

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 23 February 2021

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/1 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 the number of vaccines received to date and the target groups identified by his Commission therefor together with the set selection criteria for the purposes thereof?

B/2 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the employment contract of pre-primary school teachers in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand as at date, indicating if they all have signed the contract and, if so, since when?

B/3 The Minority Leader (**Mr F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to sports infrastructural projects earmarked in the approved 2020/2021 budget by her Commission, she will state and table a breakdown of all ongoing projects including the respective timeframe and percentage completion to date?

B/4 The Minority Leader (**Mr F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of a bridge next to the concrete apron (radier) of Baie Malgache, he will state to the House on the total costs of the project, who designed same; and, if the bridge is according to the norms and, if so, to give details?

B/5 The Minority Leader (**Mr F. A. GRANDCOURT**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the road drainage construction works at Port Mathurin to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table a list of outstanding works, if any?

B/6 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Community Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of Citron community centre, he will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at to date?

B/7 The Second Local Region Member of La Ferme (**Mr. J.N. VOLBERT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, he will state and table the list of all projects involving fisherwomen as from 2012 to date indicating, in each case, if any funding was provided by partner organisations, giving details, together with the outcome for each project?

B/8 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the creation of a digital marketing platform for the online sale of products announced in the Budget Speech 2020/2021, she will enlighten the House as to where matters stand as at to date?

B/9 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the execution of infrastructural projects in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table, if all projects were completed in time from March 2017 to date, indicating: -

- (a) the contractual date of commencement and of completion for each project;
- (b) the respective actual completion date thereof, specifying if extension of time was granted or delay damages claimed, giving details; and
- (c) how many projects were subject to challenge or litigation, indicating the status of the dispute as at date?

B/10 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Shipment of Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2017, he will state where matter stands concerning amendments which are to be brought thereto, indicating if these Regulations will be revoked in the meantime and if not, why?

B/11 The First Island Region Member (**Mr. L.J. VON-MALLY, GOSK**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the celebration of the Rodrigues Day, he will arrange with the Central Government to have the 12th of October declared a special public holiday for Rodrigues for the better commemoration thereof, giving details?

B/12 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. Z. FELICITE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the approved budget item 22900959 Incentive for Agricultural Crop Production for financial year 2020/2021, he will state and table for the benefit of the House on: -

- (a) the objectives of the incentive;
- (b) the eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom; and
- (c) the amount of money disbursed therefor as at to date?

B/13 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Commissioner for Industrial Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the sale of Ex. Pointe Venus Hotel to the Employees Welfare Fund (EWF), she will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand as at date indicating if:

- (a) the EWF was the only organization which expressed interest in the acquisition thereof;
- (b) any evaluation report from the Government Valuation Department has been obtained, and if yes, to state when, indicating the amount evaluated therefor;
- (c) any Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by concerned parties, giving details; and
- (d) any letter of intent for industrial lease has been submitted to EWF by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and, if so, to state when?

B/14 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/15 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr. J.R. AUGUSTIN**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the rental of computers for Government primary and secondary schools in Rodrigues, he will state, for the benefit of the House, where matter stands as to date indicating:

- (a) when bids were launched therefor, the closing date, the names of the different tenderers as well as the successful one;
- (b) if computers have already been installed in the different schools, giving details and the number thereof having benefitted therefrom up to date; and
- (c) the total cost of the whole project, the funds that have been disbursed therefor up to date and when same will be completed?

B/16 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/17 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/18 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/19 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

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/20 The Third Island Region Member (**Mrs. M.T. AGATHE, PMSM**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to crop production in Rodrigues, including maize and cassava, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the protocol put in place by his Commission to boost up same?

B/21 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr. J.L.R. PERRINE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to illegal excavations around the coastal regions of Rodrigues, from 2017 to date, he 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 his Commission to date to deter such acts and to secure the best interests of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly?

B/22 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/23 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/24 The Second Local Region Member of St Gabriel (**Mr J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the launching of the Safe Travel Certificate in Rodrigues, he will enlighten the House about the objective thereof, specifying the conditions surrounding the delivery thereof and providing details about any mechanism, if any, put in place to monitor compliance by tourism promoters?

B/25 The Second Local Region Member of St Gabriel (**Mr J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in the wake of changes brought to the school calendar year, he will inform the House of the challenges that his Commission is facing in relation to the pre-primary, primary and secondary education sectors, respectively, and on the measures undertaken or being considered to address same effectively?

B/26 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 enlighten the House on contracts, if any, that have been awarded, giving details on the successful bidder/s, if any, the costs implications thereof together with the time frame for completion of the project/s?

B/27 The Second Local Region Member of St Gabriel (**Mr J.R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Housing and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the newly proposed plan for the upgrade of 'Trust Fund' type houses and other related housing structures, he will inform the House as to where matters stand as at to date?

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Date: 18 February 2021