

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 18 December 2018

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/117 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the recent detection of the fruit fly *Bactrocera Dorsalis* in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state when the presence thereof was first detected, indicating the measures that his Commission is taking or contemplates to take in order to eradicate same as well as the other species of fruit flies from the island?

B/118 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to coffee beans production in Rodrigues, he will inform the House of: -

- (a) the total funds earmarked for the setting up of a coffee processing unit, indicating its location as well as the successful bidder, if any;
- (b) any coffee plantation set up as at date, indicating its location, the area concerned and the number of plants which is about to bear fruits; and
- (c) the amount of coffee beans that is expected to be harvested in Rodrigues by the end of 2019?

B/119 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to nursing officers working in Rodrigues, he will state the number that has been recruited, on contract or otherwise from mainland Mauritius since January 2018 to date, indicating the:

- (a) funds earmarked for same, as well as the facilities, economic and otherwise, provided to them; and
- (b) reason for the lack of Rodriguan nursing officers, indicating the number of Rodriguan students that are being trained to fill the necessary posts in Rodrigues?

B/120 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, with regards to all education projects in Rodrigues, he will favour the House with a verbal report of the various projects undertaken during the period June 2017 to date and state:

- (a) the sums disbursed therefor and the intended completion dates thereof; and
- (b) if any delay has been encountered and, in the affirmative, to indicate any actions taken or being envisaged?

B/121 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the upgrading/construction of drains along roads and pathways in villages and *morcellements* across Rodrigues in view of the upcoming rainy season, he will state the measures envisaged by his Commission in respect thereto, indicating any collaboration with the:

- (a) National Development Unit for the improvement of the land drainage system island-wide; and
- (b) Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Committee?

B/122 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the implementation of the shift system or any other work rotational system for health officers working at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Area Health Centres of Rodrigues, he will enlighten the House on any: -

- (a) meeting held or being envisaged with the ministry of health therefor;
- (b) policy or suggestion from his Commission or other stakeholders in Rodrigues which has been or will be considered for the process;
- (c) intended date of implementation therefor, indicating if same is to be on a pilot basis or otherwise; and
- (d) survey carried or to be carried out amongst concerned parties to determine the need for change/replacement of current working system prevailing thereat?

B/123 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to sports in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state and explain the policies and activities of her Commission with regard to the promotion of football among young women; handball for both sexes; cycling; and swimming, for the different villages, giving details on any collaboration with the sports federations based in mainland Mauritius?

B/124 The First Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to Rod Clean Ltd, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information therefrom and state the detailed expenses incurred in connection with the recruitment of scavengers thereby in 2018, specifying the detailed expenses incurred by the interview panel constituted therefor per each day it sat in connection thereto?

B/125 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to roads in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the relevant authority, including the Commissioner of Police, to: -

- (a) give details on the number thereof gazetted as at date and, for each case in the negative, to give reasons as to why and when same will be gazetted;
- (b) state the number of speeding tickets issued from 2012 to date, specifying if fines were settled or convictions given and confirming the legality of the action of issuing same;
- (c) indicate measures undertaken by his Commission to regularise same; and
- (d) confirm if the status thereof has been notified to any enforcement authority regulating activities thereon and if so, to give details?

B/126 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to environment enforcement unit of his Commission, he will inform the House of the number of: -

- (a) Police Officers posted thereat, detailing their respective duties and specifying the number of contraventions issued by each Police Officer posted thereat since 2012 to date; and
- (b) vehicles allotted thereto, specifying:
 - (i) the Officer in control thereof;
 - (ii) the amount of petrol used per month per vehicle;
 - (iii) where same are based and/or kept at night?

B/127 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, as regards fishing in Rodrigues, from 2012 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state: -

- (a) if any strategic plan has been made by his Commission in regard thereto and, if so, to table a copy thereof;
- (b) how many Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) have been installed for the period, indicating the cost incurred therefor and specifying the total number thereof operational as at date; and
- (c) the policy of his Commission as regards the installation of new FADs?

B/128 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to an incident at La Ferme Area Health Centre on or about 8th November 2018 whereby two women were injured, he will inform the House of the circumstances thereof, indicating if any enquiry has been carried thereinto to situate responsibilities, specifying the outcome thereof and, if not, to give reasons therefor?

B/129 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to sports infrastructures in Rodrigues, she will for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) a detailed list thereof, for all sport disciplines and region-wise, indicating:
 - (i) their respective location and operational state, detailing the schedule of availability thereof;
 - (ii) the number of clubs making use thereof, in each case; and
 - (iii) the number officers attached thereto, per discipline;
- (b) where matters stand regarding infrastructures being required in relation to the 2019 Indian Ocean Island Games events to be held in the island?

B/130 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of SME Park at Anse Baleine and Baie Aux Huîtres, she will state where matters stand as at to date?

