

RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Questions of which notice has been given

Requiring an Oral answer

Sitting of 12 May 2026

Questions addressed to Commissioners

B/37 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the re-opening of the St Gabriel Cooperative Store Society Ltd, for the benefit of the House, he will obtain information and state as to when the society proposes to start operations, indicating (a) its area of operation and type of membership, and (b) if wholesale facilities will be provided?

B/38 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the National Cooperative Excellence Awards 2026 (NCEA), he will, for the information of the House, indicate (a) the categories presented to recognise outstanding achievements within the cooperative sector, and (b) the best cooperative in Rodrigues and the prizes awarded?

B/39 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to farmers' cards, he will inform the House of (a) the number of beneficiaries in Rodrigues as at date (b) the number of applications currently under process, and (c) where matters stand with respect to the issuance of these cards to farmers in Rodrigues?

B/40 The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mrs M. A. L. ALLAS**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the tourism project at Var Brûlé, he will, for the information of the House, indicate (a) the number of agricultural permits granted on the site and the extent concerned, and (b) what action his Commission intends to take to stop the conversion of agricultural land in Rodrigues?

B/41 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the allocation of State land to Sumeru Ltd and Var Investment Ltd, he will (a) state the respective extent of land concerned (b) provide details of the terms and conditions of the respective leases or letters of intent, and (c) inform the House whether Environmental Impact Assessment reports have been completed and, if so, table same?

B/42 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 the hotel projects by Sumeru Ltd and Var Investment Ltd, he will state if any (a) application has been received and processed by his Commission for site clearance and, if so, table the relevant reports (b) permit or authorisation has been granted for the cutting down of trees on these sites, and (c) planters or communities of planters will be affected by these land allocations, giving details of those holding agricultural permits and those who do not possess such permits but are cultivating the said lands?

B/43 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the tourism projects of Sumeru Ltd and Var Investment Ltd, he will (a) state the proposed developments to be undertaken by each, including number of rooms and timeframe for commencement (b) indicate whether due diligence was carried out regarding the experience and financial capacity of each promoter, and (c) provide details of the shareholders of each company?

B/44 The Minority Leader (**Mrs R.M.F. GASPARD PIERRE LOUIS, C.S.K.**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the subsidy on air tickets between Mauritius and Rodrigues, he will (a) state when it was introduced and when it is expected to end (b) indicate the anticipated impact of any change or discontinuation, and (c) state and table any correspondence addressed to the Prime Minister on this matter?

B/45 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in view of the current global geopolitical situation and its potential impact on small island economies, he will (a) state if any assessment has been made regarding its effects on Rodrigues, particularly on the cost of living, food and energy security, and key sectors, and (b) indicate measures, including contingency plans, to mitigate these impacts?

B/46 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the importation of fresh vegetables and honey from Mauritius, he will (a) outline the procedures for obtaining import permits, indicating the validity period thereof (b) state the volumes imported on a weekly and monthly basis (c) indicate the control measures in place, and (d) state if any imported honey has been seized recently and, if so, provide details thereof?

B/47 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Housing and Others: -

Whether, in regard to social housing schemes, he will (a) state the total value of construction materials provided to eligible beneficiaries for 50 m² and 60 m² concrete housing units respectively, indicating the estimated labour costs for the construction of each, and (b) indicate any new policy relating to the grant of financial assistance to selected beneficiaries, giving details of the methodology adopted, the eligibility criteria, and the amounts to be granted?

B/48 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to investment in water sector projects by the Rodrigues Public Utilities Corporation funded by the Mauritius Investment Corporation Ltd, he will (a) state details of the last disbursement, indicating dates and amounts (b) indicate if there have been any delays, and (c) state any outstanding amounts due on ongoing projects?

B/49 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the ongoing works relating to the “Colonne Vertébrale de l’Eau” in the eastern part of Rodrigues, he has been made aware of the disturbances and nuisances caused to inhabitants in terms of access and damage to their property, as well as the increased risks of accidents to road users, and, if so, indicate the measures envisaged to mitigate these effects?

B/50 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 domiciliary visits to disabled and elderly persons, he will state (a) the eligibility criteria and the number of beneficiaries in each case (b) the number of doctors involved at the Medical Unit, indicating the frequency of visits, the total amount of allowances paid and outstanding for the current financial year, and (c) the number of complaints related to delays in visits or discontinued visits since June 2025 to date, indicating the reasons therefor?

B/51 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the relocation of Sainte Marie villagers, he will (a) provide an update on progress (b) outline any outstanding projects and/or additional requests from affected villagers, and (c) inform the House of the outcome of the recent survey conducted in relation thereto?

B/52 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel (**Mr J. R. RAMDALLY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to Rodriguan patients sent overseas for treatment not available in Mauritius, he will enlighten the House on (a) the facilities made available by his Commission to patients and/or accompanying persons to alleviate their difficulties, and (b) the status of a request for assistance submitted by Ms P.M.J.H. to his Commission, giving details thereof?

B/53 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the Indian Ocean Island Games 2027, he will state if Rodrigues has participated in recent meetings with the Organising Committee thereof and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/54 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the supply of free hot meals to school children as from the third term on a daily basis, as announced in the Budget Speech 2026–2027, he will state (a) the budget allocated for this measure and the estimated total cost of the project (b) the monitoring mechanisms to be put in place to ensure quality, nutritional value and proper delivery, and (c) whether consultations will be held with all potential caterers and suppliers?

B/55 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the automobile fleet in Rodrigues and, in particular, vehicles required to undergo fitness testing, he will (a) state the total number of such vehicles (b) indicate the number of vehicle examiners in post at the fitness centre, and (c) outline the procedures to be followed by vehicle owners and indicate if any measures are envisaged to streamline the process and alleviate the burden on owners required to undergo such tests?

