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RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 18 February 2025

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/1 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the current shortage of animal feed in Rodrigues, he will state (a) the actions his Commission proposes to take to alleviate the difficulties faced by local breeders, and (b) if his Commission will provide financial support to the *Fédération des Agriculteurs et Eleveurs de Rodrigues* (FACER) to step in as a wholesaler in the supply chain?

B/2 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Summer Octopus Fishing Closed Season, he will inform the House of the (a) number of octopus fishers engaged in alternative work, along with their respective work sites, and (b) policy of his Commission regarding this sector and the way forward?

B/3 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Co-operatives and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the reorganisation of the cooperative sector in Rodrigues, he will (a) make a statement thereon, and (b) outline the actions he is considering to enhance the managerial capabilities of Rodriguan cooperative enterprises?

B/4 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the Chairman and the board of the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC), he will state if they have infringed the policy decisions of his Commission as approved by the Executive Council and, if yes, to inform the House of (a) the nature of such infringement/s, and (b) the measures he intends to take?

B/5 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the helicopter-borne geophysical survey carried out in 2024, he will, for the benefit of the House, state (a) the objective thereof; (b) the total cost incurred and the source of funding; (c) if any report has been submitted to date and, if so, to table a copy thereof, and (d) when the final report is expected to be submitted to the Rodrigues Regional Assembly?

B/6 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to drilling of new boreholes in Rodrigues at sites initially identified and approved by the Executive Council during the year 2024/2025, he will state the list thereof, indicating (a) if any changes were made thereto after approval by the Executive Council and, if so, the reasons therefor; (b) the number drilled to date, including their locations and the expected production yields therefrom, respectively, and (c) if any preliminary assessments of potential environmental risks have been conducted, and if so, to table a copy of the findings and the total costs involved?

B/7 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, with regard to the measures announced in the Budget Speech 2022/2023, he will state and table the (a) list of measures implemented or completed, along with their respective costs; (b) budget allocated for each measure and the amounts disbursed, and (c) amounts reallocated or unspent, specifying the corresponding item votes?

B/8 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether he will seek information to inform the House on the established procedures in the public sector concerning the assignment to higher positions or promotions, including details of the authorities involved, indicating (a) recourse available to public officers with grievances related to such exercises, specifying the responsible institutions, and (b) relevant details and outcomes of any cases where public officers have sought recourse since 2022, if any?

B/9 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the situation of drug trafficking and drug use in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information and state (a) the reported number of cases thereof per year from 2021 to 2024, and for the period January 2025 to date, indicating the age group and sex of the individuals concerned; and (b) the measures being implemented by the relevant authorities to prevent and control drug trafficking and drug use in Rodrigues?

B/10 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the United World Wrestling (UWW) Training Camp for Women Wrestling, held in the Republic of India in January 2025, he will inform the House if any participant from Rodrigues attended same and, if not, why not?

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

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the school feeding project in primary and pre-primary schools, he will table the (a) list of caterers eligible to supply meals and the criteria applied in the selection process therefor; (b) list of caterers currently supplying meals to each school, indicating the number of students served and the corresponding cost implications, and (c) details of any complaints received concerning the quality of meals provided?

B/12 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the rock quarry site at Mt Plate, he will inform the House on (a) any changes in the status thereof since December 2023; (b) the number of authorisations issued by the Commission since December 2023 for waste disposal, specifying each type thereof, and (c) the facilities currently in place to better control and monitor the disposal of inert waste thereat?

B/13 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to fire outbreaks at the Roche Bon Dieu dumping site, he will state and table, for the benefit of the House (a) if any health impact assessment has been conducted on neighbouring villagers and, if so, to state the recommendations thereof, and (b) of the measures taken following each outbreak?

B/14 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Commissioner for Consumer Protection and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the shortages/disruptions in the supply of several essential commodities affecting consumers in Rodrigues from, October 2024 to date, she will (a) inform the House as to the commodities concerned and the reasons for their shortfall or non-availability, and (b) state the measures, if any, taken or being considered to address the situation and prevent its recurrence?

B/15 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the fishermen cards, he will inform the House of the criteria for eligibility and state and table the number of (a) registered fishers possessing a fisherman card in December 2022, 2023, and 2024 respectively, and (b) applications received since March 2022 to date, indicating the number thereof issued, pending and rejected, if any, stating the reasons therefor?

B/16 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the challenges faced by the population in burying their relatives within their localities, he will state the measures his Commission intends to take, including if it plans to construct any new cemeteries, and if so, to state, for the benefit of the House (a) the site/s identified therefor; (b) when works are expected to start; (c) the cost implications thereof, and (d) the number of tombs anticipated at any prospective site(s)?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to sale of animals or animal products between Rodrigues and Mauritius, he will state to the House (a) if the restrictive measures implemented in the wake of the last Foot and Mouth epidemic are still in force and, if so, the reasons thereof; (b) why only one purchaser in Mauritius is still authorised to purchase animals, and (c) if any evaluation has been conducted on the impact of these restrictive measures on the farming sector in Rodrigues?