B/131 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Employment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to consolidation of the Employment Office in Rodrigues as announced in the Budget Speech 2018/2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand as to date and further give details on the online inscription for job-seekers and the provision of personalised services for better professional integration?

B/132 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the recruitment of *Agents de Santé Communautaire*, he will inform the House of when decision therefor was first made and approved by the relevant authority and under which item vote of the 2018/2019 Budget are allowances/stipends/salaries in connection therewith being charged?

B/133 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to illegal fishing in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the number of alleged/reported cases since January 2013 to date, indicating the number of offenders convicted and/or facing prosecution, respectively, if any, for the corresponding period?

B/134 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to HIV/AIDS, he will state the number of new cases thereof detected from 2012 to date, indicating the prevention, awareness and sensitization campaigns carried out by his Commission in relation thereto?

B/135 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner of Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to stray dogs in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the measures his Commission has taken or intends to take to address the problem?

B/136 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

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

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a technopark at Baladirou, as announced by the honourable Prime Minister on Saturday 17 November 2018, during his visit in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand?

B/137 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the 2018 World Championship Savate (French kickboxing) held in Bulgaria, she will state and table the name(s) of any participant from Rodrigues thereat, informing the House of all support, financial and/or otherwise, her Commission provided in relation thereto?

B/138 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the National Arts Fund, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the concerned ministry, or other relevant authority, and state the number of artists from Rodrigues who benefitted therefrom in the year 2018, providing details on the artist(s) concerned together with the total sum of money granted per project as at date?

B/139 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the participation of a delegation from Rodrigues at the Kreol Festival in Seychelles in October 2018, she will inform the House of the outcome thereof and state and table the:

- (a) detailed composition of the delegation, indicating the respective capacity of every delegate attending same; and
- (b) total sum disbursed therefor, specifying all monies paid for each participant, including per diem?

B/140 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the distribution of water for irrigation and the proposed connection of farm lands to *retenues collinaires* across Rodrigues, he will state:

- (a) the number of farmers concerned therewith indicating the;
 - (i) number of *retenues collinaires* identified therefor specifying the different region thereof;
 - (ii) total surface area of agricultural land that will be concerned in different areas.
- (b) the cost of establishment of the distribution network, indicating if any contract has been awarded therefor and, if so, to specify the name of the contractor(s) to which work has been allocated; and
- (c) if work has started therefor and the expected completion date(s)?

B/141 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others:-

Whether, in regard to State lands for agricultural purposes, from 2006 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, table a list of permits delivered, indicating their respective location and exact extent granted therefor?

B/142 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of a new runway at the Plaine Corail Airport, he will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at to date?

B/143 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others:-

Whether, in regard to infant mortality in Rodrigues for the year 2018, he will inform the House of:

- (a) the number thereof together with the respective cause of death for each case and stating if the infant was under any medical supervision and/or treatment;
- (b) any protocol set at the level of his Commission to fully investigate into the cause thereof whenever same occurs; and
- (c) any established mechanism for the follow-up of the bereaved family at the level of his Commission?

B/144 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others:-

Whether there is a pension scheme set up for fishermen at the level of his Commission and, in the affirmative, to:

- (a) state and table the terms and conditions thereof;
- (b) elaborate on the eligibility criteria therefor together with the procedure set to subscribe thereto and/or to obtain information thereon; and
- (c) state if contribution thereto can be terminated at any time and, if yes, to specify the attached conditions therefor and, in the negative, to give reasons why?

B/145 The Second Local Region Member of St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others:-

Whether, in regard to any grant/scheme for the casting/re-casting of slab at the level of his Commission, from January 2018 to date, he will inform the House of: -

- (a) the number of beneficiaries thereof, indicating the total amount disbursed per category as at date, and
- (b) any outstanding applications where potential beneficiaries are to awarded same before the 31st December 2018 and, in the affirmative, to give the date therefor together with the total amount to be disbursed per category?

B/146 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

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

Whether, in regard to the bad quality of “riz ration” on the market for the past three months, she will inform the House as to where matters stand as at date, indicating the control extent her Commission exercises over same and stating the measures taken or being envisaged to ensure that the people get value for money in relation thereto?

B/147 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Community Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of the community centres of Accacia, Terre Rouge and Petit Gabriel, he will state and table the total sum disbursed for each?

B/148 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the setting up of a committee to examine and recommend on the prohibition of the import of vehicles over 7 years old in Rodrigues, as announced in the Budget Speech 2018/2019, he will inform the House of where matters stand as at date?

Marie Lyndia Yannick LEGENTIL
Clerk, Regional Assembly

Date: 14 December, 2018

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A/4 The First Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the grant of fencing to planters/breeders in Rodrigues, from January 2017 to date, he will inform the House of the: -

- a) eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom and table the list of beneficiaries thereof, indicating the purpose and activities carried out by each beneficiary; and
- b) amount of money disbursed by his Commission therefor during this period?

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