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

The Minister recently confirmed his Government's intention to build a hotel with funds borrowed through the Government of Taiwan. Will the Minister please state:

- (a) How much money is being borrowed and on what terms;
- (b) Whether the borrowed funds will be enough to complete the project;
- (c) When the project will be completed;
- (d) Who will run it when it is completed; and
- (e) Why it is preferable to build the hotel with government funds rather than invite private investors to own and operate it.

2. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism & Culture:

Several years ago, the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines received funding from the European Union to establish a Maritime and Hospitality Institute. Yet, the facility has not been completed.

Will the Minister please state what is the status of this much-needed facility?

3. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development & Local Government:

Despite promises made by you in this Honourable House to repair the badly deteriorated main road from Belmont to Mount Pleasant Bequia, no work has been done. Further, the main road to Page t Farm Bequia, notably the section near Stonnie Hazell's home in La Pompe, is in a very bad state of disrepair, as is the road at Union Estate, Bequia, particularly the section below the homes of Oswald Simmons and Mrs. Rose Farrell.

Will the Minister state why work on the Belmont to Mount Pleasant road was delayed and, further indicate when the much-needed repair work on the three roads mentioned will be done .

4. The Honourable Amhim Eustace, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology:

Will the Honourable Minister please indicate the fiscal out turn as of the end of September 2018.

5. The Honourable Amhim Eustace, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Rural Transformation:

(a) Could the Minister please indicate whether shipments of bananas of bananas to the United Kingdom will resume at the end of 2018; and

(b) Indicate the projected exports for January to June 2018.

6. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Member for Southern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Minister of Education, National Reconciliation, Ecclesiastical Affairs and Information:

In a ceremony to officially announce the overall performance of candidates in the region, the Registrar for CXC stated that over 11,000 students in the region received no subjects.

Will the Minister please state:

(a) How many students from Secondary Schools in St. Vincent & the Grenadines wrote the May/June CSEC examinations;

(b) How many students received no subjects and can the figure be broken down by gender;

(c) How many students received 5 or more subjects inclusive of English Language and Mathematics; and

(d) What measures are put in place with the aim of improving students' performance.

7. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Member for Southern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and of Minister of National Security, Legal Affairs, Grenadines Affairs and Energy

Over the years, there has been movement of Windward Carenage Bay to Salt Whistle Bay on the island of Mayreau. This can result in the cutting off of Mt Carbut from mainland Mayreau and also has implications for one of the most pristine beaches in SVG.

- (a) Is the Minister aware of this situation; and
- (b) What can be done quickly to mitigate this problem.

8. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Member for Southern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Minister of Minister of Education, National Reconciliation, Ecclesiastical Affairs and Information.

There has been much public anxiety due to a proposed school campus on the island of Canouan. What is the government proposal for the Canouan School Compound .

9. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and of Minister of National Security, Legal Affairs, Grenadines Affairs and Energy:

A recent fire in the Cane Garden area and one in the Old Montrose Block 2000 community has brought into sharp focus the capacity of the Fire Service (Brigade) for Fire Fighting, Search and Rescue and First Respondent duties.

- (a) How many fires can the fire service "fight" simultaneously in the urban and Greater Kingstown areas;
- (b) How many fire hydrants are provided in the Largo Height community to attend to the Prime Minister's residence, the Largo Height Police Station and the Nurses Hostel;
- (c) Where are the locations for fire hydrants in Green Hill, Redemption Sharpes and Kingstown Park villages;
- (d) What is the status of these hydrants in terms of couplings, water capacity, etc; and
- (e) Is there a case for promotion of the most recent graduates of the Fire Service with a Masters degree in related competencies to middle to senior management (leadership) position.

10. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and of Minister of National Security, Legal Affairs, Grenadines Affairs and Energy:

The current consideration to re-examine the conditions of service of Police Recruits brings into question the Human Resource Management of the Police Force, specifically their performance approval process. Will the Prime Minister please state:

- (a) Is there a standard Recruit Training Evaluation Form to determine suitability to the constabulary;
- (b) If yes, will the Honourable Minister of National Security Supply to the Honourable House a specimen;
- (c) Are there annual performance appraisal forms for Constables, Non-Commissioned Officers and Officers;
- (d) If yes, will the Honourable Minister of National Security provide copies of the same;
- (e) Is there a designated officer in charge of Human Resources Development Management in the force;
- (f) If yes, what rank does the officer carry and what other responsibilities are assigned to the officer; and
- (g) Has the time come to review the process of either recruiting officers to leadership positions in the force or officers for leadership programs at the graduate level.

