

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 04 August 2020

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/58 The Minority Leader (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Community Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to grants by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in Rodrigues for the financial year 2019-2020, he will state and table the:-

- (a) NGOs concerned together with their respective percentage increase in funding allocated for the last three (3) financial years, if any; and
- (b) detailed list of the NGOs who have submitted their last annual report and audited accounts to his Commission indicating the date of submission thereof?

B/59 The Minority Leader (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to sports infrastructural projects in Rodrigues, she will, for the benefit of the House, state and table a list of all projects which are completed, ongoing and not yet started for the last two financial years?

B/60 The Minority Leader (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

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

Whether, in regard to the replacement of the Nelson Mandela bust at Mont Lubin, she will, for the benefit of the House, state and table on: -

- (a) any report or study by her Commission prior to the replacement thereof;
- (b) the amount of money incurred by her Commission for the purposes thereof?

B/61 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the severe dust problem experienced by the inhabitants of Citadelle/Grand La Fouche Corail and the surroundings, due to the activities of the stone crusher situated thereat, he will inform the House on where matters stand in regard thereto?

B/62 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the drainage system actually being set up in Port Mathurin, he will state to the House:

- (a) the total cost of the whole project, the funds that have been disbursed up to now, indicating if it will be extended to other areas of Rodrigues;
- (b) if tender procedures were strictly followed, giving the names of the different tenderers as well as the successful one;
- (c) if the network will be interconnected so as to allow for the waste water to be eventually treated; and
- (d) if the inhabitants concerned were consulted prior to excavation works being effected?

B/63 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Fond La Bonté dam, he will state: -

- (a) when it was last desilted and indicating if this process will be done soon;
- (b) its actual water retaining capacity, indicating if there is any plan for his Commission to increase this capacity together with the time frame;
- (c) the number of families connected thereto and the frequency with which they receive tap water therefrom indicating if this will be improved?

B/64 The Minority Leader (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to sanitary protocols put in place in school institutions in Rodrigues, applicable both before and after the school resumption of the 3rd August 2020, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) state the measures taken by his Commission for the implementation thereof; and
- (b) table a list of materials procured therefor by his Commission together with the respective specifications, if any?

B/65 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the management of Crab Island by the regional government, he will state and table: -

- (a) if the said island is a government owned property and if not, to provide details, including any material documents related thereto; and
- (b) the details of all projects currently running on the island together with the costs incurred monthly therefor specifying if there is any new project in the pipe line so far and, if yes to give details?

B/66 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the transformation of local products including lemon, sweet potato, cassava, dried octopus and honey by small entrepreneurs as well as cooperative associations and companies, she will state and table for the House on: -

- (a) the quality of processed products sent for the Mauritian market and abroad since 2017 to date, stating the quantity per category, date shipped and the country thereof;
- (b) if there has been any scientific report available for the above named products, including the quality and traceability thereof; and
- (c) if there has been any agreement signed for the marketing thereof and, if so, to provide a copy?

B/67 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the small and medium enterprise park of Oyster Bay, she will state and table: -

- (a) any feasibility study or report or concept document made thereon including the relevant site plans, costing and leases to be offered to entrepreneurs for the setting up thereof; and
- (b) if any tender document has already been launched therefor stating the relevant date(s)?

B/68 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the operation of the Cadastral Unit of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) the organigram thereof;
- (b) the number of officers from the Civil Establishment of Mauritius posted thereat from January 2012 to date, indicating their respective grades and duties; and
- (c) if any request for transfer to the Civil Establishment of Rodrigues was received in regard thereto, providing, in the affirmative, the outcome thereof in each case?

B/69 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the implementation of a techno park at Baladirou, she will, for the benefit of the House, state and table on: -

- (a) any feasibility study or concept plan or other report made therefor including the costing thereof; and
- (b) the expected modus operandi of the park indicating if any local organisation will be involved in the running thereof?

B/70 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to access roads, including track roads, in the electoral region of Grande Montagne, he will state and table, for the benefit of the House on where matters stand as at to date?

