

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral answer****Sitting of 4 July 2017****Questions addressed to Commissioners****B/27** The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, G.O.S.K**)*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -***Whether, in regard to the extension of the Plaine Corail Airport runway, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the: -**

- (a) final decision taken by the Central Government and/or the Rodrigues Executive Council, as far as the preferred option is concerned, giving the reasons therefor;
- (b) funds spent so far in geological surveys and soil sampling in regard thereto; and
- (c) timeframe and the funds earmarked for the implementation of same?

B/28 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, G.O.S.K**)*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -***Whether, in regard to the allocation of State Land for hotel development projects in Rodrigues, for the period 2016-2017, he will, for the benefit of the House: -**

- (a) state the number thereof that has been approved by the Rodrigues Executive Council, indicating each project respective location, areas concerned and the estimated funds to be invested as well as the promoters concerned;
- (b) give the track record/experience in the sector of the investors concerned; and
- (c) state the potential benefits for Rodrigues and its population?

B/29 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, G.O.S.K**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the live broadcasting of the proceedings of the Regional Assembly on radio and television and in the spirit of collaborative democracy prone by the Regional Government, he will state if he intends to present a motion to the House for the setting up of a Select Committee of the House to look into the matter and make such recommendations thereon as it deems fit?

B/30 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, G.O.S.K**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the disposal of wastes at the basalt stone quarry of Montagne Plate, Baie du Nord, he will state:

- (a) if the site thereof is a legal dumping site, and if so, since when;
- (b) if any hazardous waste including broken asbestos sheets have been recently disposed thereat; and
- (c) the measures his Commission has undertaken for the safe disposal of hazardous waste thereat?

B/31 The First Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the barbecue set granted to some small entrepreneurs by her Commission, she will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the number of beneficiaries thereof, indicating the cost price per set to the Commission and under which item vote same were bought, together with the eligibility criteria to obtain same and any other condition(s) attached thereto?

B/32 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Family Welfare and Others: -

Whether, in regard to domestic violence in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the number of cases reported to the family welfare and protection unit of her Commission, from 2015 to date, indicating the number of repeated complainants, if any, and, the case follow-up procedures set by her Commission in regard thereto?

B/33 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the different Area/Community Health Centres around Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the sanitary measures taken in regard to public health and the mechanism set for compliance with established hygienic guidelines/procedures thereat, indicating the number of cleaners in post in each of these establishments as well as detailing the supervisory staff involved therewith?

B/34 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to airport development in Rodrigues, he could state: -

- (a) if the Regional Government has initiated any study in order to determine the tourism carrying capacity of Rodrigues, while further considering the island's surface and the current amenities available locally; and
- (b) the government strategy in order to ensure that airport development is in line with the tourism development strategy, if any?

B/35 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Information Technology and Telecommunication and Others: -

Whether, in view of the promotion of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to generate productive employment in Rodrigues, she could, for the benefit of the House, state the: -

- (a) number of investors who are currently seeking to invest in the ICT Sector in Rodrigues, indicating the total number of direct jobs that will be generated thereby; and
- (b) actual total project cost to the Rodrigues Regional Assembly of the newly established call centre project at Camp du Roi, the surface area that the centre occupies in the DBM Building, and the number of employees?

B/36 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the grant to breeders who were affected by the Foot and Mouth disease, he will, for the benefit of the House state: -

- (a) the number of beneficiaries thereof per local region including the number of animals killed per beneficiary and amount of money obtained and to table a copy thereof;
- (b) the number of cases reported to his Commission still awaiting assistance from the Regional Government;
- (c) if the vaccination campaign is over; and
- (d) if the disease is under control and/or any case reported after vaccination?

B/37 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to alternative work pertaining to the octopus closed fishing season 2017, he will inform the House on the: -

- (a) number of fishermen concerned per electoral region and to table the list thereof; and
- (b) eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom?

B/38 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Information Technology and Telecommunications and Others: -

Whether, in regard to internet connection in Rodrigues, she will inform the House: -

- (a) about the connectivity speed thereof as at date; and
- (b) if the call centre inaugurated lastly at Camp du Roi is fully operational and, if not, to state the reasons therefor?

B/39 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the organisation of the fisheries department of his Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House: -

- (a) state and table the full organigram thereof, indicating the actual strength of same together with the different duties allocated per grade;
- (b) state the number of vacancies per grade, if any, and, in the affirmative, to indicate when same will be filled together with the dates of the last recruitment and/or promotion exercises in relation thereto;
- (c) if this department is fully equipped for the optimal performance of its officers, and if not, why not, indicating if needful will be done therefor?

B/40 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the employment of secondary school educators in Rodrigues, he will obtain information from the relevant authority and state to the House on the: -

- (a) number thereof recruited on a permanent basis per teaching subject from June 2016 to date;
- (b) eligibility criteria for selection thereas and detailing academic prerequisites;
- (c) modus operandi and frequency of recruitment exercises, indicating any measure/s taken to avoid conflict of interest;
- (d) criteria observed for assignment as Head of section in each secondary school and to table the list of all Heads of section together with the respective allowances drawn by each officer therefor?

