

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral answer****Sitting of 31 May 2022****Questions addressed to Commissioners****B/1** The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M.A.L. ALLAS**)*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

Whether, as regards the prosecution of cases before the Court of Rodrigues, he will obtain information and state for the benefit of the House on if:

- (a) there is a prosecution office or unit at the level of the Police Headquarters in Rodrigues, and if so, to state the composition thereof and who heads same, and
- (b) all cases are referred to the Director of Public Prosecution's Office before referral to Court and, if not, why not?

B/2 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M.A.L. ALLAS**)*To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -*

Whether he will inform the House on if his Commission has sought the procurement of any lemon processing equipment and, if so, to state where matters stand in relation thereto?

B/3 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the appointment of advisors for the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will state and table the: -

- (a) names, qualifications, date of appointment and salaries/fringe benefits of each of them;
- (b) commissions to which they are attached, and
- (c) different missions they undertook since their coming into office and the facilities they obtained accordingly?

B/4 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the social housing programmes implemented from March 2017 to February 2022, he will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) describe the respective operational mechanisms and eligibility criteria set per scheme;
- (b) state and table the number of beneficiaries per scheme, and
- (c) specify the number of beneficiaries who obtained their contributions through bank loans and the number of defaulters reported, if any?

B/5 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the different social housing programmes, he will inform the House about:

- (a) the number of housing units and grants for roof slabs awarded to eligible beneficiaries since March 2022 to date, if any, and
- (b) any change in policy since he assumed office in March 2022 and, in the affirmative, to give the reasons and details thereof?

B/6 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to prevalence of COVID-19 among the population of Rodrigues, he will enlighten the House about the present situation and give a detailed breakdown of the different cases per age group indicating the number of death attributed thereto, if any, and table a copy thereof?

B/7 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the COVID-19 protocol for visitors coming to Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) list the main measures thereof detailing as to how positive cases detected are dealt with;
- (b) inform the House if COVID-19 variants have been detected in Rodrigues and, if so, to give details as to how sampling is being done, on what frequency and where the sequencing is done?

B/8 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R. M. F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the prevalence of COVID-19 in school institutions including the pre-primary, primary and secondary sector, he will:

- (a) inform the House about the present situation, giving a breakdown of the number of cases registered as at to date among students and staff, respectively and to table a copy of same, and
- (b) state the trend in the total number of absentees per week since the resumption of the first extension of the third term for this school year?

B/9 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the export of live animals to Mauritius, he will indicate to the House the:

- (a) date the embargo was removed in this calendar year;
- (b) number of animals, per category, embarked per shipment as at date, and
- (c) procedures and conditions attached thereto?

B/10 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the scheme for the sale of meat at subsidized prices, he will:

- (a) state the objectives thereof and eligibility criteria to benefit therefrom;
- (b) table the list of beneficiaries thereof for December 2021 and April 2022, respectively, and
- (c) indicate if there is any delay in the payment to beneficiaries thereof and, if so, to give the reasons therefor?

B/11 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to works orders issued for the maintenance and construction of roads in Rodrigues, from July 2021 to date, he will:

- (a) state and table the list thereof together with the respective value, contractual start and completion dates in each case;
- (b) indicate the progress of work for each project and amount paid or committed therefor as at date, and
- (c) state if any thereof has been cancelled or halted and, if so, specify the reasons therefor?

B/12 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction of the community centres in the villages of Graviers and Grande Montagne, he will:

- (a) state when tenders were launched therefor;
- (b) table the names of all the bidders and their respective tender values;
- (c) state the names of the successful bidder/s, and
- (d) if the contract/s has/have been awarded and, if so, to indicate the starting date and the expected completion date of each project?

B/13 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the setting up of the Rodrigues Sport Company Ltd, he will inform the House of:

- (a) the objectives and scope thereof;
- (b) the composition of the board thereof together with allowances and other benefits to be paid thereto, and
- (c) if there has been any recruitment in relation thereto as at date?

B/14 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Tourism and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Discovery Rodrigues Ltd, he will obtain information to state and table, for the benefit of the House, the detailed composition of the board of directors thereof indicating, in each case, the:

- (a) qualifications held;
- (b) terms and conditions of appointment, and
- (c) monthly pay package and other benefits drawn?

B/15 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Tourism and Others: -

Whether he will inform the House on the forthcoming ‘Tournée Rodriguaise’ to be held in Mauritius and Reunion Island in June 2022, detailing on the composition of the proposed delegation thereto and indicating, in each case, the respective capacity of their attendance thereat?

