

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 24 September 2019

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/133 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the stone crusher operating at Grand La Fouche Corail/Citadelle, he will state if his Regional Government has been informed of the inconvenience being caused thereby and health hazard this represents to the inhabitants of the surroundings thereof specifying if any study has been or will be made to determine the incidence of respiratory ailments among same and indicating if his government will consider the relocation thereof to a more appropriate site?

B/134 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

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

Whether she will state if the Regional Government has received any new request for permission to search for any hidden treasure around the island of Rodrigues, indicating the Government's policy on the matter, if any?

B/135 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the socio-economic study and the environmental impact assessment undertaken by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in connection with the airport development project, he will enlighten the House on if same has been completed and, in the affirmative, to state the major findings and recommendations of both, and, in the negative, to give details about the status as at to date of the two studies?

B/136 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to measures considered for the smooth distribution of water island-wise during the forthcoming dry season, he will state if any mitigation plan for pipe water leakage has been put in place at his Commission, giving details?

B/137 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to environment protection in Rodrigues, he will state and table on the number of projects that have been proposed or financed by the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), from 2017 to date, giving details and indicating the number thereof that has been completely implemented, their respective time-frame and the amount of funds used therefor?

B/138 The First Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether in regard to the repair of roads in Rodrigues, he will state, for the benefit of the House, where matter stands as at to date?

B/139 The First Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to water lorries supplying water to control the recent fire outbreaks at Roche Bon Dieu Dumping site, he will state the: -

- (a) number of lorries involved therefor per day, indicating the number of days this operation has taken place; and
- (b) amount of money to be paid per trip and the procurement method used therefor, if any?

B/140 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Zepth FELICITE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to Public Service Vehicle (Taxi) License in Rodrigues, from 2012 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the eligibility criteria to obtain same, indicating the number of: -

- (a) applications received together with the respective proposed operating area/region; and
- (b) licenses which have been approved and refused, respectively?

B/141 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Zepth FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the recent Indian Ocean Island Games events held in July 2019 in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) all hotels and/or other accommodating place where athletes and officials were put;
- (b) the eligibility criteria applied for the selection of institutions, if any; and
- (c) a breakdown of the sum paid to each accommodation facility including transport facilities?

B/142 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others: -

Whether, in regard to social aid or any other allowance payable to cancer patients, from January 2017 to date, he will state and table: -

- (a) the number of beneficiaries and the amount paid thereto for the period;
- (b) if there was discontinuance of payment in any case and, if so, to provide the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if any special consideration is given in these specific cases and if so, to give details thereon?

B/143 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to off-lagoon fishing in Rodrigues, he will state and table to the House on where matters stand concerning the use of the six outer lagoon fishing boats previously owned by ex-Rodrigues General Fishing Company Ltd, indicating: -

- (a) the current operator in each case and the yearly production per boat, from 2017 to date; and
- (b) if anyone thereof is currently not operational, and if so, to give details?

B/144 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the upgrading works at Batatran Government School, he will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at to date?

B/145 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the “Carnet Scolaire” project in primary schools, he will, for the benefit of the House, state: -

- (a) the objectives thereof;
- (b) what have been achieved up to now in the design and development thereof; and
- (c) the timeframe for the implementation thereof?

B/146 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of a pre-primary school at Jardin Mamzelle, he will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at to date?

B/147 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether she will enlighten the House with regards to the coming of Indian Ocean Islands Games torch in Rodrigues prior to the opening thereof in July 2019 and provide details on the preparation of the event itself in Rodrigues?

B/148 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether in regard to the Expedition Africa event recently held in Rodrigues, he will state, for the benefit of the House, on: -

- (a) when decision was made for the organisation thereof in Rodrigues and by whose authority;
- (b) the sum disbursed therefor by each participant and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, respectively;
- (c) any Memorandum of Understanding signed between the representative of Kinetic Events and Rodrigues Regional Assembly, to table same; and
- (d) any outcome thereof for the tourism sector in Rodrigues?

B/149 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/150 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/151 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the six outer lagoon fishing vessels that were previously managed by the ex-Rodrigues General Fishing Co. Ltd, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) measures taken by his Commission for the good running thereof indicating all support, financial or otherwise, provided therefor;
- (b) since when these vessels have been allocated to fishers for operation indicating their state as to date together with their respective average number of trips and catch per year; and
- (c) facilities given to the Cooperative *Polyvalente des Pêcheurs Espoirs du Sud* to operate the fishing boat *François Leguat* and to provide information on the sustainability of the project?

B/152 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Gelena Rehabilitation Loan Scheme set up at the Development Bank of Mauritius (DBM), he will obtain information from any relevant authority, including his Commission, to state and table, for the benefit of the House, the conditions and facilities associated therewith detailing the number of applications:

- (a) recommended therefor by his Commission, indicating the number of planters, breeders and fishermen concerned, respectively; and
- (b) approved by the DBM, specifying the areas concerned?

B/153 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/154 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner of Family Welfare and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the killing of a young mother of three underage children in August 2019 at Citron Donis, she will state to the House on all actions undertaken at the level of her Commission to ensure that her children as well as immediate relatives caring therefor get appropriate continuous support overall, including on any psychological and/or financial assistance plan established in relation thereto?

B/155 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 9 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/156 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether he will state and table to enlighten the House as regards the embellishment project along the Route de l'Autonomie, indicating: -

- (a) the types of trees being felled;
- (b) the types of plants being planted; and
- (c) the costs and duration thereof?

B/157 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether he will state and table to enlighten the House as regards the e-health project specifying:

- (a) the status thereof as at date giving details as regards the registration process, especially for vulnerable adults and children;
- (b) the total number of *Agents de Santé Communautaire* and other officers involved therein; and
- (c) the intended outcome thereof together with all costs associated therewith?

B/158 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the 9th Edition of the Expedition Africa recently hosted in Rodrigues, he will enlighten the House thereon, indicating the:

- (a) number of local and international participants thereof;
- (b) contribution of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly therein;
- (c) intended impact on the tourism sector in Rodrigues; and
- (d) revenue generated in Rodrigues therefrom?

B/159 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the re-opening of the swimming pool of Maréchal, she will inform the House where matters stand as at date indicating:

- (a) if all tests required have been performed successfully, specifying the state of the mechanical equipment;
- (b) when the pool will be re-opened to athletes and general public;
- (c) if there is still any delay on the commissioning; and
- (d) the sum paid to date to the contractor?

B/160 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Women affairs and Others: -

Whether, in regard to gender-based violence in Rodrigues, she will enlighten the House on the number of reported cases from January 2019 to date, indicating if same is on the rise together with the measures envisaged by her Commission to combat same?

B/161 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the *Jeux des Femmes de l'Océan Indien* that will be organised shortly, she will enlighten the House about the aims and objectives thereof, the costs implications therefor and any other matter pertaining to same?

B/162 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the international event Expedition Africa recently held in Rodrigues, he will enlighten the House about the outcomes thereof for the tourism sector and Rodrigues in general?

B/163 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?

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Date: 19 September 2019