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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

To confirm whether stolen goods have been recovered from a senior Police Officer and if so why has the officer not been charged.

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

What is the fiscal out turn for the period ending June 30th 2015 as compared with the same period in 2014.

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

What is currently being owed by the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines under the Petro Caribe Agreement.

4. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Member for Northern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

In recent years the sargassum seaweed has become a problem in the waters and on many beaches of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines creating hazards for small boats and difficult conditions for people living and working nearby from bad-smelling fumes generated by the rotting material. Will the Minister please:

- a. Advise the nation as to the nature of the problem, it's likely duration, and what if anything can be done or is being done to assist person severely affected by bad smells and gases emanating from the decomposing seaweed; and
- b. State whether the situation poses any health or other dangers to the public.

5. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Member for Northern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumer Affairs, Information and Technology:

The Government of Guyana has complained that Venezuela has recently reasserted its claim to ownership of territorial waters of Guyana.

Will the Minister state what position, if any, his government individually or as part of Caricom has adopted or proposes to adopt to dissuade the government of Venezuela from asserting its current claim and to ensure the peaceful resolution of the matter.

6. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Member for Northern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture , Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation and Industry:

What is the Government doing to help this country's fishermen to:

- a. Improve their fishing equipment and fishing methods so as to enhance their catch; and
- b. To market their fish locally and abroad.

7. 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:

For the past month it has been reported that the Union Island Airport has been experiencing electrical problems:

- a. What is the extent of the problem.
- b. When would work be done to rectify the problems experienced to cater for the safety of all users.

8. 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:

For several years the Public library located at Grand Bay, Canouan is in a state of disrepair. This is posing problems to all users of this facility. Despite numerous complaints no repairs have been forthcoming:

Will the Minister please state when work will be done to rectify this problem.

9. Major, the Honourable St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown) to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing:

After seven months in the year 2015, the houses at Green Hill are no way near completion:

- a. What is the reason for the delay;
- b. What was the contracted cost for these houses;
- c. How much financing is required to complete those houses;
- d. What is the projected completion date.

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

- a. Has there been any change of heart with respect to the improvement and renovation to the public baths at Redemption Sharps, Block 2000 (Old Montrose)
- b. Are there any circumstances under which the ministry will allow for individual or private effort to effect improvement to the general state of affairs of these baths including privacy and sanitary conditions.

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

The conservation project that involves the shipment of parrots overseas has been in operation for a number of years. Will the minister please state:

- a. How many parrots have left the state and how many have since returned under this project;
- b. If the country has benefitted from any financial resources under this project and if yes will the minister state the extent of this financial benefit;
- c. Please give an update of the program to date.

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

- a. Which company has taken over the cocoa project after Amajaro pulled out of the Memorandum of Understanding it signed with the government;
- b. What steps have the government taken to ensure that farmers and other stakeholders involved with cocoa production still have the confidence and the drive to continue with this initiative.

13. Dr. the Honourable Linton A. Lewis, (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs, Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government

For over fifty years the people of Calliaqua have been using the Calliaqua Town Hall for cultural, spiritual, educational and sporting activities. Over six years ago the Calliaqua Town Hall was demolished and replaced by a building that still appears to be under construction. Will the Prime Minister please state:

- a. When is the building scheduled to complete; and
- b. When will the people of Calliaqua have access to and the use of the building.

14. Dr. the Honourable Linton A. Lewis, Opposition Senator to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs, Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

The road leading from Calliaqua to Fair Hall passing alongside the Calliaqua Cemetery, Hill Top Tabernacle and ending at the entrance to the Whim road in Fair Hall is in a deplorable condition. Will the Prime Minister please state:

- a. Whether there are any plans to improve the condition of that road and if so;
- b. When will work to carry out the improvement commence.

15. Dr. the Honourable Linton A. Lewis, Opposition Senator to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs, Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government.

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 2015 provides that \$439,024,382 will be collected under the category capital receipts and \$296,350,530 will be spent on capital expenditure. For the period January 2015 to 30th May 2015 will the Honourable Prime Minister please state;

- a. The amounts that have so far been actually received under capital receipts from Grants, External Loans, Local Loans, Capital Revenue and Other Receipts and;
- b. How much money has so far been spent on Capital Expenditure.

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

MOTION

1.* Motion on the establishment of the Parliamentary Front Against Hunger and Undernourishment in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

To be moved by the Honourable Saboto Caesar, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery, Rural Transformation and Industry.

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY FRONT AGAINST HUNGER AND UNDERNOURISHMENT IN SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

To be moved by Honourable Saboto Caesar, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery, Rural Transformation and Industry.

WHEREAS The Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has received an award from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations recognising the country's achievement of:

- i) Millennium Development Goal Number 1 target to, "halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger"; and
- ii) World Food Summit (WFS) Goal set in 1996 at the World Food Summit on Food Security convened by the Food and Agriculture Organization.

AND WHEREAS The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery, Rural Transformation and Industry launched in 2013 the **Zero Hunger Challenge Initiative**, aimed to reduce hunger and undernourishment to zero; and has established a focal point for implementation in the Department of Rural Transformation.

AND WHEREAS At the 2015 Community of Latin America and the Caribbean States (CELAC) Summit, thirty three (33) countries of the region pledged to implement the CELAC Food and Nutrition Security Plan of Action with the assistance of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), aimed at further reducing hunger and undernourishment in the region; and to address poor nutrition as causes of hypertension and diabetes.

BE IT RESOLVED That this Honourable House:

- i. **APPROVE** the establishment of the **Parliamentary Front Against Hunger and Undernourishment** to advance specific and general policies to ensure the reduction of hunger and undernourishment to zero in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- ii. **CONGRATULATE** all stakeholders including farmers and the farmers' organizations, fisherfolk, public and private sectors and civil society which have been assisting in the significant reduction of hunger and undernourishment in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Dated the 21st day of July, 2015.

To be moved by:



Hon. Saboto Caesar

To be seconded by:

BILLS

1.*	Anti-Terrorist Financing and Proliferation Bill, 2015 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	Select Committee Report
2.*	Geothermal Resources Development Bill, 2015 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	Select Committee Report
3.*	Loan Authorisation (Republic of China) Bill 2015 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
4.*	Customs Duties (Amendment) Bill 2015 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
5.*	Eastern Caribbean Asset Management Corporation Bill 2015 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
6.*	Denniston Douglas Pension (Declaration) Bill 2015 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
7.*	Caribbean Accreditation Authority (Medicine and Other Health Professions) Bill 2015 (Honourable Clayton Burgin/Minister of Health)	1 st Reading
8.	The Eleventh Hour Ministries Incorporation Bill, 2015 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	2 nd Reading
9.	The Faith in Action Tabernacle Inc. Incorporation Bill, 2015 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	2 nd Reading

ADJOURNMENT