

**RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Questions of which notice has been given**

**Requiring an Oral answer**

**Sitting of 04 June 2024**

**Questions addressed to Commissioners**

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

*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to ensuring continuous improvements in maternal health services in Rodrigues, he will provide the House with data or statistics on the current coverage and utilization of antenatal care services in hospital/area health centres across the island, indicating the way his commission is addressing any challenges or barriers pregnant women face in receiving quality and timely antenatal services thereat?**

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

*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether he will apprise the House of the great difficulties faced by the local importers/business community to access the container park for prompt delivery of goods at the arrival of the two ships MV Mauritius Trochetia and MV Peros Banhos from Mauritius and state the impact thereof on the population together with the remedial solutions he is envisaging therefor, if any?**

**B/35** The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the Airport Development Project, he will inform the House on:**

- (a) where matters stand as at date, and
- (b) the major remaining milestones together with the calendar of implementation thereof?

**B/36** The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the management of the Fisheries Protection Services, he will inform the House if the post of Officer in Charge and any other higher cadre are currently vacant and, in the affirmative, to state since when, the reasons therefor together with actions taken to fill in the post(s)?**

**B/37** The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the last recruitment exercise for the post of Departmental Head, he will obtain information from the relevant authority and state the:**

- (a) date of the advertisement, interview and appointment therefor;
- (b) number of vacancies for the grade, the total number of applicants, the selection criteria applicable and the number of eligible applicants, and
- (c) outcome of the exercise?

**B/38** The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the measures announced in the Budget Speech 2022-2023, he will state and table the list of the different measures implemented/completed together with their respective costs, the budget earmarked and the amount paid, indicating the amount reallocated and/unspent and the different item votes?**

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

*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to overtime allowance for Ambulance Drivers and Ambulance Attendants, he will state the:**

- (a) amount earmarked for the financial year 2023-2024;
- (b) total amount incurred therefor from June 2023 to April 2024 together with the amount paid and still due, and
- (c) reasons for the delay in the payment thereof, the expected payment date and the remedial measures taken to avoid the occurrence of same in the future?

**B/40** The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the Foot and Mouth Disease, he will state to the House the:**

- (a) reasons for the recent adoption of new bio-security measures in relation thereto;
- (b) status of the last vaccination campaign to curb the disease in Rodrigues;
- (c) current prevalence of the disease in the island, and
- (d) prospects for lifting the partial ban on the sale of animals from Rodrigues to Mauritius?

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

*To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the sale of meat at subsidized prices on the local market, he will:**

- (a) table the list of butchers who participated therein in March 2024, and
- (b) inform the House of any set timeframe for the payment of participating farmers following the sale of animals?

**B/42** 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 selected hotel for accommodation of patients sent to Mauritius for further treatment and/or accompaniers, he will enlighten the House on:**

- (a) the actual trend of monthly expenditure since January 2024, and
- (b) any outstanding claim due as at date?

**B/43** The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the water crisis prevailing in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table:**

- (a) the average weekly production from desalination, surface and underground sources, respectively, since January 2024 to date;
- (b) a brief description of the production trend of these sources for the specified period, and
- (c) details as to any factor which has hindered/is hindering the maximum exploitation thereof?

**B/44** The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)  
*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the recruitment exercise recently carried out by Rodclean Ltd, he will obtain information for the benefit of the House, and state:**

- (a) on the recruitment procedures;
- (b) the number of recruits initially approved by the Executive Council and the actual number recruited;
- (c) if a certificate of character was a requirement and, if in the negative, why not, and
- (d) table a copy of the terms and conditions of the contract of employment?

**B/45** The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)  
*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the recruitment of Educators in secondary schools in Rodrigues for the current academic year, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information from the relevant authority and state the:**

- (a) number of vacancies per college in Rodrigues, if any, indicating the respective subjects to be taught;
- (b) number of Educators who have taken long leaves per college, and
- (c) recruitment method applied therefor, giving details?

**B/46** 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 recurring disruption in the supply of certain imported commodities widely consumed by Rodriguan households since January 2024 to date, she will state the:**

- (a) list of concerned products together with the related causes, and
- (b) remedial short-term, medium-term and long-term measures to be taken to remedy the situation?

