

**APPENDIX**

**RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**Questions of which notice has been given**

**Requiring an Oral answer**

**Sitting of Tuesday 09 March 2010**

**Questions addressed to Commissioners**

**B/28** The First Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mrs. M.A. Perrine-Begue**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, in line with the general promotion and projection of Rodrigues, any initiative has been undertaken by his Office for the creation of a Rodriguan label since he took office and if so, where matter stands regarding same?**

**B/29** The First Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mrs. M.A. Perrine-Begue**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-*

**As regards the Truth and Justice Commission regarding the history of Slavery and Indentured Labourer in the Republic, would he, for the benefit of the House, state:-**

- (a) whether any representation in the name of Rodrigues has been made before the Commission yet and if so, by whom and to give details about same;
- (b) whether this national decision has been the object of any discussion conference, analysis or meeting between his Office and the stakeholders in Rodrigues?

**B/30** The First Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mrs. M.A. Perrine-Begue**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Public Infrastructure, Housing, Environment & Others:-*

**As regards waste collection by the Rodclean Co. Ltd, in Rodrigues, would he, for the benefit of the House, provide the following information:-**

- (a) whether any recruitment of additional employees is envisaged and if so, how many and when;

- (b) how will the exercise be carried out;
- (c) will the former employees of the ex-La Voirie Ltd situation be considered both on humanitarian and experience grounds;
- (d) in which way will this major staff development of the Company improve the services in Rodrigues; and
- (e) table a copy of the new operation plan of the Company which has been designed to substantiate same, if any?

**B/31** The First Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mrs. M.A. Perrine-Begue**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Public Infrastructure, Housing, Environment & Others:-*

**As regards the drainage system in Rodrigues, would he, for the benefit of the House:-**

- (a) state whether any improvement works have been done since 2006, and if so, when and where;
- (b) elaborate on the state of the system of drains within Port Mathurin and its outskirts;
- (c) state whether any study has been done regarding the drainage system in Rodrigues especially in regions prone to flooding during those last three years and if any subsequent project is being considered, and if so, to state its scope?

**B/32** The Second Local Region Member for Baie aux Huitres (**Mr. P. Francois**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**As regards to domestic water supply to the village of Soupirs (the part behind the Sports Playground) will he, for the benefit of the House:-**

- (a) state whether he has received any complaints from the villagers on the water distribution frequency during the month of January 2010, and if so, what measures he undertook to remedy same;
- (b) give the dates for the months of December 2009, January and February 2010, respectively, when these villagers were supplied with tap water; and
- (c) state when tap water will be supplied to this part of the village of Soupirs for the month of March, 2010?

**B/33** The Second Local Region Member for Baie aux Huitres (**Mr. P. Francois**)

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

**Whether, with regard to the construction of a Multi-Purpose Youth Centre at *Pointe L'Herbe* North as mentioned in the Capital Budget 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009, under item vote 31-105-101, he would inform the House where does matter stand?**

**B/34** The Second Local Region Member for Baie aux Huitres (**Mr. P. Francois**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Women's Affairs, Child Development and Family Welfares:-*

**Whether, with regard to the anti-influenza vaccination programme for winter season 2010, she could inform the House when the vaccination programme is due to start in Rodrigues and by indicating the targeted groups?**

**B/35** The Second Local Region Member for Baie aux Huitres (**Mr. P. Francois**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Public Infrastructure, Housing, Environment & Others:-*

**Whether, with regard to the construction of road projects at *Citron Donis* and *Baie Topaze* during financial year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009, he could inform the House about the progress of work at these two places?**

**B/36** The First Local Region Member for Baie aux Huitres (**Mr. N. Lisette**)

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

**Whether, with regard to improvement of sports infrastructure, his Commission has awarded any contract for the mowing of grass on football playground in Rodrigues and if so, to state:-**

- (a) the nature of the tendering exercise and the date on which it was launched;
- (b) the names of all the bidders and the amount quoted by each, if any;
- (c) the name of the successful bidder; and
- (d) the conditions specified in the contract?

**B/37** The First Local Region Member for Baie aux Huitres (**Mr. N. Lisette**)

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

**Whether, as regards to employment with the main contractors/subcontractors involved in the construction sector in Rodrigues, he would, for the benefit of the House, state:-**

- (a) the number of persons employed in the sector as at July 2009; and
- (b) table the number of workers who have lost their jobs since July 2009 per month to date;
- (c) the number of these workers who lost their jobs and who have applied for the Workfare Programme and how many of these applications have been successful;
- (d) the number of these workers who have applied for other unemployment benefits as a result of their losing their jobs and which have been successfully considered?

**B/38** The First Local Region Member for Baie aux Huitres (**Mr. N. Lisette**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, as regards to students who sat for School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations in 2009 in Rodrigues and who opted to repeat in 2010 with a view to improve their results, he would:-**

- (a) table the number of application received by each college;
- (b) state whether all students wishing to repeat same were offered a seat and if no:
  - (i) to state the reason/s why;
  - (ii) to table the number of application/s rejected by each college;
  - (iii) the criteria used by the different colleges for the selection exercises?

**B/39** The First Local Region Member for Baie aux Huitres (**Mr. N. Lisette**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Public Infrastructure, Housing, Environment & Others:-*

**As regards to the construction of the new market at Port Mathurin, will he for the benefit of the House:**

- (a) table the names of the bidders together with their amounts quoted;

- (b) state the name of the successful bidder;
- (c) state whether the site has already been handed over to the successful bidder and if no, why?