B/18 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the *Coupe des Clubs Champion de l'Océan Indien* (CCCOI), to be held in Mauritius from 22 February 2025 to 01 March 2025, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the (a) amount budgeted and facilities provided to the members of the delegation, and (b) list of persons in the delegation, along with their respective responsibilities?

B/19 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the funds contracted or to be contracted from the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd (MIC) by the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation (RPUC), he will seek information and state, for the benefit of the House, the (a) amount already disbursed, including the names of all completed and ongoing projects and their respective costs; (b) conditions in the agreement, including the repayment time frame, annual repayment amount, and applicable interest rate, and (c) expected timeline for the disbursement of the remaining funds, along with details of the remaining projects, their expected start dates, and associated costs?

B/20 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 Rodrigues Commission for Conciliation and Mediation, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table the (a) composition of the previous and current Board and their respective privileges; (b) number of cases reported thereat since March 2022 to date and the findings thereof, and (c) number of applications received since September 2024 to date and, to state whether hearings have already started, and if so when, or if not, why not?

B/21 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 follow-up of patients transferred to Mauritius for further treatment, he will state (a) the number of Social Workers assigned to this task, along with their principal duties, and (b) if the high number of patients is being handled fairly, and if not, to state the measures his Commission is considering to address the issue?

B/22 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres
(**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the School Certificate (SC) results 2024, he will provide a breakdown by college, of students obtaining 2, 3, and 5+ credits in the recent SC exams and state (a) and table the number of students per college, admitted to Grade 12; (b) the number of students with 2 and 3 credits could not secure a seat, if any, and (c) any new measures taken in line with the new government policy to facilitate access to Grade 12 and support students unable to promote?

B/23 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Education and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the ‘Assises de l’Education’ proposed by the Ministry of Education for April 2025 to prepare a roadmap for the education system, he will inform the House if his Commission has already submitted proposals for Rodrigues, and if so, to outline the details, if not, to inform the House of the approach he intends to adopt to finalise the proposals for Rodrigues?

B/24 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the forthcoming Indian Ocean Youth and Sport Commission (CJSOI) Games, he will state and table a list of (a) the number of sporting disciplines included in the games, and (b) the number of athletes from Rodrigues already pre-selected, giving details of their respective disciplines?

B/25 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne
(Mr L. D. BAPTISTE)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to pre-primary schools in Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state the total number of students enrolled throughout the island for the year 2025, indicating (a) if all the respective schools are adequately staffed with qualified teachers and, if not, to give the reasons thereof, and (b) the measures taken or to be taken in order to remedy the issue of overcrowded classes/schools as the case may be?

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 dialysis service provided to patients at Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH), he will inform the House if there were any disruptions during January 2025 and, if so, to state the reasons and the measures implemented by his Commission to prevent a recurrence?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Family Welfare and Others: -

Whether, in regard to sexual assault on minors and attempts upon chastity, she will obtain information for the benefit of the House to (a) state and table the reported number of such cases from 2022 up to date, respectively, and (b) outline the measures taken by her Commission to address and prevent such cases?

B/28 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Rodrigues Sports Company Ltd mandate, he will, for the benefit of the House, state and table (a) the amount of money invested in the company; (b) the status of all projects being implemented thereby; (c) the current number of staff and staffing positions, and (d) a copy of the annual report for last financial year?

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

Date: 14 February 2025

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A/1 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Fisheries and Others: -

Whether, regarding the rental of buildings by his Commission, he will provide information to the House on the procurement procedures initiated since March 2022, including the purpose, location, and outcome of each case, and table a list of all buildings currently rented, specifying their locations, purposes, owners, monthly rental fees, award dates, and the duration of the agreements?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Tourism and Others: -

Whether, in regard to tourism promotion exercises held in Austria in 2024, he will inform the House about (a) the composition of the delegation and their respective capacity; (b) the outcome of the mission; (c) the breakdown of expenses in relation thereto, and (d) the arrival statistics from same market for the past three years?

A/3 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, regarding the measures announced in the Budget Speech 2023/2024, he will state and table a list of the measures implemented or completed, along with their respective costs, the allocated budget, the amount paid, and details of any reallocated or unspent amounts, specifying the relevant item votes?

A/4 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the fire outbreak in the building housing the Electoral Commission Office in September 2024, he will inform the House about (a) the extent of the damage to infrastructure, records, and equipment; (b) the confirmed cause(s) of the fire, and (c) any investigations conducted to determine responsibility for the incident

A/5 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to agricultural state land fenced at Marechal/Deux Montagnes by Rodfarm Ltd/Mr J.M.B. without appropriate authorisation, he will inform the House if any decision has been taken in relation thereto so far?

A/6 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

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

Whether, in regard to the 'Festival Kreol 2024', he will state and table (a) a detailed breakdown of the expenses incurred for the event, and (b) the item votes from which the payments were made?

A/7 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to production of Rodrigues' lime-based perfume, he will inform the House on the (a) current status of extracting essential oil from Rodrigues' lime in Rodrigues; (b) the perfume's presence in national and international markets under the brand name 'Voyage à Rodrigues', and its benefits to the Rodriguan people, and (c) the procedures for obtaining Protected Geographical Indication for Rodrigues' lime?

**M.L. Yannick LEGENTIL Ms.
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