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PAPERS

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

The International Airport Development Company has received hundreds of millions of dollars of public money to use for the construction of the Argyle International Airport. Will the Prime Minister please state:

- (a) How up to date the IADC is in filing financial statements at the Commercial and Intellectual Property Office;
 - (b) When the company will be up to date in the filing of financial statements;
 - (c) When the account or manner in which the money spent by the IADC will be reported to Parliament.
2. Dr. The Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture:
 - (a) What was the final cost to charter Sunwing, CAL and other airlines to fly to and from St. Vincent and the Grenadines for the opening of the Argyle International Airport and;
 - (b) How much of the cost was recovered through ticket sales and how much was paid by the government, including government owned entities.

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

Since the road at Bluff Corner in La Pompe Bequia continues to deteriorate, in that recently a section of concrete roadway collapsed, will the Minister please say what is the status of efforts to address this increasingly urgent problem.

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

What is the fiscal outturn for the Central Government for the period January – March 2017, as compared with the similar period in 2016.

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

Given that no financial statements for PetroCaribe SVG and PDV SVG have ever been filed at the Companies Registry (CIPO), would the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance please indicate:

- (a) Why in the 12 years since PetroCaribe SVG's establishment and the 11 years since PDV SVG's establishment no financial statements have ever been filed for each and;
- (b) When will the financial statements be filed.

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

The Anglican Church besides being a pillar to our Vincentian society through its religious and educative foundations also provides us with some of our best historical buildings. Among them is the St. Georges Cathedral in Kingstown.

Unfortunately this important and historical monument has fallen into disrepair to the extent that it requires state intervention.

- (a) Even as we respect the separation of State and Church; is the Government amenable to further assistance to raise near three (3) million dollars to restore this natural treasure to its pristine condition;
- (b) What practical options are available to the Government and;
- (c) What Charities or Foundations to which the state has influence might we tap into.

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

There can be little doubt from a supplies economics point of view that in order to grow the national cake both production and productivity improvement is critical.

- (a) In this regard what further initiative can we take to put idle hands to idle lands thereby reducing our unemployment among our youth while at the same time increasing agricultural output and;
- (b) From the government data how much land is now in the land bank.

8. Major the Honourable St. Clair Leacock, (Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

The constituents of Central Kingstown have asked me to kindly remind you that they have not abandoned the call for a polyclinic in Redemption Sharpes, since they are the only constituency without a Health Clinic. Accordingly could the Minister please indicate whether:

- (a) They are prepared to review their health policy to consider such a request;
- (b) Budget for such a need assessment is in the 2018 Appropriation Bill and;
- (c) Commence preliminary talks with the Anglican authorities to acquire the existing property in Redemption Sharpes as a possible site for the polyclinic construction.

9. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (West Kingstown) to ask the Minister of Education, National Reconciliation and Ecclesiastical Affairs:

The Kingstown Government School has suffered for many years with lack of natural lighting and ventilation due to the three small shops built over the north side windows of the school. Despite these shops being closed and unused for years and repeated promises in parliament by the former Minister of Education, they continue to be a nuisance to teachers, students and parents of the school. Further, they prevent a free flow of movement in the school yard and serve as a haven for misbehaviour by students and others.

Would the Honourable Minister please state when his ministry intends to carry out this basic work to enhance the learning environment for all those who use this school.

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

The residents of Ottley Hall have for many years endured the hardship posed by the failure to restore the portion of road from the hard court to Cassa Man corner. This is made worse by the lack of drainage that causes the middle portion to be constantly under running water.

Would the Honourable Minister please state when this road is going to be fixed and the drainage problem resolved to protect the integrity of the road.

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

The concrete portion of the road in Ottley Hall from Cassa Man Corner to the end of that road has been without maintenance for many years resulting in the buildup of garbage and breeding of mosquitoes. This is particularly severe in the area of the road below Mrs. Lynch's shop. The problem is exacerbated by the poor grading of the drain that causes ponding.

Would the Honourable Minister please state what is being done to fix the drain and improve the health and lives of the hundreds who live in that area? And further, when is the humanitarian work going to take place.

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

Given that the fishing industry is very important to the country's economy and the livelihood of many of our people, but nevertheless the fisheries centres throughout the country are in a state of disrepair and are underused, will the Minister please explain:

- (a) What is the status of the fisheries centre at Owia and Chateaubelair;
- (b) More generally, what is the Government's plan for the utilization and management of the fisheries centres throughout the country.

