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(Minister for Urban Development, Culture, Labour and Electoral Matters.)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries:

   Why is the Banana Spray Plane not carrying out spraying activities in accordance with the scheduled requirements for the Black Sigatoka and Leaf Spot disease.

2. The Honourable Arnhim Eustace (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

   a. How much money has been disbursed as at the end of September 2010 by BRAGSA for road repairs and maintenance; and

   b. how much is projected to be spent by year end.

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

   What is the latest status of NEWCO, the company which is being established to deal with the persons who have lost money in the British American Insurance Company crisis.

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

   a. What is the status of the new national library building that was financed by the Taiwanese government and, in particular, why is it still not operational and not open to the public; and

   b. What is to be done to ensure that it is opened very soon.

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

   a. What is the status of the student loan programme;

   b. How is it administered;

   c. Have all qualified applicants for loans, received the loans for which they applied; and, if not, what percentage of qualified applicants received loans in 2010;

   d. And how will the sale of controlling interest in the National Commercial Bank to Eastern Caribbean Financial Holdings affect the student loan programme.

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

   a. What is the status of the proposed Bequia Blue Marina Project at Friendship Bay and St. Hillaire Point, Bequia that was recently considered by the Planning Board;

   b. Has the government sold or leased land to the project developers; and

   c. Will you give the assurance that any marina project in that area will be subjected to strict environmental impact assessment and will satisfy all serious environmental concerns before any decision is made.

7. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre (Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Lands, Information, Legal and Grenadines Affairs:

The recent incident in which an individual was seriously injured and needed to be transported from Canouan to Mainland, and the SVG Aircraft which was sent to assist went missing, demonstrated the need for an effective service to transport emergency cases from the Southern Grenadines to the Milton Cato Hospital.

Will the Honourable Prime Minister indicate whether this situation is under review and what measures he intends to take to improve the situation.

8. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre (Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Lands, Information, Air and Seaports, Legal and Grenadines Affairs:

   a. Has there been a change in the status of the Canouan Airport that has prevented or affected its use by LIAT and/or other commercial carriers; and

   b. If in the affirmative, how and when will the situation be rectified.

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

   a. Has any of the Caribbean Development Bank's (CDB) loan of $100 million for the National Commercial Bank (NCB) been drawn down;

   b. If in the affirmative, how much; and

   c. If not, what are the conditions to be met before draw down can take place.

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

   a. Has any agreement or understanding been signed with any organisation for the sale of the National Commercial Bank's shares.

   b. according to the agreement with the CDB, what percentage of the NCB's shares are to be sold to a contracting organisation.

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

   a. What percentage of the NCB's loan portfolio is public sector; and

   b. What percentage of the public sector loans are non-performing or impaired.

12. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

   In light of the disclosures with respect to his behavior at the National Commercial Bank and subsequent court action of the bank, when would Mr. Desmond Morgan be removed as Chairman of the Roads Bridges and General Services Authority (BRAGSA).

13. The Honourable Daniel Cummings (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works:

   Most of the roads throughout the country are affected by the growth of trees and shrubs on both sides. In many instances, this poses a traffic hazard especially around corners on the highways.

   a. Would the Honourable Minister please explain the reason for this state of affairs which is unprecedented; and

b. Further would the Honourable Minister please state if the election bell has to be rung before work on this can begin.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

BILLS

1*. Status of Children Bill, 2010.
(Honourable Minister of National Mobilisation, Social Development, Gender Affairs, Non-Governmental Organisations' Relations, Persons with Disabilities and Youth and Sports.) 2nd Reading
Reading

2*. Law Revision (Amendment) Bill, 2010.
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Legal Affairs) 1st Reading

3*. Sector Skills Development Agency Bill, 2010.
(Honourable Minister of Education) 1st Reading

RESOLUTION

1*. RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

To be moved by Dr. the Honourable Ralph Gonsalves Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Planning, National Security, Public Service, Legal Affairs and Grenadines Affairs:

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 18 (1) of the Law Revision Act 2009 the Attorney General caused a complete set of the Revised Edition of the Laws of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to be placed before this Honourable House;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (2) of the said Act provides that upon approval of the Revised Edition by resolution of the House of Assembly, the Governor-General shall, by proclamation, order that the Revised Edition shall come into force on such day as may be specified in the proclamation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honourable House do approve by resolution the Revised Edition of the Laws of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

ADJOURNMENT