

**RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Questions of which notice has been given**

**Requiring an Oral answer**

**Sitting of 05 November 2024**

**Questions addressed to Commissioners**

**B/119** The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

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

**Whether he will inform the House on if his Commission is involved in fishing activities by Fong Chang II on the Hawkins and Voyekov Banks, which began on 20 October 2014, and (a) state and table the procedures, conditions and required clearances for the fishing vessel's operations, as well as the relevant institutions involved; (b) table the clearances obtained for the specific activities, and (c) state and table the criteria for the selection of local fishers together with the conditions attached thereto?**

**B/120** 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 controlled commodities in Rodrigues, she will state to the House if there have been any (a) changes in the mechanism/modus operandi used to determine the related prices and, if so, to give details thereon, including the outcome thereof, and (b) products removed from the list and, if so, to give the reasons?**

**B/121** The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the involvement of Advisors of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly in overt political activities, he will state if (a) there are any guidelines governing same and in line with the Public Service Code of Ethics, and (b) they are permitted to engage in such activities as public campaigning and delivering speeches on political platforms?**

**B/122** The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether there has been the resignation of an Advisor recently and, if in the affirmative, to provide details thereof?**

**B/123** The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr H. AGATHE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the sharing of information by dive clubs on the presence of the Crown of Thorns Star (COTS) Fish on the forereef of Rodrigues in September 2024, he will state to the House the (a) reasons why the removal operation scheduled for 21 September was cancelled; (b) current situation regarding the presence of COTS; (c) action plan to avoid an explosion of the COTS' population, and (d) cost implications for such an action plan?**

**B/124** The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

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

**Whether, in regard to 'Akademi Kreol de Rodrigues' (AKRD), he will, for the benefit of the House, state (a) and table the composition of the different committee/s thereunder indicating their position and allowance disbursed therefor, if any, and (b) the measures and projects undertaken since March 2022 to date?**

**B/125** 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 project for the acquisition of a new Computed Tomography Scanner (CT scan) as announced in Budget Speech 2024-2025, he will inform the House as to where matters stand?**

**B/126** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the upgrading of football ground at Grande Montagne, he will state (a) the scope of work; (b) the amount earmarked for the whole project, and (c) since when the football ground is not in use?**

**B/127** The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huitres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the organisation of concerts in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state if there is a new policy for the organisation thereof and, if so, to provide the relevant details?**

**B/128** The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Information Technology and Telecommunications and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to bandwidth available on the Mauritius and Rodrigues Submarine (MARS) cable in Rodrigues, he will state the (a) policy of the Regional Government therefor; (b) actual capacity and usage of bandwidth by the different categories of users and the costs, if any, and (c) status of the payments of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly therefor and the average monthly cost for the usage by the respective Commissions?**

**B/129** The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the rehabilitation, control and removal of invasive trees in the sylvo pastoral area of Montagne Cali, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the (a) scope of work involved; (b) expected cost of the project and the source of funding, and (c) methods used for the selection of the service providers?**

**B/130** The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to cases of fire victims since March 2022 to date, he will state the (a) number thereof; (b) number of housing units destroyed and requested or recommended for assistance for the construction of a new house or repairs of existing house at the level of his Commission, and (c) amount disbursed in relation thereto and the number of families whose housing unit have not been completed as at date?**

**B/131** The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr H. AGATHE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the grant of Registered Fisherman Cards, he will state to the House (a) the number of new beneficiaries per Fish Landing Station for 2023 and 2024, respectively, and (b) if there has been any change in the criteria used therefor and, if so, to state the reasons thereof?**

**B/132** The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Labour and Industrial Relations and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the recent works for the drilling of a borehole at Araucaria, he will state if (a) all related safety laws/guidelines were adhered to; (b) any complaint was received relating to potential health and safety issues and, if so, to give details thereof, and (c) officers of his Commission attended same on site and, if so, to state the recommendations/observations made and, if not, to give reasons therefor?**

**B/133** The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the bad state of the concrete road named after late centenarian Marie Andore at Petit Gabriel, he will, for the benefit of the House state (a) if there has been any complaint received at his Commission therefor and, if yes, to state since when; (b) if his Commission has carried out any survey in regard thereto and, if yes, to table the report thereof, and (c) the measures his Commission intends to take therefor indicating the time frame?**

**B/134** The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the issues faced by road users along the road from Fond La Bonté to Baie aux Huîtres during major events held at the playground, he will state the measures his Commission intends to implement to enhance road safety in the area?**

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

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**A/7** The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr H. AGATHE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to octopus fishery in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House (a) state if there has been any change of policy introduced following studies conducted by external experts on the status thereof, and (b) table the figures of daily catch of octopus for the first 15 days following the opening of the fishery after the closed seasons, for the period from 2014 to 2024, along with data on the annual catch for the same period?**

**A/8** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the work being carried on the renaming of villages in Rodrigues, he will state (a) the scope of work; (b) the cost implication thereof; (c) who is the successful bidder for the execution thereof, and (d) when the work is due to be completed?**

**A/9** 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 most recent cohort of Health Care Assistant recruited by the Rodrigues Regional Assembly, he will inform the House on the (a) number of officers recruited together with the date they joined the service, and (b) the various training sessions, if any, they have received to date and, if not, the reasons for the lack thereof??**

**A/10** The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Prisons and Reforms Institutions and Others: -*

**Whether, in regard to the recent recruitment of Prisons Officers, he will inform the House on (a) if there is a defined training period prior to their substantive appointment thereof; (b) the training modules they are required to complete, as well as those that have already been completed, and (c) when they will proceed to Mauritius to complete their training?**

**A/11** The Second Local Region Member of Baie Aux Huitres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Breast Cancer Care Mauritius and the Commission for Health, he will inform the House on (a) the terms and conditions thereof, and (b) if any activity/project has been undertaken in line with the MOU?**

**A/12** 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 who have been ordered a stress test since January 2024, he will state, for the benefit of the House, the (a) total number thereof; (b) number of tests performed locally together with the number of patients referred to mainland Mauritius, stating the reasons therefor, and (c) number of patients awaiting therefor as at to date, indicating the maximum waiting time therefor?**

**A/13** The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr H. AGATHE**)

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

**Whether, in regard to the recent embargo on meat imports in Rodrigues, he will inform the House on when the ban is expected to be lifted or eased?**

**A/14** The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

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

**Whether, in regard to Point-Of-Care (POC) Hematology and/or Biochemistry Analysers for biomedical tests and analyses in dispensaries, Health Centres and/or Area Health Centres around Rodrigues procured by his Commission since January 2023, he will state:**

- (a) about the number of each type of device procured together with their total cost;
- (b) on the average weekly number of each type of test or analysis effected per centre/dispensary, and
- (c) on the procurement method adopted therefor and the name of the supplier?

**A/15** The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to fire outbreaks at Roche Bon Dieu dumping site since January 2024, he will state and table (a) the number of lorries involved in the transport of soil or water; (b) the number of trips completed by each lorry, and (c) their corresponding cost?**



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

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -*

**Whether, in regard to the teaching of ‘Kreol Rodrige’ in secondary schools in Rodrigues, he will inform the House on where matters stand?**

**M.L. Yannick LEGENTIL Ms.  
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