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

The announcement of a US\$50 million dollars in loan for a state owned hotel development suggests that a comprehensive capital budget plan including feasibility exists for such an investment decision.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- (a) What is the total cost of the investment;
 - (b) Who if any are the partners;
 - (c) What is the extent of the Government of SVG's equity in the project;
 - (d) What is the debt portion of the investment;
 - (e) Please indicate the NPV, the IRR and the paybacks calculations for the project;
 - (f) How would a wholly owned or majority state owned hotel impact private sector investment in Hotel ...; and
 - (g) Which International Brand is targeted to manage this hotel and what are the terms .
12. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Honourable of Education, National Reconciliation, Ecclesiastical Affairs and Information:

Dr. J.P Eustace Memorial Secondary School has a large enrollment of students. These students are at a disadvantage, in that, there is no science lab at this school and they are not taught Physics, Chemistry and General Biology. Parents and students have been complaining for a long time now. There is a place left out on a part of the buildings.

Would the Minister please state if and when a science laboratory will be added to this school .

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

According to the 2018 estimates the Ministry of Agriculture s under its Banana Industry Support program indicated that for the period there will be increase production and productivity on banana farms. Will the minister please state:

- (a) Whether or not if this objective has been achieved, if YES please specify and if Not give reasons; and
 - (b) The number of acreage under banana cultivation presently .
14. The Honourable Roland Matthews, (Member for North Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Rural Transformation:

Will the Minister please give an update on the following objectives as set out in the 2018 estimates as they relate to the Fisheries Services:

- (a) Exploring the possibilities for fleet expansion;
- (b) Develop and conduct a Fishing Industry Survey;
- (c) Protection of endangered marine species; and
- (d) Improve data collection quality and analysis capabilities.

15. The Honourable Roland Matthews, (Member for North Leeward), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and of Minister of National Security, Legal Affairs, Grenadines Affairs and Energy :

For months now there is a very foul smell emanation from drainage at the Belle Isle Correctional Facility where water is constantly running onto the North Leeward Highway. The smell makes it uncomfortable for road users who traverse the area. Will the Minister please:

- (a) Investigate the source of this smell and put measures in place to stop this smell;
- (b) How soon will this be done to give road users a relief and a breath of fresh air when entering and leaving beautiful North Leeward.

16. The Honourable Marcia Barnwell, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Finance , Economic Planning, Sustainable Development and Information Technology:

In her address to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court for the opening of the 2018-2019 Law Term, Her Ladyship, The Hon. Dame Janice M. Pereira, DBE, Chief Justice stated that "the aggregate of arrears in contributions due to the courts stands at just over 22 million dollars.

- (a) Does St. Vincent and the Grenadines owe the OECS court; and?
- (b) If so, how much and over what period are we in arrears.

17. The Honourable Marcia Barnwell, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

In 2017 the Judicial Management System was deemed problematic and to be replaced. In 2018, Budget a new judicial system CORTEC was scheduled to replace The Judicial Electronic Management System (JEMS) so as to create greater integration of the courts locally and regionally.

Can the Minister of Legal Affairs give an update on the progress of the implementation of the new Judicial System.

18. The Honourable Marcia Barnwell, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, National Security, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

Would the Minister of Legal Affairs please say:

- (a) whether he is concerned by a statement of an accused man that claimed the Commissioner of Police participated in beating him resulting in serious injury; and
- (b) Whether he would ensure that an investigation into the matter is conducted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

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| 1*. | Dale Charles Pension (Declaration) Bill, 2018
(Hon. Prime Minister/Minister of Public Sector) | 1 st Reading |
| 2*. | The Medicinal Cannabis Industry Bill, 2018
(Honourable Saboto Caesar/Minister of
Agriculture and Forestry) | Select Committee |
| 3*. | The Cannabis Cultivation (Amnesty) Bill, 2018
(Honourable Saboto Caesar/Minister of
Agriculture and Forestry) | Select Committee |
| 4*. | The Permitted Use of Cannabis for Religious
Purpose Bill of 2018
(Honourable Saboto Caesar/Minister of
Agriculture and Forestry) | Select Committee |
| 5*. | The Police (Amendment) Bill, 2018
(Hon. Prime Minister/Minister of National Security) | Continuation of
Debate |
| 6*. | Child Justice Bill, 2018
(Honourable Frederick Stephenson/Minister of
Social Development) | Select Committee |

ADJOURNMENT