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3. House of Assembly Paper No. 3 of 2015

St. Vincent and the Grenadines Bureau of Standards Financial Statements for the year ended December 31st 2014. (Honourable Saboto Caesar/Minister of Industry)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. The Honourable Arnhim U. Eustace (Leader of the Opposition) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

Could the Prime Minister indicate what was the fiscal out turn as of July 31st, 2015 as compared with the same period of July 31st, 2014.

2. The Honourable Arnhim U. Eustace (Leader of the Opposition) to ask the Minister of Education:

Could the Minister of Education indicate how many Associate Degree Programs are offered at the Community College and how many of these programs are accredited.

3. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday (Member for Northern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs, Transport, Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

Earlier in this House, the Prime Minister in response to my question, agreed that the Mount Pleasant road and the Point Hill road in Bequia needed to be fixed and he indicated that they would be fixed soon. However, several months have passed and the roads continue to deteriorate and to be a serious concern for motorists, especially taxi drivers who use them during the tourist season for their tours.

Will the Prime Minster please provide an update as to the status of the government's efforts, if any, to fix these roads.

4. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday (Member for Northern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Minister of Education:

In the recent Caribbean Examinations Council CSEC Examinations the two secondary schools in Bequia performed relatively poorly in comparison to many other schools in the country, especially in math and science subjects.

Will the Minister please state:

- (a) whether the performance of these schools in Bequia are a matter of concern for her and, if so, what if anything is being done to improve the performance of these schools, particularly with respect to the teaching of core science subjects; and
- (b) What assistance if any will be given to students who must travel from Bequia daily to attend secondary school and college.

6. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (Member for West Kingstown) to ask the Honourable Minister of Health and the Environment:

The average percentage available medicines benchmark set by the (WHO) is greater than 85. St. Vincent and the Grenadines scored a low 57% in the latest report from the OECS, PPS. Persons visiting the health facilities have been complaining of the lack of medication for some time now and the evidence speaks to this.

Would the Hon. Minister please state what has been the reason or reasons for this tragedy and further, what is being done to correct it.

7. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (Member for West Kingstown) to ask the Honourable Minister of Health and the Environment:

The Ministry of Health Monitoring and Evaluation Health Sector Report 2014 states that the threshold of 5% in the household mosquito index is set for the prevention of outbreaks of dengue and Chikungunya as set by the (WHO). That same report says that the index in St. Vincent and the Grenadines is 45.67 or over nine times the limit.

Would the Hon. Minister please state why the budget allocation for the Vector Control Unit has been reduced for 2015.

Further, what steps are being taken to prevent another major outbreak.

8. The Honourable St. Clair Leacock (Member for Central Kingstown) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Planning and National Security.

The two recent fires in Central Kingstown which destroyed private and public property is a timely reminder of the importance of our fire services.

- (a) What is the total compliment of the current fire services;
- (b) What are the manpower requirements for the Argyle International Airport; and
- (c) What Agency will be responsible for the co-ordination of Search and Rescue at the AIA.
- 9. The Honourable St. Clair Leacock (Member for Central Kingstown) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Planning, National Security and Transport and Works:
 - (a) What is the projected operational cost for the management of the Argyle International Airport; and
 - (b) What are the financial arrangements for running the Argyle International Airport.
- 10. The Honourable St. Clair Leacock (Member for Central Kingstown) to ask The Honourable Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture

The magnificent performance of the Sea Operations Starlift Steel Orchestra in the Trinidad and Tobago hosted International Pan Champs Competition suggests a need for a direct subvention to leading Pan Orchestras in SVG:

(a) Would the Government through the National lottery consider on a pro rated basis guided by the National Panorama results contribute directly to these Orchestras as they in term promote this very special art form that our Caribbean has contributed to the world 11. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson (Member for South Leeward) to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

The main road in Vermont was badly eroded from the devastating flood of December 2013 and the integrity of some areas has been compromised.

Will the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works please state when will work begin to repair that portion of road which has remained in the same state since the flood.

12. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson (Member for South Leeward) to ask the Honourable Minister of Sports:

The pavilion at the Campden Park playing field is in a terrible state of disrepair and numerous promises were made by the ULP government to repair the facility.

Will the Honourable Minister of Sports please indicate in no uncertain terms when will they make good on the promise to rebuild the facility.

ORDERS OF THE DAY (Government Orders are marked thus*)

BILLS

1.*	Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation Bill 2015 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
2.*	Economic Diversification Loan Authorisation (No.2) Bill, 2015 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
3.*	Foreign Account Tax Compliance (Implementation and Enforcement Of Inter-Governmental Agreement) Bill, 2015 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
4.	The Eleventh Hour Ministries Incorporation Bill, 2015 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	Select Committee
5.	The Faith in Action Tabernacle Inc. Incorporation Bill, 2015 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	Select Committee

ADJOURNMENT