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

Since 2015, a shipment of arrowroot starch exported to two buyers in the USA was found to be contaminated with salmonella and had to be rejected. The FDA and USDA requested of the Ministry of Agriculture to come and inspect the facilities here in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Will the Minister please state if:

- (a) The request was granted and if not why;
- (b) Has there been any export of arrowroot to the USA since 2015;
- (c) Approximately how many pounds of arrowroot is presently stock piled locally and;
- (d) Give an update of the state of the arrowroot production and harvest for 2016-17.

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

It was repeated in this Honourable House that the deplorable conditions that exist throughout St. Vincent and the Grenadines will be repaired when the Argyle International Airport was completed. Several village roads and feeder roads in North Leeward are in need of urgent attention. Will the Minister please state when the following will be repaired:

- (a) The Spring Village road from the main road to the Spring Village cemetery and the feeder road from the cemetery to the CWSA storage facility in the Hermitage mountain area;
- (b) Sharps Village road from Chateaubelair from the bridge at Pan Yard International Disco to beyond the newly constructed bridge at top Sharpes;
- (c) The broken embankment at the bypass road that links the North Leeward Highway to the Golden Grove road and;
- (d) The main road at Richmond from the boxing plant to the playing field at Richmond.

15. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (South Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

The Campden Park Clinic has been in a deplorable condition for a number of years and has the potential to make the sick even worse as they enter the facility.

Will the Honourable Minister of Health please state when work will commence to rehabilitate the clinic.

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

The residents of Cocoa Village in Campden Park and Lower Campden Park Plan have experienced difficulties getting to and from their homes whenever the river that separates them is in flood.

Will the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works please explore the possibility of the construction of a river crossing to link both villages and if the Government is inclined, when can work be reasonably expected to start.

MOTIONS

1. Motion on Transportation of School Children

Moved by the Honourable Senator Carlos James and seconded by the Honourable Senator Deborah Charles.

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION ON TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

WHEREAS the commendable public policy of the Government is to ensure, through a public-private partnership, that transportation, by land and sea, is provided for students attending secondary schools and the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College.

AND WHEREAS this said public policy has been elaborated in sound and worthy practice to the benefit of the students and their parents.

AND WHEREAS despite the commendable efforts of the Government and the success of the said public policy there are still inadequacies and areas of weakness which must be addressed satisfactorily.

AND WHEREAS the Government has proposed enhancements to, and improved regulation of, the transportation and road traffic systems, particularly but not only, for the students.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House endorse the following relevant proposals of the Government:

- (i) The purchase by the Government for on-leasing to Vincentian entrepreneurs for operation as school buses ten 25-seater buses/coaches;
- (ii) That the Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic Laws be amended to provide improved regulation of the quality of road transportation; and
- (iii) That the students from the Grenadines who attend secondary schools or the College on St. Vincent be accorded an ever greater level of support with their transportation.

Dated the 12th day of May, 2017.

Proposed by:

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Hon. Senator Carlos James

Seconded by:

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Hon. Deborah Charles

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

BILLS

1*. Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1st Reading
2*. Economic Diversification Loan Authorisation (No.2) (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1st Reading
3*. Immigration (Restriction) (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1st Reading
4*. Anti-Terrorist Financing and Proliferation (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1st Reading
5*. ECCB Harmonised Credit Reporting Bill, 2017 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1st Reading
6*. Eastern Caribbean Partial Credit Guarantee Corporation Agreement Bill, 2017 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1st Reading
7*. Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1st Reading
8*. Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	2nd Reading
9*. Occupational Safety and Health Bill, 2017 (Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Labour)	Select Committee
10. The Arnos Vale Covenant Assembly Incorporation Bill, 2017 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	2nd Reading
11. The Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries Incorporated (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	2nd Reading
12. The Church of Christ at Richland Park Incorporation Bill, 2017 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	2nd Reading
13. The Lighthouse Chapel International Incorporation Bill, 2017 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	2nd Reading
14. The Word of Life Deliverance Ministries Incorporation Bill, 2017 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	2nd Reading
15. The Pillar of Truth Ministries Inc Incorporation Bill, 2017 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	2nd Reading
16. The Universal Church of the Kingdom of God Inc Incorporation Bill, 2017 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	2nd Reading
17. Faith Hope Deliverance Ministries Incorporation Bill, 2017 (Honourable Mr. Speaker)	2nd Reading
18. Vincy Table Tennis Foundation Incorporation Bill, 2017 (Honourable Minister of Tourism, Sports & Culture)	1st Reading

ADJOURNMENT