**B/47** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the management of Baladirou Youth Residential and Training Centre, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:**

- (a) how same is managed;
- (b) the procedures for access and use thereof, and
- (c) if there has been any reported case of damage to the building and, in the affirmative, to give the estimated cost incurred therefor?

**B/48** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the participation of the Rising Sport Club in the MFA Cup in mainland Mauritius in April 2024, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the facilities/assistance provided by his commission in relation thereto, indicating the:**

- (a) composition of the delegation;
- (b) facilities provided to the delegation, and
- (c) outcome of the completion?

**B/49** 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 assistance provided to patients undergoing private treatment in Mauritius, he will inform the House on the:**

- (a) budget item vote therefor;
- (b) selection criteria for beneficiaries thereof;
- (c) mode of application to benefit from the scheme, and
- (d) number of persons that have benefitted therefrom since its inception, stating the nature of the different diseases/medical conditions concerned?

**B/50** The Fourth Local Region Member for Marechal (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the management of Dengue in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the detailed expenses incurred in connection thereto since August 2023 up to date?**

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

*To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the implementation of the Agricultural Grant Scheme, he will state the:**

- (a) budget item vote therefor;
- (b) opening and closing dates for applying therefor;
- (c) eligibility criteria thereof;
- (d) number of applications received and of subsequent successful candidates, and
- (e) authority responsible for the management thereof including the monitoring and evaluation stages?

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

*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the request made by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly for the service of the Dornier for Rodrigues for any purpose, including for the transfer of patients, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the:**

- (a) procedures to be followed therefor;
- (b) number of times that such requests were made per month thereby since 2022 indicating if any thereof were refused and, if yes, the reason therefor?

**B/53** 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 increasing number of people diagnosed with leptospirosis in mainland Mauritius, he will inform the House on if his commission is taking preventive measures in relation thereto and, in the affirmative, to give details thereof?**

**B/54** The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huitres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the training programmes in the People's Republic of China in June and July 2024, he will inform the House on:**

- (a) when was correspondence therefor received at his office, indicating if same was circulated to all the commissions/departments of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly;
- (b) the number of applications received and the selection criteria therefor, and
- (c) to state and table, the names of the selected officers, together with their respective grades and the training courses they will be undertaking?

**B/55** The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to gynecological services provided in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the monthly number of:**

- (a) caesareans sections performed indicating the number thereof made after normal working hours, and
- (c) infant mortality from January to May 2024, together with the causes thereof?

**B/56** The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Family Welfare and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to Item Vote 31112815 announced in the 2023-2024 Budget Speech, she will, for the benefit of the House, give a breakdown of all projects carried out in connection thereto?**

**B/57** The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the physiotherapy department of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will state:**

- (a) if it is properly staffed, giving details thereof;
- (b) who is actually heading same, indicating if treatment to patients is being given according to prescribed standards and practice?

**B/58** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the repatriation of corpses from Mauritius, from January 2023 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the:**

- (a) service provider(s) and the cost per repatriation, and
- (b) procedures and/or conditions required therefor?

**B/59** The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to street lighting lanterns, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:**

- (a) the number thereof connected to the Central Electricity Board (CEB) grid in Rodrigues indicating how many are out of service and to table a breakdown of same per village;
- (b) the monthly amount paid by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly therefor, and
- (c) if there is any outstanding amount due thereto as at date?

**B/60** The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether drainage works have been proposed by the National Development Unit at Accacia and, if so, will he state:**

- (a) a brief description of the project as sent to his commission for approval;
- (b) the different sites to be covered by the drainage system within the project, and
- (c) if his commission has recommended not to go ahead with the project and, if so, how and when he intends to alleviate the problems of flooding faced by the villagers during heavy rainfalls?

**B/61** 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 Rodrigues Committee for the Elderly, he will, for the benefit of the House, state:**

- (a) the current composition thereof, indicating in each case the date of appointment for the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Members together with their respective capacity;
- (b) the fees/allowances payable thereto and other benefits drawn, and
- (c) table a list of fees/allowances payable to different members thereof to date?

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

**Date: 31 May 2024**

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**A/1** The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the mission he undertook in mainland Mauritius from 12 to 16 May 2024, he will, for the benefit of the House, give a brief outcome thereof?**

**A/2** The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the envisaged changes to the project of relocation of the stone crushing plant at Grand La Fouche Corail, he will inform the House as to where matters stand as at date?**

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

**Date: 31 May 2024**