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Honourable St. Clair Prince

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. Dr. The Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition Leader) to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing, Informal Human Settlements, Lands and Surveys and Physical Planning:

Several years ago, with much fanfare, the government bought the JU-C Building in Kingstown for over five million dollars. However, even though Government continues to rent office space in Kingstown, nothing has been done to convert the JU-C building for use as government offices or for other government uses. Will the Minister please state:

- a. How the JU-C building has been used since it was bought by the government;
- b. Why the building remains underutilized and;
- c. What the government intends to do with it to justify the use of millions of dollars of tax payers' money to purchase it.

2. Dr. The Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing, Informal Human Settlements, Lands and Surveys and Physical Planning:

The land formerly used for the Arnos Vale Airport is a very valuable and important public asset. Will the Minister state what the government intends to do with these lands and whether public consultations will be held to get input from the people about how best to use these lands in the future.

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

Will the Minister please indicate as fully as possible what is the status of his stated plans to repair the main road at Bluff Point and the Belmont to Mt. Pleasant road, both in Bequia.

4. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology:

Since 2013, there was an actuarial analysis of the government public pension system and certain specific recommendations were made. Will the government commit to conduct negotiation with the Public Service Union and other relevant bodies to resolve this matter in 2018.

5. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology:

The current debt to GDP ratio for St. Vincent & the Grenadines is above the accessible target of 60%. The government has indicated that it is working to achieve that target. When is the government proposing to achieve that target.

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

Given the virtual non-existence of extra regional banana exports in 2017; can the Minister indicate whether such exports will resume in 2018.

7. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Member for Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Education, National Reconciliation & Information:

The parents, students and teachers of the Mary Hutchinson Primary School at Ashton, Union Island are concerned about the clearly visible damage to the building. Can the Minister please state:

- a. Whether the situation has been investigated and evaluated
- b. What are the findings of the investigation
- c. When will the situation be rectified to provide a suitable and safe environment that is conducive to the teaching and learning process at school.

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

Since the occurrence of the 'Christmas Eve' floods, the entire course of the Buccament River effected erosion to the extent that the Vermont main road was devastated and to date no effort was made to restore the road.

Will the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works please state when that road will be repaired.

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

The Camden Park Health Clinic is in a terrible state of disrepair and in urgent need of a facelift.

Will the Honourable Minister of Health please state when residents of Campden Park can be expected to see repairs to the clinic and the erection of a doctor's quarters to house a resident doctor or nurse?

10. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (Member for South Leeward), to ask the Minister of Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture :

There was much talk by this government about the construction of an indoor sports complex in the vicinity of the Anglican School Annex.

Will the Honourable Minister of Sports state whether that forever promise will finally be realised and if so when can athletes reasonably expect the delivery of this facility.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

MOTIONS

1*. 2018 ESTIMATES OF ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

To be moved by the Honourable Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance.

WHEREAS section 70(1) of the Constitution of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines provides that the Minister for the time being responsible for finance shall cause to be prepared and laid before the House of Assembly before, or not later than thirty days after, the commencement of each financial year estimates of the revenues and expenditure of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for that financial year;

AND WHEREAS section 70 (2) of the Constitution provides for the approval of the estimates of expenditure by the House;

AND WHEREAS the Government had additionally decided to prepare estimates on a triennial basis:

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honourable House of Assembly do adopt the Estimates for the financial year ending 31st December, 2018;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House note the projections for the financial years ending 31st December, 2019 and 31st December, 2020.

BILLS

- 1*. Appropriation Bill, 2018 1st Reading
(Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance)

RESOLUTIONS

To be moved by the Honourable Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance

- 1*. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House do authorise the Minister of Finance to borrow by means of fluctuating overdraft or otherwise from First Caribbean Bank, or the RBTT Bank Limited, or the Bank of Nova Scotia, or the Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, money to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate fifty million dollars, during the period 1st January, 2018 to 31st December, 2018 for the purpose of meeting the current requirements of the Government.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

ADJOURNMENT