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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

   Would the Honourable Prime Minister please indicate the source of funds of the US $1 million deposited in November 2009 at the National Commercial Bank in the Accountant General's Account.

2. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Information, Grenadines and Legal Affairs:

   Would the Honourable Prime Minister please state how many persons have had their electricity disconnected for lack of payment as at November 2009.

3. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Education:

   Would the Honourable Minister please indicate the level of arrears owed by Government to the University of the West Indies as at December 31st 2009.

4. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday (Northern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

   In light of the serious concerns recently raised about road safety throughout the country and given the obvious danger to the public posed by the damaged or unfinished segments of the Friendship main and, further, given that the Minister indicated in this Honourable House that the said road would be repaired by the end of the second quarter 2009 and no work has been done will the Minister:

   a. give the assurance that this dangerous section of damaged and unfinished road will be repaired urgently before someone is seriously injured as a result of it; and
   b. state categorically and emphatically when the road will be repaired.

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

   Regarding the proposed private sector development of villas and hotel at Adams' Bay in Bequia which the Minister and other members of the government have spoken about publicly, and which project appears to have come to a halt;

   Will the Minister please state whether the investors are proceeding with the project and, in general, indicate the status of this potentially important tourism project.

6. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday (Northern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Urban Development, Culture, Labour and Electoral Matters:

   a. Has the Minister undertaken a review of the conduct of the November 25th 2009 referendum on constitutional change and, in general, is the Minister satisfied with the manner in which the referendum was conducted; and
   b. how much money did the referendum cost the government, including funds spent by this Administration in campaigning for the proposed new constitution.

7. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre (Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

   Some areas of the main road from Clifton to Ashton, Union Island is in a state of disrepair;

   Could the Honourable Minister please state when would this situation be solved.

8. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre (Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

   Construction of the Union Island Police Station was slated to commence during the later quarter of 2009;

   Would the Honourable Minister please state:

   a. when would construction work on this new facility commence;
   b. indicate the location of the project;
   c. provide the estimated cost of the said project; and
   d. the name of the construction firm contracted to build the police station

9. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre (Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health and the Environment:

   There is evidently a shortage of portable water in the Grenadines especially Union Island and Mayreau.

   Could the Honourable Minister please indicate what measures if any has been put in place to ensure sufficient water supply to the residents of the Grenadines during the dry season.

10. Major the Honourable St. Clair Leacock (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Legal and Grenadines Affairs:

    a. Would the Honourable Prime Minister please indicate, since the last credit rating of the country was presented has another been decided; and
    b. if so, what is the current rating.

11. Major the Honourable St. Clair Leacock (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade:

    a. How many Vincentians are currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United Kingdom; and
    b. what is the level of Government involvement if any in this recruitment exercise.

12. Major the Honourable St. Clair Leacock (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, Information, Legal and Grenadines Affairs:

    a. Please indicate the total amount of money disbursed by the International Airport Development Corporation (IADC) on the Argyle International Airport to date;
    b. further provide a breakdown of these expenditures as at December 31st 2009; and
    c. what is the extent of the IADC's accounts payable to date.

13. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health and the Environment: Could the Honourable Minister please state:

    a. what is the result of the study done by the Central Water and Sewerage Authority (CWSA) in regards to adequate water supply in the Grenadines;
    b. when could the study be made available to the public; and
    c. how soon will the findings of the study be implemented.

14. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health and the Environment: Could the Honourable Minister please indicate:

    a. whether there is a contingency plan in place in St. Vincent and the Grenadines to cope with the severe drought; and
    b. what alternative sources of water are or would be made available in such an event.

15. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing:

    When would the persons who have been uprooted from their homes to facilitate the Lowmans Leeward Electricity Project, and made to pay for alternative lots, be afforded the basics of a road and electricity supply to their lots.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(GOVERNMENT ORDERS ARE MARKED THUS*)

1*. 2010 ESTIMATES OF ST. VINCENT & THE GRENADINES

To be moved by Dr. the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister/Minister of Finance.

WHEREAS Section 70 (1) of the Constitution of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines provides that the Minister for the time being responsible for finance shall cause to be prepared and laid before the House of Assembly before, or not later than thirty days after, the commencement of each financial year estimates of the revenues and expenditure of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines for that financial year;

AND WHEREAS Section 70 (2) of the Constitution provides for the approval of the estimates of expenditure by the House;

AND WHEREAS the Government had additionally decided to prepare estimates on a triennial basis.

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House of Assembly do adopt the Estimates for the financial year ending 31st December, 2010.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Honourable House note the projections for the financial years ending 31st December, 2011 and 31st December, 2012.

BILLS

1*	Appropriation Bill, 2010. (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	First Reading
2*.	Governor-General's Emoluments and Pension (Amendment) Bill, 2010. (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance)	First Reading

RESOLUTION

THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF FINANCE TO MOVE:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House do authorise the Minister of Finance to borrow by means of fluctuating overdraft or otherwise from FirstCaribbean International Bank or the RBTT Bank Caribbean Ltd. or the Bank of Nova Scotia, or the National Commercial Bank (SVG) Ltd., money to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate seventy-five million dollars, during the period 1st January, 2010 to 31st December, 2010 for the purpose of meeting the current requirements of the Government.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

ADJOURNMENT