues, if any?

B/6 The Minority Leader (Mr. G. Jabeemissar)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, as regards projects earmarked for year 2015 as announced in the Rodrigues Regional Assembly budget, he will:

- (a) state and table all capital projects which were due to be completed together with the amount disbursed by December 2015;
- (b) state if any re-allocation and/or application for additional funding was made and for what projects; and
- (c) state if, by December 2015, there were any outstanding or surplus funds and, if so, to give details thereof and to table same?

B/7 The Minority Leader (Mr. G. Jabeemissar)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Tourism and Others:-

Whether, in regard to tourism projects in Rodrigues, he will for the benefit of the House state if any structure has been built across Rivière Pistache and, if so, to state:

- (a) the name of the promoter concerned and indicating the scope of the project together with the security measures taken, if any, for the users thereof; and
- (b) when application therefor was made at his Commission together with the different steps followed until its implementation and to table the relevant documents?

B/8 The Minority Leader (Mr. G. Jabeemissar)

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

Whether, in regard to excavation of soil being carried out for road access at Anse Goeland towards Mt du Sable, between the desalination plant and the bus terminal, he will:

- (a) state and table the authorization or permit granted, if any, for same and indicating the date for the application thereof together with the permit delivered therefor; and
- (b) state the conditions attached to the permit, if any, and to table the site plan and lease of the applicant(s)?

B/9 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (Mr. J. C. Agathe) To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the purchase of animal feeds for livestock by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the period 2012 to date, he will:

- (a) table the amount purchased per livestock feed together with the name of the respective suppliers and the quoted price;
- (b) state if any irregularities had happened at the different livestock breeding centres in relation thereto and if so, to give details thereof; and
- (c) state the facilities extended or to be given, if any, to the respective supplier/s thereof in Rodrigues?

B/10 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (Mr. J. C. Agathe)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the approved provision for capital expenditure for the financial year ending 31st December 2015 by the Regional Assembly, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the amendments brought item wise, if any, to same and, if so, to table same together with the reasons therefor; and
- (b) if there has been any budget deficit or surplus and to indicate the quantum accordingly?
- B/11 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 water projects in Rodrigues from 2012 to date, he will:

- (a) table the amount of money allocated or to be allocated by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, the National Assembly and any Donor Agencies/countries in relation thereto;
- (b) state the projects already completed and undertaken together with their respective completion period; and
- (c) table the output of each project?
- B/12 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (Mr. J. C. Agathe)

 To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to family welfare in Rodrigues for the period 2012 to date, she will state:

- (a) the policy of this Regional Government, and actions undertaken, if any, by her Commission to alleviate the problems affecting the family welfare of the Rodriguan population; and
- (b) the number of youth admitted to the Rehabilitation Youth Centre in Mauritius and the shelter at Baladirou, respectively; and
- (c) the number of persons attending the family protection service and the main reasons therefor?

B/13 The Third Island Region Member (Mr. F. A. Grandcourt)

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

Whether, in regard to track roads/footpaths to be constructed around the island under the contract/s already awarded since 2015, he will:

- (a) state if there has been any change in the policy for the construction thereof; and
- (b) table a breakdown of the length thereof constructed per locality and electoral region following the issue of the works order to date?

B/14 The Sixth Island Region Member (Mr. J. L. R. Perrine)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Rodrigues, she will:

- (a) state on the outcome of those youths who benefitted from training at the ICT Centre for Excellence;
- (b) give a detailed breakdown of the expenditure incurred out of the Rs 14 million earmarked therefor in the 2015 budget; and
- (c) state as to when the bandwidth will be increased and, if so, by how much?

B/15 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 project "Programme de prestation transitoire" he will:

- (a) state on the outcome of the project;
- (b) table a detailed list of beneficiaries who have received grants/financial help in connection therewith and indicating in each case the scope of the project together with the sum granted; and
- (c) state if any incident has occurred during a meeting with the beneficiaries thereof in January 2016?

