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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SITTINGS HELD ON
29th & 31ST OCTOBER 2013**

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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

What was the current level of debt owed by the government to the Private Sector for the period ending 30th September, 2013.

2. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace, Member of Parliament for East Kingstown and Leader of the Opposition, to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries Rural Transformation and Industry:
 - a. What was the current status of the spraying programme for the Black Sigatoka as of 31st October, 2013.
 - b. How does this compare with the **SPECIFIC ACCOUNTABILITIES** outlined in the estimate for the Ministry of Agriculture for the current fiscal year.

3. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Northern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

There were many complaints over the years about the poor physical conditions at the Registry in its original location at the High Court Building. Now that the Registry has been moved to different quarters in a former location of the National Commercial Bank, will the Prime Minister please state:

- a. whether this will be the new home of the Registry for the foreseeable future, if not how long is it expected to be there;
- b. how is the relocation expected to improve services provided to the public; and
- c. whether all necessary provisions and facilities exist in the new location to accommodate properly all persons, including search clerks, using the Registry.

4. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Northern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

Construction work on the Bequia Hospital has been ongoing for several weeks and there appears to be a lot more work still to be done. Will the Minister please state:

- a. What is the nature of the repairs and improvements being made to the hospital;
- b. When will the project be completed;
- c. how will completed work improve the services provided to the public and the public's use of the hospital; and
- d. How is the project being financed;
- e. and how much will the project cost.

5. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Northern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture:

In light of the recent horrific attack on a yacht at Frigate Rock Union Island in which an occupant was seriously wounded and given the problems over the years with burglary of yachts anchored in our waters including in Admiralty Bay, will the Minister please explain:

- a. how the patrol boat in Admiralty Bay, Bequia has performed since being introduced;
- b. give assurance that the patrol of Admiralty Bay will continue and will be effective in providing security on the water and in combating yacht break-ins; and
- c. indicate generally and specifically what is being done to restore and improve the reputation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines as a safe and welcoming destination for cruisers and other members of the yachting community.

6. The Honourable St. Clair Leacock, (Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

How much of the cash receipt in the 2013 budget under the caption **OTHER** has been received to date.

7. The Honourable St. Clair Leacock, (Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

Are there any plans in the 2014 budget for the resurfacing of roads in the following areas.

- a. Back Road, Old Montrose;
- b. The entire area from Starlift Pan Yard pass Ken Peters and culminating in the dead end;
- c. Ring Road in Paul's Avenue, starting at the Guides Hut and including the area referred to as Middle Road where Mr. Smith operates his tailor shop or where Judy recently lost her house in a fire.

8. The Honourable St. Clair Leacock, Member of Parliament for Central Kingstown, to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works Urban Development and Local Government:

The people of Largo Height are still waiting for a number of river crossings in their communities to get to their homes in safety and decency:

Will any of this be accomplished in the 2014 budget.

9. The Honourable Roland Matthews, (North Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation and Industry:

Banana cultivation in the leeward zone seems to be at a standstill since operation "Cut Back". At present there are many farmers from this zone who are still desirous of continuing in the industry. Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- a. Why is there a lull in the banana cultivation in the Leeward Zone;
- b. Are there any plans in place by your Ministry to improve the levels of banana cultivation in the Leeward zone.

10. The Honourable Roland Matthews, (North Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation and Industry:

The fishing industry is one sector that can earn foreign exchange and thus enhance national development. Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- a. What is being done to encourage fisher folks to continue in the sector;
- b. Are there any initiatives for young people to become involved in fishing as a livelihood;
- c. If so what are these initiatives and how can young people be made aware of and involved in such initiatives.

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

Feeder Roads Rehabilitation is one aspect of the Memorandum of Understanding with Armajaro (the Cocoa Exporting Company) that the government has responsibility for. Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- a. How many feet of feeder roads have been rehabilitated thus far;
- b. The areas where these roads have been rehabilitated;
- c. The cost to the government so far for these roads rehabilitation.

12. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (South Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

Properties along the banks of the York River in the vicinity of Bolomy in Campden Park are constantly eroded particularly in the rainy season.

Will the Honourable Minister please state definitively whether the government has any plan to protect the properties along the course of the river.

13. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (South Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of National Mobilisation and Social Development, the Family, Youth and Persons with Disability.

The roof of the Community Centre in Campden Park collapsed several years ago and many promises were made to have it restored.

Will the Honourable Minister please give an update of the progress if any with respect to rehabilitating the centre's roof.

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

The Pavilion at the Campden Park Playing Field has been in a dilapidated condition for years and it appears as if only lip service is paid to upgrading the facility.

Will the Honourable Minister unequivocally state when will work begin to rehabilitate the facility.

15. The Honourable Vynnette Frederick, (Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of National Mobilisation and Social Development, the Family, Youth and Persons with Disability:

There have been complaints about foreigners being held at the Mental Health facility at Glen for removal from St Vincent and the Grenadines. Will the Minister please indicate:

- a. whether persons who are awaiting removal from St. Vincent are being held at the mental health facility in Glen;
- b. if yes, how many such persons are being kept there;
- c. for how long have they been held there;
- d. Why are they being held there and not at the prison.

16. The Honourable Vynnette Frederick, (Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of National Mobilisation and Social Development the Family, Youth and Persons with Disability:

Given the negative impact of delay on the timely disposal of certain family proceedings which require social workers and counsellors to travel repeatedly to the Grenadines to carry out their work on matters; will the Minister please indicate:

- a. what provisions exist for social workers and counsellors to travel to the Grenadines to do their work;
- b. whether payments are up to date to the service providers who transport these individuals.

17. Dr. the Honourable Linton A. Lewis, (Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government, will the Minister please state:

- a) whether there are any plans to remove the derelict boats in the Careenage Harbour at Ratho Mill and if so;
- b) When will they be removed.

18. Dr. the Honourable Linton A. Lewis, (Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture:

Prior to the construction of the Fair Hall Primary School the people in the communities of Glen and Fair Hall have not been able to use the hard court adjacent to the Fair Hall Primary School on evenings to conduct sporting activities because there is no electrical power going to the flood lights- essentially the hard court is not lighted. Will the Minister please state:

- a) Whether there are any plans to put back power to the flood lights and if so;
- b) when will this be done.

19. Dr. the Honourable Linton A. Lewis, Opposition Senator to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs.

Given the recent debate on the decriminalization of the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes, will the Honourable Prime Minister please state;

- a) whether there are any plans to decriminalize the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes and if so;
- b) when will legislation to that effect be brought to Parliament.

ORDERS OF THE DAY
(Government Orders are marked thus*)

BILLS

1*. Witness (Special Measures) Bill, 2013 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	Select Committee Report
2*. Proceeds of Crime Bill, 2013 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	Select Committee
3*. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Tourism Authority (Amendment) Bill 2013 (Honourable Minister Tourism)	Select Committee Report
4*. Immigration Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2013 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
5*. Lennox John Pension (Declaration) Bill 2013 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
6*. Elaine Ollivierre Pension (Declaration) Bill 2013 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
7*. Cools Vanloo Pension (Declaration) Bill 2013 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
8*. Joy Cato Pension (Declaration) Bill 2013 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
9*. Rudol Sutherland Pension (Declaration) Bill 2013 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
10*. Ensley Williams Pension (Declaration) Bill 2013 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading

ADJOURNMENT

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. The Honourable St. Clair Leacock, (Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

Could the Honourable Prime Minister provide the total number of voters under the category students that has been registered since the 2010 general elections and by constituencies?

2. The Honourable St. Clair Leacock, (Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

Please supply the 2012 audited or unaudited statement for the St. Vincent Electricity Services Limited.