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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 Terrance Ollivierre, (Member for Southern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development & Local Government :

The main wharf at Canouan which has been in need of repairs since 2004 now poses a greater danger to the general public due to further deterioration from recent sea surges. Additionally, the temporary wharf that was constructed for daily use while the main wharf was to be repaired was badly damaged and is incapable of use, and is a great inconvenience to the public. Will the minister please state;

(a) What measures will be put in place for the urgent restoration of landing facilities for cargo and passenger vessels to the island;

(b) What are the plans for the construction of a proper wharf at Canouan.

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

Would the Honourable Minister please name all the pieces of roads main roads as well as secondary roads in the constituency of West Kingstown that are due for repairs and or construction during this year;

And would the Honourable Minister state the estimated cost, source of funds and estimated completion date for each piece of road.

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

Would the Minister please state which bridges in West Kingstown are due for repairs/restoration together with the estimated cost and completion date anticipated.

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

With reference to the retaining wall at Couls Hill North Leeward will the minister please state:

- (a) If design and other ancillary works related to this project and possibly rerouting of that area of the NL Highway have been completed;
- (b) If Yes, what is the cost associated with this project; and
- (c) When will work begin on this project.

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

In light of damages to several bridges and roadways in North leeward will the Minister please indicate:

- a) When work will begin on the Sharpes Bridge in Chateaubelair and the Bridge at Fitz Hughes;
- b) Give an estimate of the cost to repair these bridges and when will the repairs be completed;
- c) If your ministry is aware that the bridge on the main road at Petit Bordel has suffered some structural damages and needs to be assessed to determine the nature and severity of said damage; and
- d) When will work begin in the Golden Grove road that has recently collapsed.

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

One of the key program strategy of Ministry of Agriculture in 2018 is to Increase productivity and production on banana farms, will the Minister please indicate:

- a) What exactly is the ministry's plan to achieve this objective;
- b) How many acres of land was under banana cultivation in 2016 and in 2017; and
- c) What was the output in quantity of bananas produced in 2016 and in 2017.

14. 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.

15. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (Member for South Leeward), to ask the 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.

16. 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.

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

In the last four years, one of the Ministry's key programme strategies of its policy development and administration department has been to monitor and evaluate 50% of all its social development programmes, can the Minister please state:

(a) What programmes have been monitored and evaluated over the last four years that is from 2014 – 2017; and

(b) Why does the Ministry not seek to monitor and evaluate all of its programmes;

18. The Honourable Marcia Barnwell, Opposition Senator, to ask the Honourable Minister of Education, Education, National Reconciliation & Information:

A term in the scholarship agreement between the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College and a Registered Nursing Student is that a female student will receive half month's salary for one (1) year in the event of pregnancy related demotion.

Can the Minister please explain the rationale for this term.

19. The Honourable Kay Bacchus Baptiste, Opposition Senator to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development & Local Government :

(a) Will the Minister state what is the government's position regarding supplying mirrors for the use of drivers and pedestrians proceeding from minor roads onto main roads where it is dangerous to do so without the aid of mirrors; and

(b) Many such roads exist from Prospect to Arnos Vale and the Traffic Department has said that road users must buy their own mirrors for erection on posts. Is this government policy.

20. The Honourable Kay Bacchus Baptiste, Opposition Senator to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture:

What is the status of the Mt. Wynne/Peters Hope Resort Development Project and, in particular, when will construction begin and when will the project be completed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

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| 1.* Finance Bill, 2018 (Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |
| 2.* Public Sector Investment Loan, Bill 2018 (Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |
| 3.* Customs Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2018. (Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |
| 4.* Keith Glasgow Pension (Declaration) Bill, 2018 (Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |
| 5.* Paul Roberts Pension (Declaration) Bill, 2018 (Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |
| 6.* Gwenette Cambridge Pension (Declaration) Bill, 2018 (Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |
| 7.* Climate Resilience Levy Bill, 2018 (Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |
| 8.* Advance Passenger Information Bill, 2018 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of National Security) | 1 st Reading |
| 9. The Light House Ministries Inc Incorporation Bill, 2018 (Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 10. The Harvest Bible Chapel Georgetown Incorporation Bill, 2018 (Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 11. The Association of Evangelical Churches of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Incorporation Bill, 2018 (Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |
| 12. The First Born Church Incorporation Bill, 2018 (Honourable Mr. Speaker) | 1 st Reading |