B/71 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to State land leases, he will inform the House on conditions and facilities being associated with the right of elevation on existing infrastructures thereon?

B/72 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 issue of farmer's card in 2016, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) the allocation process used therefor;
- (b) the number of cards issued per Local Region, indicating if all beneficiaries were full-time farmers;
- (c) any money obtained from beneficiaries in connection thereto and the outcome thereof;
- (d) all facilities attached thereto indicating if same concur with those being provided for in mainland Mauritius; and
- (e) on any application for the renewal thereof specifying if the cards have already been renewed and, if not, why?

B/73 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 allocation of land to farmers from Ste Marie Village, Plaine Corail, Cascade Jean Louis and any other relevant applicant, he will state and table, for the benefit of the House, on the site plan and surveys carried out therefor in La Boucherie/Plaine Corail?

B/74 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the use of glyphosate in the practice of agriculture in Rodrigues, he will state if he is aware of the health hazard it represents, indicating: -

- (a) the measures his Commission undertook or intends to take to protect the population; and
- (b) if he will arrange with any relevant authority to have a study carried out for the determination of its impact on the health of the Rodriguan population?

B/75 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the quarantine centres set up in Rodrigues in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, he will state and table, for the benefit of the House, the: -

- (a) list thereof indicating the total number of passengers transferred thereto and the total amount paid in each case for the:
 - (i) 21st and 22nd March 2020; and
 - (ii) month of June 2020;
- (b) transport facilities provided for the transfer of passengers;
- (c) list of the different amenities purchased and the amount paid for the Baladirou quarantine centre; and
- (d) caterers concerned and amount paid in each case?

B/76 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Slaughter House at Baie Diamant, she will state, for the benefit of the House, if it is now operational, indicating: -

- (a) the company selected therefor as well as its track record/experience in the sector, and the conditions attached thereto;
- (b) if an open tender exercise was launched therefor, tabling, in the affirmative, the list of tenderers as well as the tender document; and
- (c) how far will her Commission be involved in its operationalisation?

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to supply teachers in government schools in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table: -

- (a) the number thereof actually in post;
- (b) their employment conditions including the scheme of duty, if any;
- (c) the salary and/or any other allowance per month; and
- (d) if consideration will be given to the permanent employment thereof and, if so, when?

B/78 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Association des Ecole Maternelles de Rodrigues, he will obtain information therefrom or from any relevant authority to state, for the benefit of the House: -

- (a) if the association is duly registered with the Registrar of Association and the Early Childhood Care and Educational Authority and, if so, since when;
- (b) if all employees appointed thereby have been given a contract on such terms and conditions including remuneration in line with prescribed guidelines and scales; and
- (c) the composition of the board of directors thereof and when did they take office?

B/79 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, he will, in regard to the household biogas project co-financed by the Indian Ocean Commission and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, inform the House on where matters stand as at date indicating the: -

- (a) starting and completion date thereof and the successful bidder;
- (b) total number of bio digesters implemented under this project and the villages concerned; and
- (c) total cost of the project and the amount of money disbursed therefor as to date?

B/80 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Training and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the vocational training that students could opt for after Grade 9 for the next school year, as announced in the Nine Year Continuous Basic Education (NYCBE) project, she will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at to date?

B/81 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 protection of crop plantations from damages caused by stray animals in Rodrigues, he will state to the House the measures that are being taken or considered by his Commission to alleviate the burden of planters?

B/82 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the sexually transmitted infections in Rodrigues, he will state and table the most recent figures available therefor, indicating if any increase has been observed, and, in the affirmative, to state any measure that his Commission is taking to curb the propagation thereof among each age group that is being affected?

B/83 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether she is aware of the deplorable state of the Montagne Cabri Corail football playground and, if so, to indicate the measures her Commission proposes to take in regard thereto?

B/84 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of a small and medium enterprise park at Oyster Bay, she will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at date?

B/85 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the SME Welfare Fund announced in the budget speech 2019-2020, she will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at date?

B/86 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Tablet Loan Scheme mentioned in the budget speech 2020-2021, she can enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at to date.?

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Date: 30 July 2020