B/16 The Sixth Island Region Member (Mr. J. L. R. Perrine)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the development of the Port/Port Area in Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) state as to where matters stand as regards the marina at Pointe L'Herbe and to give details thereon; and
- (b) table a copy of the new updated master plan for the Port of Rodrigues, if any?
- B/17 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 1000 bassin ronds under the "rainwater harvesting project" he will:

- (a) state as to where matters stand in relation thereto;
- (b) table a detailed list of beneficiaries per electoral region/categories to date who benefitted from same; and
- (c) state if his Commission has received complaints, if any, from individuals who have not been considered under the actual criteria as proposed by the Rodrigues Council of Social Services (RCSS)?
- B/18 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/19 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (Mrs. M. J. Ravina)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the ship MV Trochetia, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the relevant authorities information as to if the ship encountered any problem during a voyage to Rodrigues for the year 2016 and, if so, to give details thereon?

B/20 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (Mrs. M. J. Ravina)

To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the frequent seismic activities occurred around Rodrigues since 2012 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) if the island is equipped with any seismometer and, if so, the number thereof in good running condition; and
- (b) the protocol adopted, if any, by his Commission in relation to earthquake in Rodrigues?
- B/21 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (Mrs. M. J. Ravina)

 To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

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

- (a) the damages caused as a relation thereto and table a copy thereof; and
- (b) the measures taken, if any, to prevent the disruption in the smooth running of the activities of the hospital?
- B/22 The Second Island Region Member (Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier)

 To ask the Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the nine-year schooling project in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand in relation to the implementation thereof?

B/23 The Second Island Region Member (Mrs. M.D.L.C. Meunier)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the celebration of the International Day for Women on 8th March 2016, she will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the different activities organized and the expenses incurred for each; and
- (b) the theme chosen for this year's celebration and indicating the major outcome thereof?

B/24 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 street lightings in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) if newly constructed roads and other roads are being provided therewith and, if so, the roads concerned;
- (b) the main reasons for placing of these lightings there; and
- (c) who is responsible for their maintenance and the time frame for the maintenance thereof, if any?
- B/25 The Fourth Island Region Member (Mr. D. L. Guillaume)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Commerce and Others:-

Whether, in regard to the export of cows, goats and sheep to Mauritius for the years 2014 and 2015, he will:

- (a) state the number thereof exported in each case; and
- (b) obtain, for the benefit of the House, information as to the number thereof exported by the Rodrigues Trading and Marketing Company Ltd. to the Mauritius Meat Authority for the same period, if any and indicating their prices after negotiation?
- B/26 The Ninth Island Region Member (Ms. M. D. S. Perrine)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the Technology Modernization Scheme, , she will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom together with the number of entrepreneurs who benefitted from same; and
- (b) the number of entrepreneurs awaiting for same?

B/27 The Ninth Island Region Member (Ms. M. D. S. Perrine)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to production in the agro processing sector, she will, for the benefit of the House, state the facilities put in place by her Commission to help the entrepreneurs and indicating the number thereof having the pre-market certificate to date?

B/28 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (Mr. J. D. Speville)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to La Ferme Area Health Centre, he will give a description of progress of the project for the extension thereof to date and state on the infrastructure and sanitary conditions prevailing at the ground floor thereat?

B/29 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 desalination plants in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand in relation to the new tenders launched to make them operational?

B/30 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 supply of electricity islandwise in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board information as to the causes of the recurrent cutoff thereof for the period January 2016 to date together with the measures being taken to reduce its frequency?

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 payment of fees for students taking part in the School Certificate (SC) and Higher School Certificate (HSC) examination, he will state:

- (a) the category of students who will be granted full subsidy; and
- (b) who, if any, will be granted part or no subsidy at all; and
- (c) the respective percentage of same for the different categories in each group, if any?
- B/32 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (Mr. J. R. Ramdally)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Health and Sports:-

Whether, in regard to the dental service in Rodrigues, he will state on the different changes, if any, brought thereat and indicating on the projects, if any, his Commission is contemplating in the short term together with its objectives, cost, starting and completion dates?

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Date: 18 March, 2016