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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

There has been a recent spate of yacht break-ins in Admiralty Bay Bequia resulting in bad publicity for our country as a destination among yacht travellers. Other harbors and bays throughout the country also experience attacks on yachts. Will the Minister state what measures, if any will be taken to improve security for yacht visitors in the country harbors and bays.

2. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

A visit to the surgical wards of the Milton Cato Memorial Hospital reveals an alarming and sad picture of many persons with limbs amputated because of diabetes and often unable to obtain medicines that might assist in the healing.

Will the Minister please state what if any measures are being taken:

- I. To address the high levels of amputations in diabetic cases; and
 - II. To ensure that treatments and medicines are available to avoid or reduce amputations and to aid recovery of amputees.
3. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

The entry area and parking lot at the ferry berth in Port Elizabeth is muddy and collect puddles of water when it rains and is very dusty when dry causing great inconvenience and discomfort to the public. Recent efforts by the government to address the problem by covering the area with a layer of dirt has made matters worse. Will the Minister state:

- i. Whether he is aware of the problem; and
 - II. What if anything will be done soon to rectify the problem.
4. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning information Technology:

In 2022 Estimates of Budget, we appropriated \$265,369,660 for Capital Receipts.

- I. How much of this amount was realized; and
 - II. Detail the list of such receipts.
5. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry & Labour:

When we agreed on the Public policy of Exports of Medicinal Marijuana, we heralded it as a game changer.

- I. Will the Honourable Minister please indicate the export value of Medicinal Marijuana sales to date on an annual basis and the source markets; and

II. What is the dollar value of domestic sales and the number of vendors in that market.

III. What is the projected growth as Big International providers “free up their market place”.

6. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

Will the Minister please state:

I. When will the following roads be repaired: In my own community of Dorsetshire Hill from the Sion Hill Junction into Dorsetshire Hill leading to the TV Station be comprehensively repaired.

II. The roads in Redemption Sharpes; specifically, in the area referred to as Hollywood from the intersection at the Bess/Martindale gap, pass Pastor Bess all the way up to Trigger Ridge.

III. The Old Montrose Road up to Sharpes Gate up to Ball Ground and that portion into Green Hill up to Bow Wood.

IV. The road into Largo Height from Prime Minister’s Residence up to Big Yard.

V. The Murray’s Village road from the Main road leading into Burcan also referred to as Hollywood.

7. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology:

The poverty assessment report of 2018 is long overdue. Would the Minister please state;

I. What is the status of the assessment exercise;

II. What is the expenditure to date on the exercise; and

III. When would the report on the poverty assessment be made known to the public.

8. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

We have recently learned that persons can access dialysis treatment for free at the health facility in Georgetown. Would the Honourable Minister please state:

I. What is the total number of patients who have received this treatment at the government facility to date;

II. How often do they receive the treatment; and

III. How many of these patients have since died.

9. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Public Service, Consumer Affairs and Sports:

Other member states of the OECS sub region all have the capacity and sporting facilities to host regional and international sporting competition in at least one major sport (Soccer, cricket, basketball, netball, volleyball, track, and field).

Will the Honourable Minister please:

- I. State the asset value of all government sporting facilities in the country;
 - II. Indicate which facilities are at the standard to host international competition; and
10. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, Member of Parliament for East Kingstown, to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development and Culture:

In a recent press conference, you indicated that this 2022/2023 tourist season will see a record number of cruise passengers arriving in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. More specifically you mentioned that over 320,000 cruise passengers will arrive.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- I. The factors which will contribute to this record number of arrivals; and
 - II. The projected revenue that SVG will earn from these arrivals.
11. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

The 2022 capital estimates have allocated over 50 million dollars for road repairs, maintenance, and construction along with other related works.

Will the Honourable Minister please indicate:

- I. How much of those allocated monies have been expended;
 - II. What specific works have been undertaken and completed with the expended monies; and
 - III. Which roads in East Kingstown have been repaired or constructed for this financial year 2022 and what's the cost of these repairs and or construction.
12. The Honourable Shevern John (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

Could the Honorable Minister please state whether nurses who are on ambulance duties are fully covered by any form of insurance policy on the job.

If no, what measures are in place to protect nurses in the event of any accident while on ambulance duties.

13. The Honourable Shevern John (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

On a regular basis, tires are taken to the Rabacca Site to be burnt as a means of disposal.

Could the Honorable Minister please state:

- I. If there are any plans to discontinue this practice; and
- II. Are there are plans to undertake any environmental studies to ascertain the effects of this type of pollution.

14. The Honourable Shevern John (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

Could the Honorable Minister state what plans are in place to fix the Perseverance Road going up to the CWSA catchment and treatment plant at Morne Garu.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(GOVERNMENT ORDERS ARE MARKED THUS*)

MOTIONS

1*. 2023 ESTIMATES OF SAINT 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, 2023;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House note the projections for the financial years ending 31st December 2024 and 31st December 2025.

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 Republic Bank Limited, 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, 2023 to 31st December, 2023 for the purpose of meeting the liquidity requirements of the Government.

BILLS

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| 1*. Appropriation Bill, 2023
(Honourable Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |
| 2*. Public Sector Investment Loan Bill, 2023
(Honourable Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |

ADJOURNMENT