

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral answer****Sitting of 25 June 2019****Questions addressed to Commissioners****B/68** The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

Whether, in regard to the public demonstration held by the Education Officers of Rodrigues Educational Development Company Limited (REDCO) on Friday the 7th June last, he will obtain information from the appropriate authority and state for the House the:

- (a) reason(s) therefor, indicating if he met the said officers to know their grievances/demands and, if so, when, as well as the outcome;
- (b) profitability status of REDCO as at date, showing how the annual statement of accounts of 2017/2018 compares with that of 2012; and
- (c) number of annual reports of REDCO laid at the Regional Assembly since 2012 to date, together with the respective indicative dates, and if not, to give reasons?

B/69 The Minority Leader (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

Whether, in regard to the Montagne Charlot road, he will state the extent of damage caused by the recent torrential rains that hit Rodrigues on the 31st of May and the 1st of June last, indicating:

- (a) the funds already disbursed for the road, to date;
- (b) the remedial measures he intends to take as well as the time frame;
- (c) if he will now reconsider the drains and landscaping required therefor under the supervision and /or guidance of a geologist; and
- (d) if his Commission has contemplated the possibility of compensating, financially or otherwise, the victims of Camp du Roi/Montagne Fanal due to the resulting water downpour and/or landslide?

B/70 The Minority Leader (Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the scholarships offered to Higher School Certificate students of Rodrigues, he will state::

- (a) the number actually available, giving details;
- (b) if any have been cancelled, giving reasons; and
- (c) if he is contemplating the possibility of increasing same, giving details?

B/71 The Fourth Island Region Member (Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the mechanisation of land for crop production purposes, he will state the: -

- (a) total land surface area rehabilitated since 2016 to date, specifying the mechanism applied;
- (b) locations and respective surface area recovered per year, indicating:
 - (i) the starting and completion dates of works;
 - (ii) the procurement exercise preferred, the successful bidder and the sum disbursed, in each case; and
- (c) scope of works and the different operations carried out on field?

B/72 The Fifth Island Region Member (Mr. Zepth FELICITE)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Tourism Enterprise Licence Unit, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the number of licences issued since 2012 to date indicating the different types of licences for Rodriguans and non-Rodriguans, including non-Mauritian citizens, respectively, if any; and
- (b) from when new measures for the allocation of tourism licences as announced in his budget speech 2019/2020 will be made applicable?

B/73 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Zepth FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Employment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the consolidation of the employment office as stated in the budget speech 2018-2019, he will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at date?

B/74 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Vocational Training and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the training program offered by Greenwich University (Pakistan – Mauritius) in collaboration with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, for the development of the Youth of Rodrigues starting from May 2019, she will state and table the:

- (a) number of candidates enlisted therefor;
- (b) participation/contribution of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in regard thereto; and
- (c) fees payment mechanism, if any, together with relevant certificates to be awarded?

B/75 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Child Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the shelter *Foyer Mère Marie Madeleine de la Croix* located at Baladirou, she will state and table:-

- (a) the conditions of admission thereto;
- (b) the number of children admitted thereto since 2012, indicating their ages; and
- (c) if all the persons working thereat have had the proper training therefor?

B/76 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the nine year continuous schooling, he will inform the House:-

- (a) if the pilot coaching/ mentoring project for the benefit of struggling secondary school students as mentioned in his budget speech 2018/2019 has already been implemented and, if so, to indicate the outcome thereof; and
- (b) on the measures taken or being envisaged by his Commission as regards students leaving college after Grade 9 without admission to the Mauritius Institute of Training and Development?

B/77 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Family Welfare and Others: -

Whether, in regard to new-born babies, she will inform the House of measures taken at the level of her Commission to ensure that all births in Rodrigues are duly registered in time, if any ?

B/78 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to desalinated water produced for household distribution around Rodrigues, he will confirm to the House that same conforms to set international requirements for domestic use, including human consumption, indicating any new measures established by his Commission for the control of the quality thereof?

B/79 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to water resources, he will state and table the list of all boreholes in Rodrigues, indicating the number in operation as at date together with the list of maintenance tasks and tests carried thereon and the respective frequency thereof?

B/80 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to residential settlements/morcellements in Rodrigues, he will state and table, for the benefit of the House, the criteria observed for a site to be considered thereas, together with a detailed list of all public utilities being made available thereat?

B/81 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 was any conditions attached and providing the outcome or current status for each support provided?