B/56 The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr L. D. BAPTISTE**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Basic Invalidity Pension, for the year 2025 and from January 2026 to date, he will state the number of (a) applications received, indicating the number of cases approved, disallowed or discontinued respectively (b) appeals against disallowance or discontinuation received and the outcome thereof, indicating when the last Medical Appeal Tribunal was held, and (c) table the guidelines presently followed by the Medical Board to assess the percentage of invalidity?

B/57 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the budgetary measures announced in the Budget Speech 2022–2023 with respect to the construction of cycle paths in Rodrigues, he will state (a) whether his Commission intends to proceed with the project and, if so, (b) the proposed sites, and (c) when works are expected to commence?

B/58 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the floods of March 2026, he has received complaints from breeders and planters and, if so, (a) state the nature of complaints and total estimated damage (b) indicate any compensation or assistance provided, and (c) outline mitigation measures in case of future recurrence?

B/59 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to persons living with autism spectrum disorder, he will state the (a) total number of cases registered in Rodrigues, indicating those of school age (b) number of new cases diagnosed on a yearly basis since 2022 to date (c) logistical support and facilities provided, if any, and (d) number of specialised institutions catering therefor, giving details thereof?

B/60 The Fourth Island Region Member (**Mr J. P. SPEVILLE**)

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

Whether, in regard to the construction of Roche Bon Dieu Stadium, he will, for the information of the House, (a) provide details of any alteration or amendment made to the initial scope of works, if any, and (b) indicate where matters stand in relation to relocation, resettlement, compensation or any other actions envisaged for the families whose housing units have been damaged as a result of the construction works?

B/61 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huitres (**Ms K. ROUSSETY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Child Development and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the correspondence sent to caregivers in April 2026, she will state the reasons for the said correspondence and the action envisaged thereunder?

B/62 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 foreigners working in Rodrigues, he will state (a) the number involved per sector and their employment grades (b) the established procedures for the issue of occupational and work permits, indicating in each case the number issued and rejected on a yearly basis since 2022 to date, and (c) the monitoring mechanisms in place to ensure compliance with relevant labour laws, indicating cases of non-compliance, if any, and the actions taken?

B/63 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 construction of a modern kitchen at Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH), he will, for the benefit of the House (a) state the name of the successful bidder, the cost of the project and the expected completion date (b) state the recommendations of any report made in connection therewith, if any, and (c) table the location plan within the QEH compound together with the detailed layout of the building?

B/64 The First Local Region Member of Saint Gabriel **(Mr J. R. RAMDALLY)**

To ask the Commissioner for Health and Others: -

Whether, in regard to laundry services at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will, for the benefit of the House (a) state the staff strength thereat together with their respective grades, and (b) indicate the number of washing machines in good working condition and the number of faulty ones, and provide details of the corrective measures contemplated by his Commission to ensure the smooth running of this essential service?

B/65 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 cleanliness of the mess used by ambulance drivers and/or attendants at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, he will state if he has been made aware, whether officially or unofficially, of the prevailing conditions thereat and, if so, indicate the measures his Commission is contemplating in that respect?

B/66 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSEY**)

To ask the Commissioner for Tourism and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the recruitment of a new Finance Officer and Administrative Officer by Discovery Rodrigues Ltd, he will obtain information and state to the House (a) the details of the selection board (b) the procedures followed for the filling of the vacancies (c) the conditions attached thereto, and (d) the organisational structure of the Tourism Office?

B/67 The Second Island Region Member (**Ms. M. N. RAFFAUT**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to assistance to students pursuing post-secondary studies, he will (a) inform the House of the eligibility criteria applicable thereto (b) state whether he is aware of the case of Mr C.O.D., who sat for the Higher School Certificate at Mont Lubin College in October/November 2024, ranked first among boys, and who has made several requests for assistance for his university studies, and provide details thereof?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Tourism and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the Tourism Outgoing Survey, he will state to the House (a) the mean earnings per visitor per stay for the last two surveys undertaken in Rodrigues (b) the significance of these figures in terms of sustainable tourism development, and (c) the measures the Regional Government intends to adopt to increase earnings per visitor in Rodrigues?

B/69 The First Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Dr. H. AGATHE**)

To ask the Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the establishment of a new Planning Unit at the Cadastral Office, he will (a) provide an organisational chart thereof (b) explain its purpose, and (c) confirm whether it forms part of the recommendations of the updated Sustainable Integrated Development Plan for Rodrigues (SIPDR) for the implementation of a new planning framework?

B/70 The Second Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Ms K. ROUSSEY**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to flood mitigation measures following the recent floods in Rodrigues, he will state if (a) his Commission has an action plan in place, or is in the process of preparing one, to mitigate the effects on the local population (b) the removal of mangroves at Accacia forms part of such plan, and (c) the local population was consulted or involved in the preparation thereof?

B/71 The First Local Region Member of Baie aux Huîtres (**Mr N. LISETTE**)

To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner: -

Whether, in regard to the torrential rains experienced in Rodrigues since the beginning of the year, his Commission has carried out any survey to identify potential landslide-prone sites and unstable boulders and, if so, (a) table the list of identified sites, and (b) state the measures envisaged, giving details of the timeframe and methods to be used?

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

To ask the Commissioner for Agriculture and Others: -

Whether, in regard to the expenditure incurred by his Commission for the 2024–2025 financial year, he will inform the House of (a) the sums actually spent on development projects under the current and capital budgets (b) the unused budget balances, and (c) the reasons for these figures?



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