**B/40** The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr.J.D. Speville**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, as regards the Report of Professor V.P. Torul, Mediator appointed to look into the case of the Educators serving in Rodrigues with regards to their terms and conditions of employment, he will state where matter stands?**

**B/41** The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr.J.D. Speville**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, as regards the dredging of sea passes in the lagoon around Rodrigues, he will, for the benefit of the House, state when tenders were launched, and if so, what has been the outcome of same together with his policy for a better navigation in the said lagoon?**

**B/42** The Second Local Region Member for St. Gabriel (**Mr.J.D. Speville**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether he will state to the House of any changes that will be brought to the actual Octopus fishing in Rodrigues, and if so, what will be its *modus operandi*?**

**B/43** The First Local Region Member for Grande Montagne (**Mrs. R.M.F. Gaspard Pierre Louis**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Agriculture & Others:-*

**Whether, with regard to the buying of local onions by the Rodrigues Trade and Marketing Company Ltd for the harvesting period of the year 2009, he would, for the benefit of the House, state:-**

- (a) the quantity bought and the purpose for which the products are destined;
- (b) the conditions in which the products are being stored; and
- (c) whether the Company encountered any loss due to spoilage of the onions?

**B/44** The First Local Region Member for Grande Montagne  
(**Mrs. R.M.F. Gaspard Pierre Louis**)

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, in connection to the enhancement programme for Standard IV students in Rodrigues, he would, for the benefit of the House, state:-**

- (a) the number of students and teachers involved in the programme; and
- (b) whether there was any refusal from the part of parents or teachers to participate in same and if so, the corresponding number?

**B/45** The First Local Region Member for Grande Montagne  
(**Mrs. R.M.F. Gaspard Pierre Louis**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, with regard to the workshop held in November 2006 by his Commission, with the view to develop a strategic plan for the Fisheries Sector in Rodrigues, he would outline the major outcomes/recommendations of the workshop and table a copy of the strategic plan?**

**B/46** The First Local Region Member for Grande Montagne  
(**Mrs. R.M.F. Gaspard Pierre Louis**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Women's Affairs, Child Development and Family Welfares:-*

**With regard to the construction of a shelter at *Baladirou*, could she, for the benefit of the House, state:-**

- (a) whether tender has been floated and if so, to table the list of bidders together with the amount each quoted; and
- (b) table the name of the successful bidder, if any;
- (c) whether any preliminary works have been completed and the nature of same together with the cost?

**B/47** The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. S.P. Roussety**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Agriculture & Others:-*

**With regard to pastoral land at *Camp du Roi*, will he, for the benefit of the House, state:-**

- (a) whether any pastoral land has been allocated and if in the affirmative their extent together with the names of the farmers who are benefiting for their animals;

- (b) how many farmers have applied for a farmer's professional card?

**B/48** The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. S.P. Roussety**)

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**As regards to the Civil Aviation Department, will he, for the benefit of the House, state:-**

- (a) whether a statement has been made to the Police Station with regards to an alleged case of forgery on attendance sheets at the Civil Aviation Departments and if in the affirmative, who made it and for what dates;
- (b) the number of employees at the Air Control Tower working on Sundays and Public Holidays; and
- (c) table the number of hours of overtime worked and the amount of overtime paid to each employee of the Airport Control Tower per month from February 2009 to date?

**B/49** The Fifth Island Region Member (**Mr. S.P. Roussety**)

*To ask the Commissioner for Health & others:-*

**With regard to the security services at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, will he, for the benefit of the House, state which Company is presently offering its services for security to the Commission for Health for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and whether the Company is complying with all the terms of the contract, if any?**

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

*To ask the Chief Commissioner:-*

**As regards development in general in Rodrigues, will he state to the House whether any development projects have been submitted to the Project Plan Committee of the Ministry of Finance for approval since March 2009 to date, and if so, to give details, thereof and to state where matters stand?**

**B/51** The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne (**Mr. L.D. Baptiste**)

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Social Security & Others:-*

**With regard to the Basic Invalidity Pension, will she, for the benefit of the House, state:-**

- (a) the number of beneficiaries whose pension have been disallowed since July 2006 to date;
- (b) whether appeals were made against such cases, and if so what are the outcomes;
- (c) the frequency at which the Medical Board meets to consider applications for Basic Invalidity Pension;
- (d) the length of time the applicants have to wait before having the results; and
- (e) table a list of dates where the Board has met from January 2009 to date by indicating the number of cases examined, those approved, rejected and still pending?

**B/52**

The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne  
**(Mr. L.D. Baptiste)**

*To ask the Commissioner responsible for Public Infrastructure & Others:-*

**With regards to local job contractors in Rodrigues, would he, for the benefit of the House:-**

- (a) state the number of contractors registered and listed with his Commission in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007,2008 and 2009;
- (b) table a list of registered job contractors to date, together with their respective number of workers employed;
- (c) table a list of contractors who secured a contract with the Rodrigues Regional Assembly from the period of July to December 2009, stating the following details for each project;
  - (i) the nature of the project;
  - (ii) the amount tendered;
  - (iii) the sum already disbursed and the amount still due to them;
  - (iv) the number of workers engaged in the project; and
  - (v) the duration of works?

**B/53**

The Second Local Region Member of Grande Montagne  
**(Mr. L.D. Baptiste)**

*To ask the Deputy Chief Commissioner:-*

**Whether, as regards to the construction of Terre Rouge College, he would, for the benefit of the House, state:-**

- (a) the amount earmarked in the 2009 budget, if any, together with the amount of expenditure incurred and disbursed so far in relation to the construction of same;
- (b) where matters stand, thereat?

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