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The Fifth Annual Report on Trafficking in Persons (TIP)
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(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. The Honourable Dr. Godwin Friday, Member of Parliament for Northern Grenadines, to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

What is the status of the project to produce geothermal energy in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and what is Vinlec's current role in the project.

2. The Honourable Dr. Godwin Friday, Member of Parliament for Northern Grenadines, to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture:

What is the status of efforts to have international flights at Argyle International Airport and, in particular, which international airlines will be operating here and which destinations they will serve?

3. The Honourable Dr. Godwin Friday, Member of Parliament for Northern Grenadines, to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture:

What is the government doing to combat violence against yacht visitors and the attendant bad publicity it has generated, especially in light of the alarming report of increasing incidence of violence contained in the Caribbean Safety and Security Net 2016 report, which showed that St. Vincent and the Grenadines alone accounts for one third of the violent incidents reported in the Caribbean?

4. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace, (East Kingstown) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

A number of fiscal measures were included in the 2017 budget. Could the Honourable prime Minister give the total projected revenue yield from these measures.

5. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace, (East Kingstown) to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Rural Transformation:

Will the Honourable Minister kindly indicate when the government intends to restart sales of bananas to the United Kingdom.

6. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace, (East Kingstown) to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Rural Transformation:

Could the Honourable Minister please indicate the current status of the spraying program for the Black Sigatoka.

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

The wall near the playing area at the Union Island Secondary School which was damaged by heavy rains several years ago poses a problem and is threatening to both motorists and pedestrians. It is also of major concern to residents in the area.

Will the minister please state when will this wall be fixed to relieve the pending threat to all who use this Area.

8. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Southern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Minister of Education, Reconciliation and Ecclesiastical Affairs:

Will the minister please state:

- (a) When will the Caribbean Vocational Qualification (CVQ) be offered at the secondary school level in order to improve the quality of education package;
- (b) How many second art schools are adequately equipped to offer the CVQ's; and
- (c) What skills or subject areas are currently being offered to students at these schools.

9. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Southern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

In his budget address the Hon. Prime minister stated that infrastructural work will be done under PAHO-Smart Health Facilities program in the sum of \$1.5 million of which Mayreau clinic is to be a beneficiary.

Will the minister please state when will the Mayreau clinic be repaired to make it fully operational in catering to the delivery of basic health care, the provision of accommodate for health personnel and efficiently facilitating the implementation of the Smart Health program?

10. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Central Kingstown) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

The recent tragedy and loss of the MV Persia is but a timely reminder of the financial risk and challenges faced by that most important set of investors and entrepreneurs called Traffickers. Recently on the invitation of the Honourable Member for East Kingstown himself invited by the Governor of the ECCB the question of currency exchange and payment for goods sold by our Traffickers in Trinidad was raised.

- (a) What assistance if any is being given by the Government to bring relief to our traffickers and farmers; and
- (b) How soon can we expect an amelioration of their problems.

11. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Central Kingstown) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

In the most recent presentation in Parliament, I made a case for the introduction of VAREP - Vincentian Association for Retired and Elderly Persons. I further suggested that a Not for Profit Organisation can be established and managed under the "suzerainty" of the NIS.

- (a) Does the Government feel that such an organisation which will give discounted benefits to our elderly and retired desirable;
- (b) If yes; is the NIS a proper agency; and
- (c) What initiatives can be taken and which line ministry to advance such an outcome.

12. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Central Kingstown) to ask the Honourable Minister of National Mobilization, Social Development, Family, Gender Affairs, Persons with Disabilities and Youth:

The good people of Largo Height continue to reach out and request assistance to build three bridges (river crossings) in their community using self help.

- (a) What material assistance if any can be offered by the ministry to assist the affected villagers of Largo Height in their quest to get to and from their homes.

13. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, Member of Parliament for West Kingstown, to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing, Informal Human Settlements, Physical Planning, Land and Surveys :

Recently, two more families were unceremoniously removed from their living quarters in Lowmans Bay by police officers. These families were living there for many years. While one understands the importance of a minimum radius away from the fuel station for residential safety, one is appalled by the lack of human dignity shown to these poor families by the total destruction of their dwelling places and destruction of whatever personal effects they had.

Would the Hon. Minister please state if any assistance would be given to these families to help them rebuild their lives, beginning with a place to live.

14. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, Member of Parliament for West Kingstown, to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development & Local Government:

The people of Lowmans Bay (Buddy Gutter) have endured the long years of neglect of the basic road to allow access to their homes. They have been given snippets of road building at two previous elections with the expectation of the road being completed soon thereafter. This is yet to materialize.

Would the Hon. Minister please state if this "village road" from the power station to the concreted portion of the very road in the village will form part of his ministry's program for the current year and if in the affirmative, when is it expected to be done.

15. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, Member of Parliament for West Kingstown, to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development & Local Government:

Would the Hon. Minister please state if the work to divert drainage water from flooding the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital by rerouting same round Victoria Park and into the North River, has been excised from the South Leeward Highway project? If in the affirmative, would the minister give this hon. House the assurance that flooding of the MCMH will not occur again by this in action.

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

Instances of praedial larceny are very common place and many farmers are negatively affected as their farm products are being stolen. Will the minister please state:

- (a) what measures are being put in place to stem this problem and to give farmers the confidence necessary to continue to produce;
- (b) In lieu of this problem, outline the number of rural constables as per agricultural district;
- (c) Define the role of said constables.

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

The retaining wall at Couls Hill damaged in 2013 continues to be a cause for major concern to the travelling public. Recently the skilful driving of the school bus driver averted what could have been a major catastrophe.

Will the minister please give an update of the study that he says is being undertaken to determine the next course of action as it relates to this wall.

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

Part of the Leeward Highway in Rose Bank, close to Karl Alexander's property, has been severely damaged due to erosions caused by heavy rains. This has been so for several months now and is affecting the regular flow of traffic in this area,

Will the Minister please state:

- a) How soon will work commence to repair this part of the main road;
 - b) What is the approximate cost to repair this damage; and
 - c) When will the repairs be completed.
19. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (South Leeward) to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development & Local Government:

Several bypass roads in South Leeward were used to facilitate traffic during the construction of the South Leeward Highway. The roads deteriorated badly insofar that provision is made in the budget to repair them.

Will the Hon Minister of Transport and Works please indicate which roads and when repair work is likely to commence.

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

Recent weather systems have caused many rivers to flood, resulting in the destruction of infrastructure and property throughout South Leeward.

Will the Hon Minister of Transport and Works please state when river defense will be constructed in the following rivers:

- (a) Buccament River
 - (b) York River
 - (c) The tributary with deferred junction which flows through Campden Park and end in the bay at ECGC.
21. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (South Leeward) to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing, Informal Human Settlements, Physical Planning, Land and Surveys :

During the passage of the Trough in November 2016, the following homes were adversely affected either by large landslides or falling boulders:

- I. Hendina Baker of Vermont
- II. Calvin George of Mereke
- III. Keith Delpesche of Campden Park
- IV. Vincent Sobers of Campden Park

One of the houses is uninhabitable and another has a gaping hole which exposes occupants to the elements.

Will the Honourable Minister of Housing please state when homeowners are likely to receive assistance to restore their premises.

22. The Honourable Dr. Julian Ferdinand, (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of National Mobilization, Social Development, Family, Gender Affairs, Persons with Disabilities and Youth:

The Liberty Lodge Boys' Training Centre has been temporarily housed at the Dauphine Community Centre in West St. George for some time now. Will the minister please state:

- (a) When were they relocated from the original facility at Green Hill to the Dauphine Community Centre;
 - (b) What was the reason for the relocation; and
 - (c) Are they expected to return to the facility at Green Hill and if so when is this likely to take place?
23. The Honourable Dr. Julian Ferdinand, (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of National Mobilization, Social Development, Family, Gender Affairs, Persons with Disabilities and Youth:

Would the Hon Minister please state in relation to the boys being housed at the Dauphine Centre:

- (a) How many boys are presently being cared for at the Centre;
- (b) What is the average length of stay for each boy enrolled in the programme; and
- (c) Are the boys able to continue their academic training and develop their skills in woodwork and agriculture while at the Community Centre in Dauphine?

