



# SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

### ORDER PAPER

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THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2015

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## QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

What is the Status of the 2011-2012 national population census and in particular why is the report not yet completed so that it can be made available to the public.

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

The Northern Grenadines is one of the few remaining constituencies without a learning resource centre, though one is greatly needed in the Bequia community. Despite promises made by the Minister and the publicly stated intention of the government to build at least one centre in each constituency, no steps have been taken to build one in Bequia.

Will the Minister please state whether the government still plans to build a learning resource centre in the Northern Grenadines and if so when.

3. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday (Member for the Northern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

The other serious ills that afflict the roads in Bequia that have been raised in the Honourable House over and over again. More recently, the Paget Farm main road in front on Uncle Duff's has collapse and continues to get worse, posing grave danger to the vehicle drivers and passenger who use the road.

Will the Minister please whether he intends, as a matter of urgency, to repair this small section of bad road and if so when the work will start.

4. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre (Member for the Southern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs, Transport, Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

For several years the main jetty at Canouan has been in a state of disrepair. A temporary jetty that was built is now falling apart.

Will the minister please state when will this or the jetty be fixed.

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

Repair works were to commence since October 2012 on three pieces of roads on Union Island.

- a) Top Road in Ashton from Mrs. Adella James residence to Mrs. Norma Thomas residence;
- b) The Murray Village road from Park East to Mr. Lambert Baptiste residence;
- c) The main road from Bajan Corner, Clifton to Cross Road, Ashton.

Will the Minister please state whether the gov't still intends to fix these roads and if so when.

6. Major, the Honourable St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask The Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

A number of Homeowners at the GOSVG organised Housing Project have complained about the inordinate delay in completing the construction of their homes as well as the enabling infrastructure.

- a) Will the Honourable Minister please explain the cause for the delay;
  - b) When will the houses be completed and handed over;
  - c) The terms of the contract including financial arrangements;
  - d) Has any financial assistance been offered to the Homeowners while they continue to wait.
7. Major, the Honourable St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask The Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

Through the generosity of a business house in Redemption Sharps, a quantity of floor and wall tiles have been secured to improve the sanitary conditions of both the public bath and the washrooms at the playing field.

- a) Can the Parliamentary Representative for the constituency obtain your permission to effect the sanitary improvement to these facilities;
  - b) What assistance is available for the upkeep of the washroom and playing field.
8. Major, the Honourable St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask The Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

Alas, as we near five years of another term of office, the community of Largo Heights and Central Kingstown still await the three river crossings promised by their Representative. Together we have secured some corporate assistance, professional help from a civil engineer and volunteer contributed from affected people themselves.

Will the Government now commit to the contribution of cement and Rabacca aggregates to this deserved project.

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

The Minister stated that fisher folks who suffered damages during the 2013 December flood will be paid compensation as of the end of March 2015.

Will the minister please state:

- a) How many fisher folks were paid;
  - b) What is the total sum paid out to the fisher folks.
10. The Honourable Roland Matthews, (Member for North Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation and Industry:

Parliament approved a loan of \$750,000 from the NIS to be used to assist WINFARM in dealing with some financial issues and also to pay CESS to farmers.

- a) Will the Minister please state how this loan was used;
  - b) How much of the loan was used specifically to deal with CESS payment;
  - c) Did all the farmers eligible for CESS payment receive payments.
11. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (Member for South Leeward) to ask the Honourable Minister of National Mobilization Social Development, the Family, Youth and Persons with Disabilities:
- The roof of the Campden Park Community Centre collapsed almost 10 years ago and it's has become a derelict landmark at the entrance of the proposed 7th town.
- Will the Minister please state the when the Centre will be available to residents of Campden Park.
12. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (Member for South Leeward) to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:
- It has been noted that work is underway to construct the Hope\Penniston Bridge. The river defense work necessitated the widening of the river's course in that vicinity.
- Will the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works state what work will be done to protect residents further downstream where the river's course is narrower and more prone to flooding.
13. The Honourable Vynnette Frederick, (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture:
- The Ministry of Culture promised to undertake meetings with stakeholders, to strategically address improving our Carnival Product. This was slated as requiring three years of assessment to complete.
- Will the Minister please outline the agreed improvements to be made in the Festival which would redound to the benefit of stakeholders and revellers alike.

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

**MOTIONS**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTION**

**1.\* Motion on Foreign Policy**

To be moved by the Honourable Senator Jomo Thomas and seconded by the Honourable Senator Robert Browne.

**MOTION ON FOREIGN POLICY**

**Whereas** a sensible, principled and well-grounded foreign policy of a small Caribbean nation like St. Vincent and the Grenadines is especially vital to its socio-economic and people-centred development.

**And Whereas** since March 29, 2001, the Unity Labour Party (ULP) government has implemented such a foreign policy for St. Vincent and the Grenadines, through enhanced structures and systems, in order to enlarge its capacity to interface with, engage or address optimally, its external environment (economic, social, political and cultural) in the interest of our people.

**And Whereas** St. Vincent and the Grenadines has become highly respected globally for the content and conduct of its foreign policy, grounded in the enduring foundation principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the premises and activities of regional, hemispheric, and international organisations to which it belongs, and the actual conditions and circumstances of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Caribbean.

**And Whereas** the foreign policy of the ULP administration has delivered immense benefits to the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

**Be it Resolved** that this Honourable House endorse the content and conduct of the foreign policy of the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines as being profoundly in the interest of the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the Caribbean, the Western Hemisphere, and the international community.

Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015.

To be moved by:



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Hon. Senator Jomo Thomas



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Hon. Senator Robert Browne

## BILLS

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| 1.* | Anti-Terrorist Financing and Proliferation Bill, 2015<br>(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) | Select<br>Committee Report |
| 2.* | Geothermal Resources Development Bill, 2015<br>(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading    |
| 3.* | Cheryl Adams Pension (Declaration) Bill, 2015<br>(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading    |
| 4*  | Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2015<br>(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading    |
| 5.  | The Eleventh Hour Ministries Incorporation Bill, 2015<br>(Honourable Mr. Speaker)                        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading    |
| 6.  | The Faith in Action Tabernacle Inc. Incorporation Bill, 2015<br>(Honourable Mr. Speaker)                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading    |

## ADJOURNMENT