

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 13 June 2023

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/61 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr J. TOLBIZE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the construction /upgrading of roads and track access roads, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table on the cost of 1 km of:

- (a) two track concrete access road with strips 600 mm wide and 1500 mm apart, centre to centre;
- (b) a 3m(10 ft) wide concrete track access road, and
- (c) a 3m (10 ft) wide asphalt track access road?

B/62 The Third Island Region Member (**Mr J. TOLBIZE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Fédération des Associations Coopératives des Eleveurs de Rodrigues (FACER), he will obtain information and state to the House on:

- (a) any grant allocated thereto by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and, if so, on what basis, and
- (b) the total amount due thereby to the L.F Ltd as at 01 October 2021 and up till date?

B/63 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the case of dengue fever diagnosed on a Rodriguan patient in Mauritius, he will obtain information and:

- (a) provide a chronology of events and whereabouts of the patients prior to diagnosis;
- (b) state if same was admitted in any health institutions in Rodrigues prior to his departure to Mauritius, and, if yes, the number of days, and
- (c) state the precautionary measures his Commission has taken for the detection and prevention of any propagation thereof, together with the protocol established therefor?

B/64 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to defective medical equipment in health institutions in Rodrigues, he will enlighten the House on the:

- (a) different equipment not in operation as at date and since when;
- (b) impacts thereof on the treatment being offered thereat, and
- (c) different measures taken by his Commission to remedy the situation?

B/65 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to substance abuse in Rodrigues, he will:

- (a) state if any report has been launched recently in regard thereto and the recommendation(s) thereof;
- (b) briefly outline the actions being taken by his Commission in connection therewith, and
- (c) state if there have been any official cases of death in relation thereto since May 2022 in Rodrigues?

B/66 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether he is aware that planters who have ordered seeds, including potato and garlic, at the Rodrigues Trade and Marketing Company Ltd have received only part of the quantity requested and, if so, to give the reasons therefor?

B/67 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the onion planters in the valley of Port-Sud-Est, he will inform the House on if he is aware of any difficulties being encountered thereby and, if so, to state the measures his Commission is contemplating to remedy the situation?

B/68 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the assignment of an external consultant by his Commission for the coordination of the 'Assise de la Pêche' held in 2022, he will inform the House on the:

- (a) scope of work thereof;
- (b) number of man-days planned therefor and the outcomes thereof, and
- (c) overall assignment cost, including the consultant's fee?

B/69 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others:

Whether, in regard to fuel and oil for vehicles/equipment attached to his Commission, for the financial year 2022-2023, he will state:

- (a) the budget earmarked therefor;
- (b) the total amount already disbursed therefor to service providers as of April 2023 and the amount still due as at date, if any, and
- (c) if there has been any disruption of service as a result of any shortage thereof?

B/70 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the 'Programme d'accompagnement à la professionnalisation de l'agriculture', whereby a subsidy of Rs 500,000 will be granted to 60 young farmers, he will state:

- (a) the expected dates for the first disbursements;
- (b) the criteria and mechanism established for the selection of beneficiaries;
- (c) the sum already disbursed therefor, and
- (d) table the names and addresses of the beneficiaries?

B/71 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Youth and Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to Indian Ocean Island Games 2023, he will, for the benefit of the House, state where matters stand regarding the preparation of Rodriguan participants thereat, indicating all facilities being provided by his Commission to those preselected therefor to secure their participation therein?

B/72 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Youth and Sports and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the national athletics championship held in mainland Mauritius on Saturday 20 May 2023, he will inform the House on if athletes from Rodrigues participated therein and, if not, to give reasons therefor?

B/73 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the monthly internet package allotted to Grade 13 and post-secondary students, he will inform the House on:

- (a) the number of students concerned per institution, together with the total monthly cost of the project, and
- (b) if all students concerned are actually benefitting therefrom?

B/74 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the 'Hot Meal Project' for schools, he will inform the House on:

- (a) the amount of funds disbursed therefor up to date, and
- (b) if all payments due have already been made to selected caterers as at date?

B/75 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Tourism and Others: -

Whether, in regard to his Commission's policy for the certification of Rodrigues as a green destination, he will:

- (a) state the compliance criteria required therefor;
- (b) indicate the position of Rodrigues for each compliance requirement as at date, and
- (c) highlight the measures being taken and to be taken by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly to avail Rodrigues thereof?

