

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral answer****Sitting of 23 June 2020****Questions addressed to Commissioners****B/30 The Minority Leader (Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT)***To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

Whether, in regard to the setting up of an office of the Economic Development Board (EDB) in Rodrigues, as recently announced by the Minister of Finance, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from any relevant authority to:

- (a) state the objectives thereof; and
- (b) table any correspondence between his office and the EDB or any other office in Mauritius prior to the setting up of same?

B/31 The Minority Leader (Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT)*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

Whether, in regard to school calendars in Rodrigues for the academic year 2020/2021, he will inform the House on:

- (a) who prepared the school calendar previously proposed by the Executive Council; and
- (b) the measures being taken by his Commission for the implementation of the new school calendar submitted by the Ministry of Education in Rodrigues?

B/32 The Minority Leader (Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT)*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

Whether, in regard to the Air Mauritius flights between Mauritius and Rodrigues during the month of June 2020, he will state, for the benefit of the House, the: -

- (a) number of flights requested so far by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly including the number of passengers concerned; and
- (b) number of passengers still awaiting to be transferred to Rodrigues to date and the measures being taken by his office regarding the issue?

B/33 The Minority Leader (**Mr. F.A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner of Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the payment of bad weather allowance to fishermen in Rodrigues for the last three months to date, he will state and table, for the benefit of the House, the amount paid thereto per month per category indicating the number of days concerned?

B/34 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to Discovery Rodrigues Company Ltd, he will obtain information therefrom to inform the House if there has been any recruitment process for the post of Manager thereof cum/ or Tourism Office recently indicating: -

- (a) the number of applications obtained therefor and the name of the selected candidate;
- (b) the salary and any other benefits attached to the post; and
- (c) to table the detailed composition of the selection board?

B/35 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether in regard to the resettlement of inhabitants of Ste Marie in connection with the construction of a new runway at Plaine Corail Airport, he will state and table:

- (a) the name of any organisation(s) financing the project and the cost of each housing unit;
- (b) the number of families concerned indicating the surface area allotted to each family and exact location;
- (c) the contractor(s) undertaking the construction of houses therefor indicating the selection process therefor; and
- (d) if any of the sites allotted therefor was previously subject to any restriction for construction of residential dwelling?

B/36 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner responsible for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the resettlement of villagers of Ste Marie to La Boucherie/Plaine Corail, he will state and table: -

- (a) the list of registered farmers from all concerned locations together with their respective strength of livestock;
- (b) the area available in the vicinity for farming detailing on any study and/or recommendations regarding the impact of merging the two flocks; and
- (c) if his Commission conducted any meeting with farmers of both villages, indicating if yes, when and in the negative why?

B/37 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the maintenance of all tourism sites around Rodrigues, he will state and table:

- (a) if there is a team therefor and, in the affirmative, to detail the composition thereof indicating the date same was established and the tasks attributed thereto;
- (b) if the sites of Trou D 'Argent, Caverne Patate and Ile aux Cocos are fully equipped in terms of equipment and infrastructures for the safety of the visitors; and
- (c) the number of visitors per site from January 2017 to December 2019?

B/38 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the development projects in the water sector in Rodrigues, he will state and table on:

- (a) the total sum disbursed for water production from desalination plants, surface water and borehole from January 2014 to end 2019;
- (b) if there is any agreement signed with another stakeholder for the running of any desalination plant in Rodrigues;
- (c) the status of the desalination plant of Songes as at date indicating the daily production capacity, daily cost of operations highlighting the cost for rejection of brine in the lagoon, respectively; and
- (d) the status of the desalination plant of Anse Goeland/Baie Malgache as at date?

B/39 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the measures stated in Budget Speech 2020/2021 regarding the management of the five outer lagoon boats as well as “La Maison des Pêcheurs” by a public private partnership (PPP), he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the number of solicited and/or interested potential collaborators detailing on:

- (a) their respective background including relevant area of professional activity and experience thereof; and
- (b) if any Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and any other party specifying the dates and content thereof; and
- (c) the number of Rodriguan fishers that will be involved/recruited in connection therewith, if any?

B/40 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to all vehicles attached to the Health Department in Rodrigues and the manning thereof, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the:

- (a) complete list thereof, including rented vehicles, indicating the number thereof attached to the different area health centres, Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Plaine Corail Airport, respectively, together with their different scope of work;
- (b) number of ambulances which are currently broken down;
- (c) amount of money disbursed for rental of vehicles since 2017 to date; and
- (d) total amount of money paid for overtime for the operation thereof for the year 2019/2020?

B/41 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether he will, in regard to the acquisition of medical equipment from Mauritius or abroad in March/April 2020 in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, state and table, for the benefit of the House, the: -

- (a) total amount of money paid therefor;
- (b) detailed list thereof as transported to Rodrigues by the different trips of the *Dornier* and *MCGS Barracuda*, respectively; and
- (c) different types of medical equipment handed to the different stakeholders involved, including in the health sector, in the related disease prevention process?

B/42 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the passage of cyclones Gelena and Joaninha in 2019, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the number of greenhouses damaged and/or destroyed thereby together with their respective location, if any, and the sum disbursed to compensate these victims, if any?

B/43 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak around the world, she will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the relevant authorities to state and table on the: -

- (a) list of the most imported products in terms of basic necessities and raw materials from affected Asian countries, if any; and
- (b) measures her Commission has taken to avoid shortage of these products, if any?

B/44 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/45 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the import of motor vehicles in Rodrigues from January 2018 to date, he will state and table to the House on the number thereof for which the original registration date was above 7 years, detailing in each case:

- (a) the category and year of original registration;
- (b) if same was by an officer on tour of duty in Rodrigues, to indicate if the vehicle has been shipped back to Mauritius on the completion thereof and, if not, to give reasons therefor?

B/46 The First Island Region Member (**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 state:

- (a) where matter stands concerning its future connection to individual houses indicating the time frame;
- (b) how the funds earmarked in the 2020/2021 budget therefor will be spent, giving details, including the number of years for which this process will recur, if any; and
- (c) if it will ultimately become the property of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and, if not, why?

B/47 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/48 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/49 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of track roads at Quatre Vents, he will, for the benefit of the House, state on where matters stand as to date indicating:

- (a) if tenders therefor have already been launched therefor and, if so, to give details; and
- (b) the expected starting date thereof specifying the estimated length, the time frame and the total cost therefor?

B/50 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/51 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/52 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/53 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/54 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will, in regard to the Tourism Alternative Livelihood Scheme as announced in the Budget Speech 2020/2021, enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at to date?

B/55 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the organisation of a 'Marché solidaire' on a monthly basis in Rodrigues as announced in the Budget Speech 2020/2021, she will inform the House as to where matters stand as at to date, and to state the aims and objective, the target groups, the scope, cost implication and time frame of this project?

B/56 The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr. J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the reduction of the import of chicken in Rodrigues, she will inform the House if her Commission is contemplating any project in relation thereto, and, in the affirmative, to give details thereon?

B/57 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 acquisition of medical and protective equipment to be used and actions taken to fight against and/or to prevent the spreading of Covid-19 in Rodrigues, he will enlighten the House as to where matters stand, giving details about the equipment available and/or awaited and any action taken/to be taken as at to date together with relevant time frame if any?

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Date: 18 June 2020