B/41 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to patients sent to Mauritius for further treatment and who have passed away thereat, from August 2016 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state: -

- (a) the number thereof;
- (b) how corpses were repatriated to Rodrigues and if same were through government services or private funeral company;
- (c) the cost of each repatriation; and
- (d) the procurement procedure in regard to state repatriation through private funeral company?

B/42 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to drainage works being carried out in Port Mathurin, he will state if same is being done by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, if not, to obtain information from the relevant authority and inform the House on: -

- (a) who is the executing contractor and to table the costs and detailed plans thereof;
- (b) any complaint/s received from inhabitants as regards stagnant water increasing risks of proliferation of mosquitos and diseases;
- (c) precautionary measures put in place to ensure a safe and consistent traffic flow in places where work is being carried out; and
- (d) if there has been any damage to the water network and other amenities and what measures have been set to remedy same?

B/43 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to rehabilitation of drains, canals and rivers around Rodrigues for the prevention of floods, he will state: -

- (a) what measures his Commission has taken therefor indicating if any work is due to start soon in regard thereto and, in the affirmative, to state when and where;
- (b) if any contract has been awarded to any company in the past five years to do such work and, if so, to state the outcome thereof;
- (c) if his Commission has caused for any study/report on the situation thereof and, if so, to table same?

B/44 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the grade of Senior Coach in the Commission for Sports for the current calendar year to date, she will, for the benefit of the House state: -

- (a) if any vacancy therefor has been advertised and, in the affirmative, to indicate the opening and closing date thereof together with the eligibility/selecting criteria and the number of applicants to the post;
- (b) if the post is currently filled and, if so, since when and by whom?

B/45 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to livestock production in Rodrigues, he will state to the House: -

- (a) the current number of animals per category, sex and age in the Livestock Production Units of St. Gabriel, Baie Topaze and Crab Island, respectively, and to table same;
- (b) if there has been any study/report on the breeding program for these animals and, in the affirmative, to table a copy thereof?

B/46 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the Nine Year Schooling system in Rodrigues, he will state: -

- (a) the status of major changes introduced to migrate from the previous system;
- (b) the respective measures set for each level requiring national examinations both in primary and secondary;
- (c) the modalities for admission in secondary schools as from 2018;
- (d) the measures undertaken by his Commission to sensitize the population on the different pragmatic implications being brought thereby?

B/47 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Anse Raffin Dam, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the measures envisaged to secure the site thereof?

B/48 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to track roads and footpath projects in Electoral Region Number 2, he will, for the benefit of the House, state: -

- (a) if work is due to start and, if so, when, indicating the executing contractor(s) to whom the project(s) has(have) been allocated, if any, together with the respective intended completion date thereof;
- (b) the criteria for the provision thereof in the villages;
- (c) the length thereof to be constructed for this financial year; and
- (d) the total funds earmarked therefor?

B/49 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to agricultural schemes being run by his Commission, he will for the benefit of the House state the number thereof running from the period February to June 2017 and to table the criteria to benefit therefrom?

B/50 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Training and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the acquisition and/or purchase of tent/marquee by her Commission in the year 2016/2017, she will state: -

- (a) the procurement procedure used therefor and to table a copy of the letter of award for the supply thereof as well as the claim from the supplier; and
- (b) if any contention has arisen between the supplier and the Commission and, in the affirmative, to table any document from the supplier requesting payment including legal papers, if any?

B/51 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to Grand Var village, he will state if he has been informed of the absence of bus shelter in the vicinity of the community centre located thereat and, if so, to indicate if urgent remedial measures will be taken by his Commission?

B/52 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of new headquarters for the Rodrigues Red Cross Association at Mon Plaisir, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand as regards any state land lease granted therefor and indicating the extent thereof, if any?

B/53 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the project of setting up of an incubator at Anse Baleine, she will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof, indicating if:

- (a) state land lease has already been allocated for same; and
- (b) contract has already been awarded and, in the affirmative, to state the name of the successful bidder and the contract amount?

B/54 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Housing and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Slab Casting Scheme for the elderly in Rodrigues, he will state, for the benefit of the House, if having regard to the state of certain houses, consideration will urgently be given to same so as to ensure the safety of our elderly?

B/55 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner of Agriculture and Others:-

Whether, in regard to difficulties encountered by planters of Pavillon concerning water for irrigation, access facilities for mechanisation and stray animals, he will:

- (a) state if his attention has been drawn thereto and, if so, has he been on site in relation thereto and to enlighten the House about the outcomes, if any;
- (b) obtain information from the Commissioner of Police on the number of complaints filed by those planters at Petit Gabriel Police Station from January 2016 to date, and to state the nature of same; and
- (c) state measures contemplated, if any, by his Commission to help those planters?

B/56 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the production of surface and underground water in Rodrigues, he will provide the House with a brief description of the present situation and giving details on the: -

- (a) policy of the Regional Government with respect to same thereby stating the measures implemented or being contemplated, if any, in the short and long term;
- (b) average amount of rainfall per month and the average volume of water produced per day per month from January 2017 to date; and
- (c) expected results on water production in Rodrigues for the next few months?

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