B/82 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of a gymnasium at Terre Rouge College in Rodrigues, he will state where matters stand as at date indicating:-

- (a) the successful bidder thereof and the amount allocated therefor;
- (b) if the time frame set up therefor is being respected; and
- (c) the sum paid to date to the contractor, specifying the project status?

B/83 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to Sports Animators in Rodrigues, from 2012 to date, she will state and table:-

- (a) the number thereof per discipline concerned;
- (b) their respective dates of recruitment, their qualifications, background experience and any financial benefits attached thereto; and
- (c) if her Commission has received any complaint as regards the payment of any entitled allowance thereto?

B/84 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 reported recent discovery of an ancient treasure, including gold items, in Rodrigues, she will obtain information from any relevant authority to inform the House thereon and to indicate any measures being envisaged by her Commission in relation thereto, tabling, in the affirmative, any conditions contemplated therefor?

B/85 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Housing and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the new social housing scheme, he will inform the House if there has been any case of abandoned premises reported to his Commission and, in the affirmative: -

- (a) to provide the reasons thereof; and
- (b) state if any beneficiary thereof is allowed to use the house for any other purpose than housing the beneficiary's family?

B/86 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Zepth FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the eco-village project at Rivière Coco, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matter stands as to date, indicating the number of streetlights to be installed in connection thereto and providing the:-

- (a) number thereof already installed together with the successful bidder and the amount disbursed therefor;
- (b) distance of alignment between the poles, as per contracted terms; and
- (c) the time frame for the completion of scheduled works?

B/87 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to high sea fishing courses delivered by his Commission for the financial year 2018/2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the:-

- (a) number thereof and the corresponding duration of same, if any;
- (b) number of fishermen targeted;
- (c) facilities offered to fishermen to complete such courses; and
- (d) costs implications thereof?

B/88 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Commissioner for Community Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the renovation of community and health centres around the island by his Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the:-

- (a) status of any tendering process therefor;
- (b) status of any renovation works undertaken for financial years 2017/2018 and 2018/2019; and
- (c) number and list of community and health centres targeted?

B/89 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to facilities provided through his Commission for the electrification of *morcellements*/settlements around the island by the Central Electricity Board (CEB), he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the:-

- (a) number of *morcellements* where needful has been done with the CEB for the installation of electric poles;
- (b) *morcellements* where poles have been installed; and
- (c) amounts disbursed therefor as at date?

B/90 The First Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Miss M.R. COLLET**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table on the status of infrastructural projects being implemented by his Commission around the island for financial year 2018/2019, indicating any delay occasioned in the commissioning thereof, more specifically with regards to track roads, renovation of water reservoirs and street lightings?

B/91 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the tourism promotional campaign in Reunion Island from 8th to 15th June 2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table:-

- (a) the composition of the delegation and the respective area and/or capacity of each member thereof;
- (b) all support, financial or otherwise, provided by his Commission and providing a detailed outcome of the campaign; and
- (c) the targeted government strategy in relation thereto?

B/92 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to an ongoing property development project being implemented at Anse-Aux-Anglais, he will, for the benefit of the House, indicate the name of the promoter and state if clearances have been granted as regards excavation works and felling of trees?

B/93 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to water resources available for distribution, he will give details about the actual situation and any forecast of demand established by his Commission in relation thereto?

B/94 The Second Local Region Member of Maréchal (**Mr. J.N. NEMOURS**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will, for the benefit of the House, state on the progress achieved to date on the proposed construction of a new runway at the Plaine Corail Airport?

B/95 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether, in regard to the volume of water available for distribution in our water storage infrastructures and/or the production per day in boreholes, he will inform the House about the status thereof following the recent heavy rainfalls?

B/96 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether he is aware of the difficulties faced by some inhabitants of Camp Paul living in the vicinity of the nearby reservoir in relation to run-off water and landslides following each and every heavy rainfall, and, in the affirmative, to state the measures, if any, his Commission is contemplating to remedy the situation?

B/97 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-

Whether in regard to the damages caused to the Mt Charlot – Soupirs road, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) the extent thereof together with the estimated cost of repairs, if any;
- (b) if any enquiry has been done to identify the causes thereof, and, in the affirmative, to give details in relation thereto;
- (c) who will bear the costs of any shortcoming in the design and/or repairs that are required therefor; and
- (d) when works are expected to begin and completed together with a tentative date as to when the road will be opened to the public?

B/98 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 preparatory works in relation to the forthcoming Indian Ocean Islands Games activities to be held in Rodrigues, she will inform the House on where matters stand as at date?

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Date: 20 June, 2019