B/76 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the space available on the first floor of Port Mathurin Market, formerly used as a snack, he will state if same has been recently allotted for the running of entrepreneurial activity and, if so, to state:

- (a) the criteria and the mode of selection used therefor;
- (b) the terms and conditions attached thereto, and
- (c) if any renovation works have been undertaken thereat and, if so, by whom and the total cost thereof?

B/77 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to patients sent to Mauritius for further treatment since September 2022 to date, he will inform the House about the:

- (a) total number of patients per illness sent together with the total number of accompaniers;
- (b) number of patients and/or accompaniers accommodated at the selected hotel and/or at their parents' dwellings, and
- (c) difficulties faced by the accompaniers and/or the patients, if any, and, if so, to state the measures his Commission is envisaging to remedy the situation?

B/78 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to drugs in the drug stores of Queen Elisabeth Hospital, area health centres and other health centres in Rodrigues, he will state and table the list of medications which are currently not available or being rationed, giving the reasons therefor and the impact thereof on the services provided?

B/79 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 admission of patients in the health institutions in Rodrigues, he will state and table a breakdown of the:

- (a) bed capacity of each admitting institution, and
- (b) average occupation rate per institution since January 2023?

B/80 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to patients diagnosed with psychiatric ailments in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the:

- (a) number of new cases per classification thereof per sex diagnosed per year for the past five years;
- (b) number of patients per different age groups, and
- (c) number of patients being followed as at now?

B/81 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, state any recent actions and the progress of work as regard to the project located at Mt du Sable?

B/82 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 medical board and domiciliary visits to persons with disabilities, he will state the:

- (a) budget earmarked for the financial year 2022-2023;
- (b) respective fees paid to Board members/ Medical Practitioners per session/visit respectively, and
- (c) total amount already disbursed and amount still due therefor as of May 2023?

B/83 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 Contribution Sociale Generalisée (CSG) Disability Allowance, he will obtain information for the benefit of the House and state:

- (a) when same was introduced;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries in Rodrigues and the respective amount disbursed therefor to date, and
- (c) the eligibility criteria therefor?

B/84 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Family Welfare and Others: -

Whether the shelter for victims of domestic violence is actually operational and, if not, to give details thereon?

B/85 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Youth Mobility Program, as announced in the budget speech 2022/2023, he will inform the House on the status thereof?

B/86 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the National Training and Re-skilling Program (NTRS) held in collaboration with the Human Resource Development Council (HRDC) since 2022, he will obtain information to state and table to the House on the:

- (a) training programs agreed on and the respective number of trainees targeted;
- (b) training programs completed together with the number of beneficiaries, the mode of training and the cost breakdown, and
- (c) institutions /trainers /mentors involved in the various training programmes?

B/87 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

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

Whether, in regard to service providers for the celebration of Rodrigues Day 2022 and Independence day 2023, he will inform the House on if payment has been effected for both occasions and:

- (a) in the affirmative, to table the list of payments effected, and
- (b) in the negative, (i) to table the list of those concerned and the respective amount to be paid, and (ii) state when payment will be effected?

B/88 The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fire Services and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the training in the People's Republic of China awarded to staff of the Fire and Rescue Services Department by the competent body, he will obtain information for the House and state the:

- (a) criteria set for this training;
- (b) number of firefighters who applied therefor, and
- (c) number of applicants who were eligible therefor?

B/89 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to educational tour projects for secondary school students, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:

- (a) and table the list of schools having submitted their project/s for the year 2022 and 2023;
- (b) the criteria applied for the selection thereof, and
- (c) the mode of financing therefor?

B/90 The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the parcelling on State lands on the reclaimed land area at Baie aux Huîtres and Baie Lascars, following the recent decision of the Executive Council to resume undeveloped lots, he will state to the House on the number of lots resumed to date per site and the reasons therefor, and to table the list of any new beneficiaries?

B/91 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the relocation of the stone crushing plant situated at Grand La Fouche Corail, he will state to the House on where matters stand as at date?

B/92 The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huitres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the octopus' fishery closure held from February to March 2023, he will inform the House on the:

- (a) sum disbursed as fees to fishers, local and regional supervisors, respectively, and
- (b) main outcomes of the study conducted by the consultant hired to analyse data resulting therefrom?

B/93 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the embargo imposed on sale of live animals from Rodrigues, he will obtain information for the benefit of the House and state if consideration is being given to the lifting thereof?



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