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THURSDAY 23RD FEBRUARY, 2023

PRAYERS

OBITUARIES

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SITTINGS HELD ON
TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER, 2022 AND JANUARY 9TH, 10TH,
11TH & 12TH, 2023**

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

PAPERS

1. **House of Assembly Paper No 1 of 2023**
Report of the Director of Audit
On the Public Accounts of the Government
Of St Vincent and the Grenadines, 2018
2. **House of Assembly Paper No. 2 of 2023**
Central Water and Sewerage Authority
Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2021
(In Eastern Caribbean Dollars)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. The Honourable Dr. Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology:

The government is building a hotel at Diamond to be completed this year. Will the Minister please say whether:

(i) The National Insurance Service is investing money in the hotel project and, if so, how much and on what terms.

2. The Honourable Dr. Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition) to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour:

The Minister of Finance in his 2022 Budget Address announced that the Government would partner with the Kingstown Cooperative Credit Union to provide affordable loans to assist fisher folk to purchase fishing boats to expand and upgrade the fishing industry. Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- I. How many persons have applied for the loans;
- II. How many loans have been approved; and
- III. How many fishing boats have been purchased under the programme.

3. The Honourable Dr. Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition) to ask the Honourable Minister of Urban Development, Energy, Airports, Seaports, Grenadines Affairs and Local Government:

The JF Mitchell Airport used to have lights and other equipment to enable night flights. Some years ago, despite objections from stakeholders particularly in the tourism industry, this government removed the approach lights and landing lights, and effectively ended night flights at the airport.

Will the Minister please state whether his government has any intention or plan to reinstall the lights and other necessary equipment to enable night landing at the airport.

4. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Member for Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Education:

After the analysis of the 2022 CSEC Examination data.

Will the Minister please state:

- I. How many students received 5 or more passes inclusive of English language and Mathematics;
- II. What number of students, if any, who were not successful in any subjects; and
- III. What new incentives or initiatives will be implemented to improve students success at internal and external exams.

5. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Member for Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Education:

In response to a question on the 17th October, 2022, the Minister of Education stated that the temporary building to house the staff and students of the Mary Hutchinson Primary School would be completed in December, 2022. He also stated that the building should be in use for the teaching and learning process by January, 2023.

Will the Honourable Minister please state the status for the completion and use of the temporary building.

6. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and information Technology:

Could the Honourable Minister please explain:

- I. The legal provisions under which the Government has raised revenue of Bonds without the express approval of the Parliament; and
 - II. How much revenue, if any, has been raised within the last two Parliaments by use of this provision.
7. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and information Technology:

Is there a legal provision for the Actuarial Reports on the National Insurance Services to be lodged in the Parliament and if so:

- I. When was the last report lodged; and
 - II. Is it true that the financial report on the NIS indicates that if reform is not implemented the NIS will have to borrow funds to pay benefits in the next fifteen years.
8. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

- I. Can Constituency representatives of the Opposition submit road projects for Consideration;
 - II. Is the Honourable Minister available for site visits with the Parliamentary Opposition for road improvements in their constituency; and
 - III. How soon if at all possible can the Honourable Minister accompany me as a Representative of Central Kingstown to an area called Suck Hole in Green Hill, to determine what infrastructural help can be given to the residents.
9. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Minister of Urban Development, Energy, Airports, Seaports, Grenadines Affairs and Local Government:

The fisherfolk who previously operated from Rose Place are mainly using the makeshift facility in Lowmans Bay.

This location is still lacking in basic amenities of road, electricity and sanitary facilities including bathrooms.

Given the importance of these basic amenities for the safe production of fish for human consumption and possibly export; will the Honourable Minister please indicate what arrangements if any are in place to correct this situation.

10. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Minister of Urban Development, Energy, Airports, Seaports, Grenadines Affairs and Local Government:

The residents of Ottery Hall and surrounding areas have been calling for improved street lighting for some time now.

Given the condition of the village roads and the overgrowth of trees in the tracts, there is increased fear among the residents occasioned by the escalating level of crime.

