

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 12 November 2019

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/164 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius and Rodrigues Submarine (MARS) Cable, she will, for the benefit of the House, state: -

- (a) the total cost of the installation thereof;
- (b) if the old copper cable formerly installed by the “Cable and Wireless” company, was removed during the laying thereof and, if so, to indicate the use same has been put; and
- (c) where matters stand as regards to the connection of the whole island of Rodrigues to fiber optic internet?

B/165 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to any collaboration between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and ministries in Mauritius as well as any other international stakeholder(s), from February 2017 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House: -

- (a) state the different missions effected in Rodrigues, indicating in each case, the ministry or stakeholder concerned, the respective dates and purpose thereof together with the outcome, if any; and
- (b) table the different missions effected by Commissioners to Mauritius and abroad indicating, in each case, the:
 - (i) outcome thereof;
 - (ii) total amount of money spent per mission including the per diem paid, respectively?

B/166 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to “La Maison des Pêcheurs’ at Pointe Monier, Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the functioning thereof, detailing thoroughly the: -

- (a) detailed organigram thereof, indicating the Officer in Charge;
- (b) activities and/or services being dispensed thereby, indicating if same is generating revenue;
- (c) list of equipment available thereat and their respective purposes; and
- (d) total support, financial or otherwise, provided by his Commission thereto, specifying if there were any conditions attached and providing the outcome or current status for each support provided?

B/167 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the operationalisation of the desalination plant at Anse Goeland, he will inform the House as to where matters stand as at to date?

B/168 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Zepth FELICITE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of a market at Grand La Fouche Corail, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the: -

- (a) successful bidder thereof, and the amount allocated therefor;
- (b) sum paid to date to the contractor, indicating the work progress thereof; and
- (c) expected completion date thereof?

B/169 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the recruitment of holistic teachers for the implementation of nine year-continuous schooling programme in Rodrigues, he will state and table: -

- (a) if the programme has already been implemented therein, and if so, since when;
- (b) the number of teachers already trained therefor by the Roman Catholic Education Authority (RCEA) and Government, respectively, as at date;
- (c) the number thereof already in posts in RCEA and government schools, respectively; and
- (d) on any recruitment process done therefor indicating the outcome in each case?

B/170 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Chief Commissioner's Relief fund, he will inform the House of the total amount of money credited thereto since January 2019 to date indicating: -

- (a) the respective sources therefor and intended use thereof; and
- (b) if any specific sector has been identified to benefit therefrom and, if so, to provide any set time frame for the implementation thereof?

B/171 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether she will state and table, for the benefit of the House, the list of all industrial projects implemented in Rodrigues from 2012 to date, indicating their respective operational status as at date and providing details on the number thereof for which her Commission approved any grant or other support in regard thereto?

B/172 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 construction of a community and health centre at Oyster Bay, he will inform the House on where matters stand as at date, specifying if there is any dispute or legal action initiated involving the contractor as regards the settlement of claims and, if so, to give details on the reasons therefor?

B/173 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the approved budget item 22900990 Major Tourism Events of the Commission for Tourism for financial year 2019/2020, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) the list of events held thereunder as at date together with the respective amount of money involved in each case; and
- (b) if there has been any re-allocation of funds in relation thereto specifying, in the affirmative, from which item vote same has been re-allocated and indicating the re-appropriated sum approved?

B/174 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether he will state to the House if he has been made aware of the recurrent drastic lack of medicines at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and other health centres in Rodrigues indicating: -

- (a) measures undertaken by his Commission in regard to patients who cannot afford to buy drugs from private pharmacies, if any; and
- (b) if his Commission is committed to maintain free health services in Rodrigues, giving details?

B/175 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction, refurbishment and operationalisation of Songes College, he will enlighten the House on where matters stand as at to date?

B/176 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the assessment of the first batch of Grade Nine students within the implemented nine year-continuous schooling programme in the year 2020 in Rodrigues, he will seek information from the relevant authorities to inform the House of the mode thereof and indicating the: -

- (a) minimum requirements to secure any certificate associated therewith; and
- (b) way forward therefrom for both successful and unsuccessful students, respectively, if any?

B/177 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others.

Whether, in regard to the construction of a sports playground at Dan Bégué, she will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at to date, indicating the cost thereof, the scope of works, the successful bidder, and the proposed date for the start of work together with the expected completion date?

B/178 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others.

Whether, in regard to the White Grub Protocol, he will enlighten the House about same, indicating its objective(s) and how same is to be implemented in Rodrigues?

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