

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 18 April 2023

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/31 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to coffee production in Rodrigues, he will inform the House on: -

- (a) the date of incorporation of the Rodrigues Coffee Company Ltd and its composition;
- (b) when the purchasing and marketing thereof will start in Rodrigues, and
- (c) if the characterization and the authentication thereof has been completed?

B/32 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Animal Feeds Scheme, he will inform the House on: -

- (a) the number of farmers having so far benefitted therefrom and if there will be a second phase;
- (b) the name of the supplier therefor together with the technical description and nutritional specification of the feed being distributed to farmers, and
- (c) if he is contemplating to extend the scheme to pig farmers?

B/33 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Balao Bay project at St Francois, he will inform the House on the:

- (a) date of submission thereof to the Rodrigues Regional Assembly and of its approval;
- (b) scope of the project, and
- (c) date of the issue of the letter of reservation and the issue of the lease, respectively?

B/34 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the State land granted on lease to Mr J.K.E. at Baie aux Huîtres (Venise land), he will inform the House on if any approval has been given for the transfer or renewal or issue of a new lease in relation thereto during the current financial year and, if so, to give details?

B/35 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Consumer Protection and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the continuous rise in the prices of commodities in Rodrigues for the past months, she will inform the House about the measures she envisages to take to help combat the high cost of living faced by the households?

B/36 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to investment in the water sector projects in Rodrigues by the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC) from funds contracted or to be contracted from the Mauritius Investment Corporation (MIC), he will:

- (a) give details as to the investment to be made;
- (b) state the financing structure of the project(s), and
- (c) state the commitment of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly thereon?

B/37 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, and
- (c) table the names and addresses of the beneficiaries?

B/38 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

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?

B/39 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/40 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether he is aware of the difficulties faced by the planters of Graviers, Source Tigomme and Anse Femi relating to water management and distribution thereat and, if so, to state the remedial measures he intends to take to relieve them?

B/41 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

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/42 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Labour and Others:

Whether, in regard to the foreign nationals working in Rodrigues since 2022 to date, he will obtain information to state and table on the:

- (a) total number thereof, indicating the respective industries and grades in which they are employed;
- (b) established procedures for the grant of appropriate permit/authorisations, and
- (c) structures set up by his Commission to ensure compliance with all existing labour laws?

B/43 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Social Security and Others: -

Whether, in regard to beneficiaries on the Social Register of Mauritius, he will obtain from the National Empowerment Foundation, information as to the total number of beneficiaries in Rodrigues since 2022 to date, indicating the number thereof:

- (a) having signed their social contract after recertification, stating the terms and conditions and those who are still awaiting for their allowances accordingly, and
- (b) whose social contract (i) are pending, giving reasons therefor, and (ii) have been cancelled?

B/44 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/45 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, giving the reasons therefor and the impact thereof on the services provided?

B/46 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/47 The Fourth Local Region Member for Maréchal (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

Whether, in regard to football in Rodrigues, he will inform the House on if any reform therefor is under way and state his policy about the promotion thereof in Rodrigues?

B/48 The Fourth Local Region Member for Maréchal (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

Whether, in regard to Olympic Montagne Goyaves Volleyball Club's participation in the African Volleyball Clubs Championship 2023 from 09 to 22 May 2023 in Tunisia, he will inform the House about the:

- (a) composition of the delegation and their respective roles, and
- (b) total participation cost and the contribution of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly therefor?

B/49 The Fourth Local Region Member for Maréchal (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Youth & 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 selected or preselected therefor?

B/50 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others:

Whether, in regard to net fishing since the past five years, he will state and table on:

- (a) the total number and list of fishers/associations/cooperatives possessing an appropriate license to operate in the lagoon of the island of Rodrigues;
- (b) if any licences have been cancelled and, if so, to give the reasons therefor, and
- (c) if any new applications were made and the outcome thereof?

B/51 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to safety measures at sea, he will inform the House on:

- (a) the number of contraventions issued to fishers at sea for non-wearing of lifejackets for the last 12 months, and
- (b) if any procurement exercise has been carried out for the purchase of lifejackets and, if so, when, and the outcomes thereof?

B/52 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to water distribution in the central and eastern sections of Rodrigues, he will state and table the frequency of distribution from the different reservoirs to the villages?

B/53 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to track road projects for the financial year 2022-2023, he will table the list region wise and state the amount of money:

- (a) already spent therefor, and
- (b) earmarked for outstanding projects yet to be implemented?

B/54 The Fourth Local Region Member for Maréchal (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

Whether, in regard to security services at sport complexes around Rodrigues, he will state to the House on if same are currently being provided and, if so, to give details thereon?

B/55 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Commissioner for Child Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the nurseries/kindergarten in Rodrigues, she will inform the House about the policy of her Commission in connection thereto?

B/56 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 centre at Baie Malgache, he will state the :

- (a) cost implication thereof;
- (b) contractual period of the project, and
- (c) progress of work as at date?

B/57 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 'Tournée d'Agences' mission held by his Commission and the Rodrigues Tourism Office from 27 February to 01 March 2023, he will inform the House about the outcome thereof, indicating the:

- (a) detailed composition of the delegation and their respective roles, and
- (b) expenditure incurred therefor?

B/58 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 mammography services at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will inform the House about the:

- (a) criteria setup by his Commission to benefit therefrom, and
- (b) number of patients having already benefitted therefrom and the number on the waiting list therefor, if any?

B/59 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the contract awarded by his Commission for land surveying around Rodrigues, he will inform the House on the:

- (a) terms of reference of the contract together with the contractual period and contract value, and
- (b) number of lots surveyed per region?

B/60 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to rainwater harvesting structures at Mt Goyaves and Baie Malgache, he will: -

- (a) state if the two structures are operational and, if not, why not;
- (b) give details on the sum disbursed by his Commission up to now therefor, and
- (c) state if there is any dispute in relation thereto and, if so, to give details?



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