24. The Honourable Dr. Julian Ferdinand, Opposition Senator, to ask the Honourable Minister of National Mobilization, Social Development, Family, Gender Affairs, Persons with Disabilities and Youth:

Would the Hon Minister please state in relation to management of the Boy's Training facility and its present construct:

- (a) Is there a Management Committee for the Centre? And if so, who are the members of that committee and how often do they meet; and
- (b) Is the centre's ten (10) acres of fertile agricultural lands generating any income? If so, what is the average monthly income and from what activities? And finally, if not why not?

25. The Honourable Marcia Barnwell, Opposition Senator, to ask the Honourable Minister of Education, National Reconciliation & Ecclesiastical Affairs:

Can the Honourable Minister please say whether the sale of carbonated drinks / soda in and around schools throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines is in keeping with the best interest of the child and whether the provision of such products in and around schools is in keeping with the government's policy on preventative health care?

Is the Minister aware that studies have shown that there is a link between drinking soda/ pop and brain damage, obesity and that children who drink more than 5 cans of pop per week are more likely to act aggressively?

Would the Minister, therefore move his government for the immediate ban of the sale and provision of all soda/ soft drinks in and around all Primary and Secondary schools in the best interest and protection of our children?

26. The Honourable Marcia Barnwell, Opposition Senator, to ask the Honourable Minister of Education, National Reconciliation & Ecclesiastical Affairs:

Would the Honourable Minister confirm whether the government provides processed food to the nation's children in the school food feeding program?

27. The Honourable Marcia Barnwell, Opposition Senator, to ask the Honourable Minister of National Mobilization, Social Development, Family, Gender Affairs, Persons with Disabilities and Youth:

Is the Honourable Minister, aware that studies have shown that listening to loud music can have harmful effects on learning and memory, and that loud music can cause brain damage and hearing loss?

Would the Minister agree that many vans that transport school children every day and play loud as well as lewd music violate a child's well being under article 3(1) of the Convention of the Rights of the Child and inconsistent with the National Child Protection Policy 2015-2020.

And, given the results of many studies and the disturbing and harmful reality that obtain in St. Vincent whether the Minister would move his government for an immediate ban on loud music in public transportation.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

BILLS

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| 1*. Finance Bill, 2017
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |
| 2*. The Bankruptcy and Insolvency (Amendment) Bill, 2017
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |
| 3*. Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill, 2017
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |
| 4*. Occupational Health and Safety Bill, 2017
(Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Labour) | 1 st Reading |
| 5. The Arnos Vale Covenant Assembly Incorporated
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 6. The Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries Incorporated
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 7. The Church of Christ at Richland Park Incorporated
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 8. The Lighthouse Chapel International Incorporated
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 9. The Word of Life Deliverance Ministries Incorporated
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 10. The Pillar of Truth Ministries Inc Incorporated
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |

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| 11. The Universal Church of the Kingdom of God Inc Incorporated
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 12. Faith Hope Deliverance Ministries Incorporated
(Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |

RESOLUTIONS

1. Pursuant to Section 15(5) of the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Zero Hunger Trust Fund Act 2016, the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Zero Hunger Trust Fund (Variation of Levy) (No. 2) Order 2017, which was published in the Gazette on the 24th day of February 2017, is subject to negative resolution of the House of Assembly.
2. Pursuant to the Airport Service Charge Act 2012 the Airport Service Charge (Variation of Charge) Order 2017 which was published in the Gazette of the 13th day of February 2017, is subject to negative resolution of the House of Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT