

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral answer****Sitting of 11 May 2021****Questions addressed to Commissioners****B/28** The Minority Leader (**Mr F. A. GRANDCOURT**)*To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -***Whether, in regard to the new outbreak of the Foot-and-mouth Disease in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the: -**

- (a) number of animals infected to date per category, indicating the regions concerned; and
- (b) measures his Commission is taking to reduce the spread of the disease and to help the breeders concerned?

B/29 The Minority Leader (**Mr F. A. GRANDCOURT**)*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -***Whether, in regard to the ongoing flight restrictions between Mauritius and Rodrigues, he will state where matters stand concerning Rodriguans presently stuck in mainland Mauritius and detail the facilities made available to them, if any?****B/30** The Minority Leader (**Mr F. A. GRANDCOURT**)*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -***Whether, in regard to the Covid-19 vaccination in Rodrigues, he will inform the House of:**

- (a) the total number of doses received to date;
- (b) the percentage of the local population already vaccinated as at date; and
- (c) any new measures/protocols being implemented by his Commission to protect the Rodriguan population from the disease?

B/31 The Minority Leader (**Mr F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Environment and Others: -

Whether, in regard to Rodclean Company Ltd, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information therefrom on the current recruitment exercise thereby, to:

- (a) state the recruitment method preferred, indicating if the services of the Employment Information Centre of the Commission for Employment or any other employment office was sought therefor;
- (b) state the number of new recruits per category together with their respective applicable selection criteria; and
- (c) table the detailed composition of the interview panel set up therefor, indicating their respective grades, qualifications and experience?

B/32 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to ambulances, he will inform the House of the number thereof attached to Queen Elizabeth Hospital and to each area health centre around Rodrigues, respectively, indicating if same is sufficient for the proper provision of related services?

B/33 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to ambulances and other vehicles attached to Queen Elizabeth Hospital and the area health centres around Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the number thereof, indicating if all such vehicles are in proper running condition for the transport of all patients and, if yes, to give details and, if not, to state why?

B/34 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Vocational Training and Others: -

Whether, in regard to Grade 9 students undertaking the national examinations at the end of this academic year 2020/2021, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the protocol and measures put in place for the future channelling of unsuccessful candidates who will have to leave school?

B/35 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to water distribution in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) how far the execution thereof has been achieved once every week, tabling the list of localities benefiting therefrom; and
- (b) the measures that his Commission is taking in order to reduce the disparities between the different localities as far as the frequency thereof is concerned; giving details and the timeframe?

B/36 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Expedition Africa event held in Rodrigues in 2019, he will obtain information from any relevant authority, including Discovery Rodrigues Ltd., to state, for the benefit of the House, on if:

- (a) the financial agreement retained in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the two concerned parties has been fully observed, and if so, to give details on the different commitment thereof;
- (b) all promotional materials have been handed over to Discovery Rodrigues Ltd., and, if so, to table same; and
- (c) any promotional activities have been held whereby these promotional materials have been put in contribution?

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

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

Whether, in regard to illegal excavations around the coastal regions of Rodrigues, from 2017 to date, she will inform the House of the: -

- (a) number of cases detected or reported and to give details thereon;
- (b) outcome in each case including list of equipment seized per site; and
- (c) measures taken by her Commission to date to deter such acts and to secure the best interests of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly?

B/38 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 hidden treasure of St. François, she will inform the House on where matter stands as at date?

B/39 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Housing and Others and Others: -

Whether, in regard to social housing in Rodrigues, he will inform the House of the number of applications received to date at his Commission with respect to the different schemes in place, indicating the number of applications per scheme which were not successful together with the reasons therefor and specifying if any was due to lack of financing from banking institutions?

B/40 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether he will state and table, for the benefit of the House, if any survey has been carried out by his Commission to determine the number of hectares of land under crop cultivation from 2012 to date and indicating, in regard to agricultural permits from his Commission for the corresponding period: -

- (a) the number thereof delivered and renewed, respectively; and
- (b) the number of permit applications rejected, giving the reasons therefor?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the execution of infrastructural projects at the Commission for Agriculture from 2017 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the list thereof, indicating: -

- (a) the sums disbursed per project together with the respective successful bidder, the starting and intended completion dates thereof; and,
- (b) if any delay has been encountered in relation thereto and, in the affirmative, to indicate any actions taken or being envisaged therefor?