B/16 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the shortage of Educators in Rodrigues Educational Development Company Ltd (REDCO) colleges, he will obtain information therefrom to state and table, for the benefit of the House, the respective colleges affected for at least two weeks this semester together with the corresponding subject and give the remedial actions being envisaged in relation thereto?

B/17 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to Educators not teaching in their qualifying fields and not recognised by the Private Secondary Education Authority (PSEA) in the Rodrigues Educational Development Company Ltd (REDCO) colleges, he will obtain information to state and table the:

- (a) number thereof per college, specifying their qualifications and the subject in which they are actually teaching, and
- (b) remedial actions initiated by his Commission in relation thereto?

B/18 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the grant of State land leases for industrial and commercial purposes, from March 2022 to date, he will:

- (a) indicate the number of letters of reservations, letters of intent and leases delivered;
- (b) table the list of beneficiaries mentioning the date of application and issuance thereof, and
- (c) indicate any change brought to procedures set for the grant thereof for the corresponding period?

B/19 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will inform the House on if there has been the establishment of new procedures for the grant of a licence/permit for the running of any economic activity and, if so, to table same?

B/20 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Rodrigues Educational Development Company Ltd (REDCO), he will obtain information to state and table, for the benefit of the House, the detailed composition of the board of directors thereof, indicating in each case the:

- (a) qualifications held;
- (b) the terms and conditions of appointment, and
- (c) monthly pay package and other benefits drawn?

B/21 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the capital and recurrent budget, he will state and table the amount spent/committed so far for the financial year 2021/2022?

B/22 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to Fisheries Department in Rodrigues, he will state on the:

- (a) number of fisheries posts thereof, indicating, in each case, the number of officers posted thereat, respectively, and highlighting patrolling facilities put at the disposal thereof;
- (b) mobile quads established thereat and specifying the number thereof, and
- (c) measures undertaken during the past five years to empower Fisheries Protection Officers?

B/23 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Family Welfare and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Family Farming Project, in the budget estimates 2021–2022, she will, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) give a brief description of the project;
- (b) state the specific objectives thereof;
- (c) provide an update on the status thereof, and
- (d) the amount spent so far under the respective item vote?

B/24 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the mission he headed to Mauritius from 17 to 23 April 2022, he will state, for the benefit of the House:

- (a) the purpose and outcome thereof;
- (b) the composition of the delegation, indicating in each case the capacity under which delegates attended, and
- (c) a breakdown of the total cost of the mission, including air tickets, per diem allowances and other benefits drawn?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the opening of a Cardiac Dedicated Unit in Rodrigues, he will inform the House on where matters stand in relation thereto?

B/26 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the recent acquisition of four new ambulances by his Commission, he will:

- (a) give details as to when the contract therefor was awarded indicating the contract value thereof, and
- (b) indicate if the commissioning of the vehicles has been effected and, in the negative, to give the reasons therefor?

B/27 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the maintenance of football grounds in Rodrigues, he will inform the House on if:

- (a) he has been made aware of the poor maintenance of several grounds and, if so, to give details, including any remedial action taken, and
- (b) any contract has been awarded therefor and, if so, to state, the name of the contractor, the contractual value, the validity period and the conditions attached thereto?

B/28 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA+) Climate-Smart Agriculture Project, headed by his Commission, he will, for the benefit of the House: -

- (a) give a brief description thereof;
- (b) state the specific objectives of the project, and
- (c) specify the scope of works and update on the status thereof?

B/29 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard, to the construction of the bus terminal at Rivière Coco, he will, for the benefit of the House, state: -

- (a) the cost of the project;
- (b) to whom the contract was awarded, and
- (c) the starting date and completion date of the project?

B/30 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr J. TOLBIZE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the earthmoving works at Baie du Nord, he will state the nature and objectives thereof?

B/31 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr J. TOLBIZE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the siltation of the lagoon, he will state what measures are being identified to ease navigation?

B/32 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr J. TOLBIZE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Coffee Processing Plant Project at Mon Plaisir, he will give details about the costs thereof and present state of matters?

B/33 The Second Island Region Member (**Mr J. TOLBIZE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the five fibre glass boats and the six outer lagoon fishing boats, he will state if any has been repossessed lately by his Commission and, if so, to provide the reasons therefor, together with the intended purpose(s) thereof?

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