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### **QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1. Dr The Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of The Public Service, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

In January 2019, on behalf of the people, I asked a question in this Honourable House concerning the state of affairs at the Ottley Hall shipyard, which concerned among other things the amount of rent collected in 2106, 2017 and 2018 from the company that leased the premises (i.e. Seafarers Shipyard Group Limited). In part, the answer given was that the outstanding amount of rent totaled \$205,600.

Will the Prime Minister please inform this Honourable House as to:

- a) Whether the outstanding rent has been paid;
- b) How much rent has been collected for the year 2019, and
- c) Whether any part of the premises has been let or sublet to other individuals or companies.

2. Dr The Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture:

The hardcourt at Paget Farm is in a rundown and hazardous condition in that the surface is damaged, the fence has fallen and is buried in grass and the electrical system and court lights are not functioning. Also, the main gates at the Clive Tannins Hardcourt in Port Elizabeth have been rusted and broken for over a year and the court surface is in poor condition. Despite the real risk of injury to themselves, young people continue to use these hardcourts as major recreational facilities.

Will the Minister give this Honourable House and those young people the assurance that the facilities will be repaired and made safe and secure again.

3. Dr The Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

The rainy season is upon us again, bringing not only much needed water but also the attendant concerns about the readiness of the public infrastructure, including roads and drains, to meet the challenges of heavy rain. In this light, will the Minister please say:

Whether his long made promise to repair the Mount Pleasant main road, the drainage at the O'Car road near the SOL depot, and the drainage in the road near Holy Cross Church at Paget Farm (where some work was done privately but may be insufficient,) will be fulfilled and the necessary repairs done very soon?

4. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Education, National Reconciliation, and Information:

The Mary Hutchinson Primary School at Ashton, Union Island, is in a state of disrepair which makes it difficult or almost impossible to have classes there.

Will the Minister please state what is the status of the school in regards to the need for repairs and if these repairs will be completed for the new school year.

5. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Member for Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

The road from the clinic to the Catholic Church in Mayreau is in need of work to improve vehicular traffic on the island.

Will the Minister state if, and when this road will be given attention.

6. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Education, National Reconciliation, and Information:

What is the status of the introduction of secondary education on the island of Canouan as of September, 2019.

7. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology:

a) What Supplementary Bills have been brought to the parliament since the Supplementary Appropriation Act No. 17 of 2013 was gazetted; and

b) What is the total amount of Special Warrants issued for the years: 2015 and 2019.

8. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (West Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

- a) Has the portion on the South Leeward Highway between the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital and Grand Gate been accepted as completed under the CDB funded project; and
- b) Would the Honourable Minister please state when motorists can expect to have that portion of road properly done.

9. The Honourable Roland Matthews, (North Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Rural Transformation:

In light of the fact that there are over 2500 marijuana farmers in St. Vincent and the Grenadines who ply their trade prior to the establishment of the Medical Cannabis Industry, now that the Industry has been formalized and given legal status. Will the Minister please state:

- a) How many marijuana farmers have been given licenses to plant cannabis as traditional farmers;
- b) How many traditional farmers have been given licenses as part of a co-operative; and
- c) Of the estimated 2500 marijuana farmers, how many have been licensed to plant marijuana for medical purposes as part of a co-operative or individuals.

10. The Honourable Roland Matthews, (North Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour:

The issue of land tenure for marijuana farmers is of great concern to many farmers who squatted on Crown lands in the past. Will the Minister please state:

- a) How many acres of lands have been made available to traditional cultivators of cannabis by way of lease, sale or other means, for cultivating medical cannabis;
- b) Where are the exact locations of these lands, and what is the acreage allocated for each location; and
- c) What is the total acreage of lands that investors other than traditional farmers have been given licenses to cultivate medical cannabis.

11. The Honourable Roland Matthews, (North Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

Three major projects have been earmarked to begin construction this year in North Leeward. One of the projects is the Chateaubelair Wharf and work has just begun on that project.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- a) When will work commence on the bridge at Sharpes, Chateaubelair; and
- b) When will work begin on the road at Golden Grove, Chateaubelair that collapsed more than a year ago.

12. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (South Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

With the announcement by the Government of a completely ban on the removal of sand from local beaches, will the Honourable Minister please state:

- a) Whether licenses have been granted to any individual or company for mining or importing sand;
  - b) If yes, who are the recipients of those licenses; and
  - c) Where exactly is the sand likely to be stored.
13. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (South Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

During the 2019 budget speech, it was stated that there will be a lifting of the ban on vehicles twelve (12) years and older for construction purposes. Since then several persons have either bought or source vehicles as a result of that statement:

Will the Honourable Minister please state precisely when people in the construction industry will be able to import such vehicles.

14. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (South Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government.

In recent years, we have unfortunately seen the loss of lives by river flooding in the two major rivers in South Leeward; the Buccament River and York River in Campden Park, which meander through densely populated areas.

Will the Honourable Minister please state unambiguously whether there is an ever-increasing threat pose by these rivers to property and lives and if yes when will river defense work begin in both areas to mitigate flooding.

15. The Honourable Kay Bacchus Baptiste, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

Will the Honourable Minister state:

- a) What is the exact status of the National Agricultural and Feeder Roads project funded by the Kuwait Fund for Arab and Economic Development. In particular as it relates to West St. George and more specifically in relation to the Belair/Fountain Bridge; and
- b) Has work on the bridge ceased and if so, why.

16. The Honourable Kay Bacchus Baptiste, (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Sports & Culture:

At the recently concluded Lima Pan American Games, St. Vincent and the Grenadines obtained one medal in Track and Field.

Will the Honourable Minister please say:

- a) Is the lack of sporting facilities including a proper synthetic track negatively affecting our athletes' performance; and
- b) Does the Government have plans to build an Olympic class sporting facility to enable our athletes to perform better.

17. The Honourable Israel R. Bruce, (Opposition Senator), to ask of the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture:

Considering the use of the Lauders Playing Field and the spectators pavilion by the students of the Lauders Primary School, Greggs Government School, Lowmans Windward Anglican School, Deliverance Baptist Church Pre-school among others, and mindful of the fact that the roof of the spectators and players pavilion has been leaking and its wooden structure is also woodlice infected.

- a) Is the Hon Minister aware of the current situation with the players and spectators pavilion at the Lauders Playing Field;
- b) Will the Honourable Minister give an undertaking to look into this problem and seek to have it resolved; and
- c) Can the Honourable Minister give an indication as to how soon he intends to look into this problem; and
- d) When can the residents of Lauders, Lowmans, Greggs and surrounding areas who use this facility enjoy an improved level of comfort.

18. The Honourable Israel R. Bruce, (Opposition Senator), to ask of the Honourable Minister of National Mobilization, Social development, Family, Gender Affairs, Persons with Disabilities and youth:

The Lauders and Greggs community centres have been in a dilapidated state for years now, making them eyesores to the residents.

- a) Are there plans in place to refurbish the Lauders and Greggs community centres so as to facilitate youth and community integration activities; and
- b) If no, would you give an undertaking to the residents of Lauders and Greggs that these centres will be refurbished soon.

19. The Honourable Israel R. Bruce, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

The roads in South Central Windward are in a deplorable condition. There are areas where drums are placed to indicate dangerous embankment while some roads are almost impassable for vehicular traffic.

Will the Honourable Minister please give a commitment to have the following roads repair during this financial year.

- a) The road from Diana Mc Kenzie's shop in Chapmans going eastwards down to Daryl Pope's Shop all the way to the market at North Union, and from Gracel Durant's residence all the way down to Cleopatra Jackson's residence.
- b) The road from Benjamin Gittens' residence in Diamonds to Mr. Fergus' residence in Mt. Grenan.

### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

(Government Orders are marked thus\*)

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| 1*. Banking (Amendment) Bill, 2019<br>(Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance)   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |
| 2.* Official (Small) Payments (Amendment) Bill, 2019<br>(Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance)   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |
| 3.* Child Justice Bill, 2019<br>(Hon. Frederick Stephenson/Minister of Social Development)   | Select Committee        |
| 4.* Marine Pollution Prevention Bill, 2019<br>(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of National Security)  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |
| 5*. Wycliffe Bible Translators Caribbean (Saint Vincent<br>And the Grenadines) Inc Incorporation Bill, 2019<br>(Honourable St. Clair Prince/ Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs) | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |

## **ADJOURNMENT**