- I. Would the Minister be amenable to taking a look at these areas or have a team from Vinlec do so; and
 - II. Further would any consideration be given to improving better street lighting in these areas as a priority. (I am prepared to accompany the team and to give specific locations where lighting is requested.)
11. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Minister of Urban Development, Energy, Airports, Seaports, Grenadines Affairs and Local Government:
- Would the Honourable Minister please state:
- I. What is the current form of management of the Ottley Hall Ship Yard and Marina facility;
 - II. Is there any plan to restore the dry dock; and
 - III. What is the financial state of the Ottley Hall Ship Yard and Marina facility.
12. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (Member for South Leeward), to ask the Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:
- Given the fact that \$50 million is allocated for road repairs in 2023; will the Honourable Minister please state when the following roads in the constituency of South Leeward will be repaired:
- I. Keitha Delpelsche to Vin Durham in Coconut Range;
 - II. Vermont main road between Culvert and the Malcolm family;
 - III. Carib Village Road; and
 - IV. Corner between Annis Ross and Dubois School gap.
13. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (Member for South Leeward), to ask the Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:
- \$500,000.00 is allocated for river defence work in the York River in Campden Park.
- Will the Honourable Minister please state when that work will begin.
14. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, Member of Parliament for South Leeward, to ask the Minister of National Mobilisation, Social Development, Local Government, Gender Affairs, Family Affairs, Housing and Informal Settlement:
- Every year there is an allocation of funds to construct a retaining wall at the Low-Income Housing Project at Clare Valley to date no work has been done.
- Will the Honourable Minister please state definitively when that wall will begin.
15. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology:
- The financial year 2022 has come to an end. This Parliament approved the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for that year (2022) to the tune of one billion, three hundred and twenty-nine million, three hundred and forty thousand, eight hundred and sixty dollars (\$1,329,340,860). Will the Honourable Minister please:

- I. State the total amount of money that was spent from the 2022 Estimates;
- II. State how much money from the capital estimates was spent and what percentage of work was completed on capital projects; and
- III. Outline the amount of money and the percentage of work completed for each capital project approved in the 2022 Estimates.

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

In his budget address for this fiscal year 2023, the Minister of Finance stated:

“Notwithstanding the potential challenges, Budget 2023 is confidently allocating over \$50 million to the construction of roads and bridges this year, over half of which will be spent through the National Road Rehabilitation Project.” Will the Honourable Minister please:

- I. Outline the process which determines which roads will be rehabilitated/constructed; and
- II. Indicate which roads in the constituency of East Kingstown will be repaired and or constructed in 2023.

17. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister:

The 2023 estimates of Revenue and Expenditure allocate, under the office of the Prime Minister, a total of \$365,000 for: (i) Special Development Projects phase II (\$65,000 for small development projects throughout the country); (ii) Special Works and Services phase II (\$300,000 for miscellaneous capital grants and works).

Will the Honourable Prime Minister please:

- I. Explain what these two projects entail and how would they be implemented; and
- II. Are there any plans to implement activities under these two projects in East Kingstown and if so what activities.

18. The Honourable Senator Israel R. Bruce, (Opposition Senator), to ask of the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

That road leading from the residence of Lilian Bobb in Mt Grenan and going all the way up to the residence of Mr. Winston Delpesche, and as you move further in the same area from the late Bethel Bobb’s residence across to Sylvonne Samuel’s gate, is in need of repairs.

- I. Can the Honourable Minister please give an undertaking to have some assessment done with regards to this portion of road state; If yes;
- II. Will the Minister please indicate how soon can this be done, and will he give an undertaking to submit such assessment in its written form to this Honourable House;

19. The Honourable Senator Israel R. Bruce, (Opposition Senator), to ask of the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

The 2023 budget of St Vincent and the Grenadines proposes to hand Vincentians a revolution in road repairs. The road leading from Kenel Gate into Hadleys Village is crying out for some attention for the longest while now, to the point that minibus operators are refusing to service the villagers.

