



# SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

### ORDER PAPER

**No.9**

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**THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2023**

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1. **House of Assembly Paper No. 4 of 2023**  
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For the year ended December 31st, 2020  
(Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance)
2. **House of Assembly Paper No.5 of 2023**  
National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission  
(NTRC) Annual Report 2022  
(Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance)
3. **House of Assembly Paper No.6 of 2023**  
Director of Audit Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
Community College Financial Statements  
For the year ended December 31st 2017  
(Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance)
4. **House of Assembly Paper No. 7 of 2023**  
11th Actuarial Review of the National Insurance  
Fund of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
As of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019  
(Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/ Minister of Finance)

## **QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS**

1. Dr the Honourable Godwin Friday, Member of Parliament for Northern Grenadines to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

In January 2023, the government announced that there would be a National Road Repair Programme. Will the Minister please state:

- (a) Which roads have been repaired under the programme and the cost thus far?

2. Dr the Honourable Godwin Friday, Member of Parliament for Northern Grenadines to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

St. Vincent and the Grenadines as a multi-island state relies on its jetties to allow for efficient and safe transportation of people and goods among the islands, yet the jetties in the Grenadines are inadequate because of poor conditions or inadequate space. Will the Minister please state:

- (a) what plans if any, the government has to repair and expand the jetties in Union Island, Canouan, Mayreau and Bequia?

3. Dr the Honourable Godwin Friday, Member of Parliament for Northern Grenadines to ask the Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

The road in Paget Farm, commonly referred to as Broad Road, is in a state of disrepair and also needs to be upgraded to accommodate vehicular traffic that has increased over the years. Will the Minister please state:

- (a) Why that road has not been repaired;  
 (b) Whether the government plans to repair and upgrade it and;  
 (c) If so when?

4. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, Member of Parliament for Southern Grenadines, to ask the Honourable Minister of Education and National Reconciliation:

The temporary buildings to house the staff and students of the Mary Hutchison Primary School located in Ashton, Union Island have not been completed after given dates of completion namely December 2022 and ending March, 2023. Will the Minister please state:

- (a) What percentage of the work is still to be completed?  
 (b) Can the Minister give a breakdown of the work to be completed?  
 (c) Will the school be completed for the opening of the New Academic School year 2023 – 2024?

5. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, Member of Parliament for Southern Grenadines, to ask the Honourable Minister of Education and National Reconciliation:

Technical and Vocational Education of students attending the Union Island Secondary School are being affected due to the condition of the present location. Can the Minister please state:

- (a) Whether efforts are being made to rectify the present situation by providing suitable accommodation for the new academic school year 2023 – 2024?  
 (b) Is the new site located in proximity to the school to ensure effective use of instructional time?

6. The Honourable Major St. Claire Leacock, Member of Parliament for Central Kingstown, to ask the Prime Minister, National Security, Legal Affairs and Information:

Very often the hard working and efficient traffic department clamps vehicles even when (a) the driver is present and attempting to vacate their vehicle or (b) where clamping of that vehicle creates more inconvenience for the innocent driver who is blocked in. Will the Prime Minister please state:

- (a) How or what policing or discretions can be applied to these and other situations to achieve a more harmonious outcome between Police and Citizens?
- (b) What other initiatives are in place to assist with parking in the city?

7. The Honourable Major St. Claire Leacock, Member of Parliament for Central Kingstown, to ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Information Technology:

In your last response to the unlawful practice of not lodging NIS Reports in the Parliament; you advised that you were awaiting further input from an International Agency scheduled to visit St. Vincent. Will the Minister please state:

- (a) Has the that Agency since visited and advised?
- (b) Are you now in a position to lodge the reports?
- (c) Has the projections of cash flow and sustainable issues changed?

8. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, Member of Parliament for East Kingstown, to ask the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, and Information Technology:

With two quarters of the 2023 fiscal year completed, can the Honourable Minister please:

- (a) Report on the fiscal outturn for the year to date?
- (b) What has been the implementation rate (for both recurrent and capital) of the budget to date?
- (c) What factors have affected the implementation rate both positively and negatively?
- (d) Which sectors have experienced the highest and lowest implementation rates and why?

9. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, Member of Parliament for East Kingstown, to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

Over ten years ago, the government started construction of three buildings at bottom Roseau below the decommissioned Sion Hill stone quarry. It was said at the time that the structures were to accommodate Mas men/women with the construction of carnival costumes. To date the structures are incomplete. Will the Honourable Minister please indicate:

- (a) Whether these structures will be completed and made available to the mas men/women?
- (b) If yes when? If no, why not?

10. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, Member of Parliament for East Kingstown, to ask the Honourable Minister Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development and Culture:

The Argyle International Airport has been operating for over six (6) years now. Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- (a) The average monthly cost of operating the AIA?
- (b) The average monthly revenue generated by the AIA?

11. The Honourable Israel Bruce, Opposition Senator to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry & Labour:

The agricultural stations have played a critical role in assisting farmers in enhancing their farming techniques and production.

- (a) Are there any plans to upgrade the existing agricultural stations at North Union, Three Rivers and Dumbarton to better serve the farmers?
- (b) Does the Ministry propose to increase the number of these stations?

12. The Honourable Israel Bruce, Opposition Senator to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry & Labour:

The Ministry has spoken to the introduction of Ackee as part of the diversification strategy for food security. Will the Minister please:

- (a) Give the nation an update on the distribution of planting materials to produce Ackee?
- (b) State as at June 2023, how many acres of lands, if any, are under cultivation with Ackee?
- (c) Explain what level of training, if any, has been or will be given to farmers to assist them in the production of Ackee.
- (d) Tell us what are the current marketing plan and promotion strategy to ensure that the farmers maximize financial benefits of their production.

13. The Honourable Israel Bruce, Opposition Senator to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry & Labour:

About a year or thereabout, there was an assessment of the Farmers Support Company with a view to improving the effectiveness of the services rendered by that entity. Will the Minister please:

- (a) Indicate what were the top three concerns for the ministry coming out from this assessment?
- (b) State what were the key recommendations made towards addressing these concerns?
- (c) State if there are plans in place to implement new policies which will seek to respond to the concerns stated?
- (d) Table any such policy document for the benefit of members of this house?

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

Failure to address mental health problems has a major impact on those affected therefore, it is necessary to prioritize mental health as a key element of public health policy. In this light Will the Honorable Minister please state:

- (a) What measures are being taken to promote early diagnosis and treatment for people with psychiatric disorders?
- (b) How are these people being incorporated into the primary health system?

15. The Honourable Shevern John Opposition Senator to ask the Prime Minister, National Security, Legal Affairs and Information:

- (a) Whether there are precautionary measures taken on a continual basis to assess the state of mental health and well-being of police officers who bear arms in the course of their duties?
- (b) What is the process for police officers to seek help from their department for mental health challenges?

## **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

(Government Orders are marked thus\*)

### **BILLS**

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| 1* Finance Bill, 2023<br>(Honourable Minister of Finance)   | 1st Reading |
| 2* Finance Administration (Amendment) Bill, 2023<br>(Honourable Minister of Finance)  | 1st Reading |
| 3* South Rivers Health Center Project<br>(Loan Authorisation) Bill 2023<br>(Honourable Minister of Finance)                     | 1st Reading |
| 4* Belle Vue Cultural Artistic Hub and<br>Market Project (Loan Authorisation)<br>Bill, 2023<br>(Honourable Minister of Finance) | 1st Reading |
| 5* Saint Vincent and The Grenadines<br>Citizenship (Amendment) Bill 2023<br>(Honourable Prime Minister)                         | 1st Reading |
| 6 *The National Emergency and Disaster<br>Management (Amendment) Bill 2023<br>(Honourable Prime Minister)                       | 1st Reading |
| 7* Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications<br>Authority Bill 2023<br>(Honourable Minister of Finance)                              | 1st Reading |
| 8* Jennifer Browne Pension (Declaration) Bill<br>(Honourable Minister of the Public Service)                                    | 1st Reading |
| 9* Susan Jackson-Abraham Pension (Declaration) Bill 2023<br>(Honourable Minister of the Public Service)                         | 1st Reading |
| 10* Stephanie Browne Pension Bill 2023<br>(Honourable Minister of the Public Service)   | 1st Reading |
| 11* Offord Morris Pension (Amendment) Bill 2023<br>(Honourable Minister of the Public Service)                                  | 1st Reading |

### **ADJOURNMENT**