B/42 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the setting up of a lemon essential oil extraction unit at Graviers, she will inform the House on where matters stand as to date indicating: -

- (a) the total cost of the project including the different equipment purchased therefor and the running cost thereof;
- (b) if any feasibility study was done prior thereto and, if so, to table same; and,
- (c) if any organisation is or has been involved in the project?

B/43 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the market at Grand La Fouche Corail, he will inform the House on: -

- (a) the total funds allocated for the setting up thereof, indicating the starting and completion date as well as the successful bidder;
- (b) if the handing over thereof has been done and, if so, to state when;
- (c) if same is operational and in the negative, to give reasons therefor; and,
- (d) if any survey was carried out before implementation thereof to determine the need therefor?

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

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the irregular or unauthorised occupation of State lands for residential purposes in Rodrigues, he will state and table for the benefit of the House on: -

- (a) the number of cases surveyed since 2012 to date giving details thereon; and,
- (b) if occupiers/owners of “*lakaz cite*” to whom letters of intent had been issued by his Office in 2012 have been regularised as at date?

B/45 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to flight restrictions resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, he will arrange with the Central Government for at least 60 percent of the Rodriguan population to be vaccinated within the shortest timeframe and allow the permanent reopening of Plaine Corail Airport?

B/46 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the current Foot-and-mouth Disease outbreak in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) when and how it originated;
- (b) the measures being taken to prevent its propagation; and
- (c) the support being given to affected breeders?

B/47 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the St. Gabriel borehole, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the volume of water being pumped daily thereat, indicating:

- (a) the villages benefitting water therefrom; and
- (b) if regular tests are being effected in order to ensure that it is of good quality, indicating if proper treatment is due prior to its distribution?

B/48 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the renovation of the Community Health Centre at Rivière Coco, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the:

- (a) successful bidder and the total cost therefor; and
- (b) specific conditions of the contract including the time frame for the job completion??

B/49 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the current outbreak of Food-and-mouth Disease, he will enlighten the House on any measure that his Commission is contemplating/or have taken to support farmers from the designated red zones and whose animals are not affected thereby?

B/50 The Second Local Region Member of St Gabriel (**Mr J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the repatriation of Rodriguans stranded in mainland Mauritius following the resurgence of Covid-19 in the local community thereof, he will enlighten the House on the measures, if any, that his Office has taken for their safe return to Rodrigues as well as ensuring the protection of the local population?

B/51 The Second Local Region Member of St Gabriel (**Mr J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

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

- (a) the percentage completion of the works region-wise and the approximate completion date of the whole project; and
- (b) if his Commission intends to undertake any other similar project, and, if so, to provide a timeframe in relation thereto?

B/52 The Second Local Region Member of St Gabriel (**Mr J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the upgrade of the access road from Malartic to the St Gabriel livestock breeding centre, he will enlighten the House on the scope of works, the cost implications, the successful bidder and the project completion date?

B/53 The Second Local Region Member of St Gabriel (**Mr J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the resurgence of Foot-and-mouth Disease in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the measures taken by his Commission to:

- (a) identify the source of the infection;
- (b) limit its propagation as well as for the complete eradication thereof; and
- (c) mitigate the effect thereof on the breeders and all other stakeholders who are directly or indirectly affected by restrictions on the export to Mauritius of live animals and/or their by-products?

**M.L. Yannick LEGENTIL Miss
Clerk, Regional Assembly**

Date: 07 May 2021

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Requiring a Written answer

Sitting of Tuesday 11 May 2021

Questions addressed to Commissioners

A/1 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to patients going abroad for treatment, he will, for the benefit of the House, table all the different types of aids that his Commission provides thereto?

**M.L. Yannick LEGENTIL Miss
Clerk, Regional Assembly**

Date: 07 May 2021