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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. The Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

(a) How much money did the recent trip to Dubai cost the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines;

(b) What was the purpose of the trip; and

(c) How did the trip benefit the country.

2. The Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister etc:

What is the status of the power purchase agreement being negotiated between the Government/Vinlec and the geothermal project owners/operators and will it result in lower electricity prices for consumers.

3. The Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and works:

In the recent presentation of the 2019 Budget the Government announced that it would repair and build village paths and walkways under a program called PAVE.

Will the Minister consider including in the list of footpaths to be repaired the wooden footpath that covers the concrete gutter near to the Catholic Church in Hamilton Bequia which is dilapidated and dangerous to walk on but is still being used daily by villagers at great risk of serious injury to themselves.

4. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Member for Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

The Ashton Hard Court is in such a state of disrepair that the Easterval activities could not be hosted there last year. Since that time, no repairs were done to this facility. Can the Minister ensure that the restorative work will be done in time for Easter festivities 2019.

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

The garbage site at Clifton Union Island is of major concern to the residents in that area. What is the status of the plan to relocate this site.

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

At the public cemetery at Retreat Canouan residents are having difficulty in finding space to bury their loved ones. Some years ago a new location was identified at Riley Hill. What is the status of the relocation of the public cemetery to this location.

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

As we advance plans for the celebration of our 40th year of Independence, will the Government be prepared to recognize those who brought glory to the nation by placing 2nd in the CFU Tournament of that year? This recognition could come in the form of plaques, certificates, commemorative coins, a dinner or publication or any other combination of creative ideas.

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

Has the time come in our development for us to institute our own system for National Awards to recognize, reward and award our people for their social, economic, political, cultural, sporting and spiritual contribution to this our blessed land?

- (a) How soon will legislation be put in place to address the formal status of our Goodwill Ambassadors beyond diplomatic passports.
- (b) How should they be properly referred; what other courtesies should be extended to them; should there be any formal letters attached to their names.

9. The Honourable Major St. Clair Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown) to ask the Minister of Finance:

As I commit as MP for Central Kingstown, to the clean-up of the city in the 40th year of our Independence, will there be proper recognition and accommodation of my buy-in to ideas for this exercise such as:

- (a) Proper ablution facility in the Heritage Square area and the toilet in Bay Street opposite Little Tokyo;
- (b) At least designs for a boardwalk along Little Tokyo to South River Road itself and to clean all that is now unsatisfactory and ugly with the Sea Front Development; and
- (c) Phased in improvements of our sidewalks using different masonry or finishes.

10. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Legal Affairs, Grenadines Affairs and Energy:

Would the Honourable Prime Minister please state which if any site has been chosen for the relocation of people from Rose Place affected by the port project.

- (a) And if no site has as yet been chosen are there any under consideration; and
- (b) Can someone affected identify a possible site for himself.

11. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of National Security, Legal Affairs, Grenadines Affairs and Energy:

Would the Honourable Prime Minister please state what local source of funding has been identified for the resettlement of persons affected by the Kingstown port project.

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

Would the Honourable Minister please state:

- (a) What, if any, was the indebtedness of this country to PAHO/WHO for 2018, and
- (b) What is the current status of payment balance to that institution.

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

Though mention has been made of investors who have shown interests in the SVG Medicinal Cannabis Industry, the names of any investor has not been mentioned:

- (a) Will the Minister please state whether he or the Medical Cannabis Authority is aware of any discussions between any investor or investors and traditional farmers with the view of entering into contracts to buy cannabis; and
- (b) If YES, how many traditional farmers are involved in such discussions.

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

The Medical Cannabis Industry is set to begin operations in March 2019 and land ownership and access to land are two (2) serious issues that will affect traditional cannabis farmers especially those who will be seeking licenses to cultivate medical cannabis, will the Minister please state:

- (a) How many traditional farmers have been allocated lands thus far;
- (b) With an approximate 2500 farmers presently cultivating marijuana how many will be granted license; and
- (c) What are the areas where the lands will be made available.

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

In light of the fact that some fisherfolks from the Leeward area were promised assistance from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and fisheries etc for loss suffered since December 2013 and never received such assistance, will the Minister please state;

- (a) Approximately what is the cost to compensate the fisherfolks affected;
- (b) If any assistance will ever be given to the affected persons; and
- (c) If YES how soon can the minister commit to such assistance.

16. The Honourable Kay Bacchus Baptiste, (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing, Informal Human Settlements, Land and Surveys, and Physical Planning:

- (a) How many parcels of land are being occupied by the Geothermal project;
- (b) Were these lands Crown lands at anytime;
- (c) From whom were these lands purchased or acquired;
- (d) At what price were the lands purchased; and
- (e) Have the purchase price been paid in full.

17. The Honourable Kay Bacchus Baptiste, (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

- (a) Who was awarded the Government contract to build the bridge to provide access to Bower;
- (b) How much money was paid; and
- (c) Has the bridge been built? If no why not.

18. The Honourable Kay Bacchus Baptiste, (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

Will the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works please say when will the dreadful road in front of Punky's Pork in Arnos Vale business be repaired.

19. The Honourable Israel Bruce, (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

The clinic situated at Diamonds in the constituency of South Central Windward is currently experiencing leakage.

- (a) Would the Honorable Minister state if he is aware of this problem at the Diamonds clinic;

- (b) If no would he get a team to go and assess this structure with a view of assessing its current state; and
- (c) If yes, how soon can the nurse assigned to that clinic and the residents of Diamonds be assured that the roofing and leaking issues with this clinic will be fixed.

20. The Honourable Israel Bruce, Opposition Senator to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

The clinic situated at Lowmans Windward in the constituency of South Central Windward currently has been having problems with termite infestation of the wooden structure constituting the roof of that facility which results in the absence of a live-in nurse.

- (a) Would the Honorable Minister state if he is aware of this termite problem at the Lowmans Windward clinic;
- (b) If no would he get a team to go and assess this structure with a view of assessing its current state; and
- (c) If yes, how soon can the Nurse assigned to that clinic and the residents of Lowmans Windward be assured that the roofing and termite infestation issues with this clinic will be addressed.

21. The Honourable Israel Bruce, Opposition Senator to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

The Doreen John Health Center, Greggs in the constituency of South Central Windward is currently plagued with mold infestation.

- (a) Would the Honorable Minister state if he has been made aware of this problem at the Doreen John Health Center, Greggs;
- (b) If no would he assign a team of experts to assess this structure with a view of determining its current state; and
- (c) If yes, how soon can the Health Workers assigned to that Health facility / clinic and the residents of Greggs be assured that the mold infestation issue with this Health Center/clinic will be addressed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

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| 1.* Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
(Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |
| 2.* Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2019.
(Honourable Camillo Gonsalves/Minister of Finance) | 1 st Reading |

ADJOURNMENT