- I. Will the Honourable Minister please look into his allocations for the fiscal year 2023 and kindly find some funds that would go towards the urgent repairs of the Hadley's Village main road; and
- II. Can the people of Hadley's Village be given an undertaking that they can have their main road fixed by at least the third quarter of 2023.

20. The Honourable Senator Israel R. Bruce, (Opposition Senator), to ask of the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development and Culture:

The Windward side of the country can do well with an influx of tourist dollars. The Pavement pool and recreation site in the Greiggs mountain/Tibiru has great potential for development as a tourist attraction with income earning capacity and employment creation opportunities.

- I. Has the ministry ever given any consideration of this potential site for tourism investment and development which will create employment for our young people in the Greiggs, Lauders and Lowmans and areas;
- II. If not, will the Honourable Minister please give a commitment to lend some considerations to this potential tourism site as part of the diversification of tourism destinations on the Windward side of the country; and
- III. If yes, Could the Minister undertake to embark on feasibility and environmental impact assessment studies of this area as a potential tourism destination in St Vincent & the Grenadines.

21. The Honourable Shevern John, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of National Mobilisation, Social Development, Local Government, Gender Affairs, Family Affairs, Housing and Informal Settlement:

The persons attending the Voice of the Disabled Institution in San Souci are having problems with transportation to get to and from this institution.

Will the Honorable Minister state if there are any plans in place to source a transport for this institution that will assist with the movement of these individuals.

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

Persons find it difficult to access their homes when it rains because of the current condition of the tract from Herbert King in Mt Bentick Georgetown to Alban Toby's junction, known as "Swamp Street"

Will the Honourable Minister please state when will road work be done in this area to improve the condition.

23. The Honourable Shevern John, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour:

Access to water supply to farm lands is a problem for farmers in the North Windward Constituency.

Will the Honourable Minister please explain what plans are in place to address this issue.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

MOTION

PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTION ON POST-SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION IN ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

WHEREAS the advances in post-secondary and tertiary education in St. Vincent and the Grenadines since March 2001 have been phenomenal and unprecedented, assessed in terms of all objective matrices.

AND WHEREAS the policies of the Unity Labour Party (ULP) have been vital to the achievement of these phenomenal and unprecedented advances.


AND WHEREAS the ULP government is, currently, further enhancing access to quality education at post-secondary and tertiary levels as reflected in the Approved Estimates of Expenditure for 2023 and the Appropriation Act of 2023, and in the plans for the next decade.

AND WHEREAS the advances in post-secondary and tertiary education are aligned to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and to the appropriate purposes of higher education for the individual, the family, the economy, and the society in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House do endorse the ULP government's transformational policies and achievements in respect of post-secondary and tertiary education, and accordingly approve their continuance and improvement.

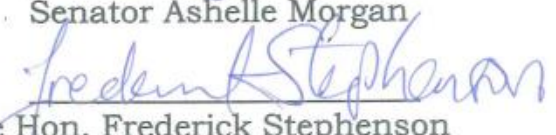
Dated the 10th day of February, 2023.

To be moved by:



Senator Ashelle Morgan

Seconded by:



The Hon. Frederick Stephenson
Minister of the Public Service, Consumer Affairs & Sports.

Submitted for consideration at the Third Meeting of the House of Assembly in the current Parliamentary Session.

BILLS

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| 1*. Prevention of Trafficking in Persons (Amendment) Bill 2023
(Honourable Minister of National Security/Prime Minister) | 1 st Reading |
| 2*. Chief Engineer (Amendment) Bill, 2023
(Honourable Minister of Transport and Works) | 1 st Reading |
| 3*. Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill 2023
(Honourable Minister of Civil Aviation) | 1 st Reading |
| 4*. Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill 2023
(Honourable Minister of Mobilisation) | 1 st Reading |
| 5*. Conrad Simon Pension (Declaration) Bill 2023
(Honourable Minister of Public Sector) | 1 st Reading |

ADJOURNMENT