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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

   In the 2013 Estimates it is indicated that 1,000 acres of bananas would be replanted between April and December; could the Honourable Minister please state:

   a. the estimated cost of this replanting;
   b. the expected government contribution; and
   c. the expected farmer and farmer institution contribution.

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

   Would the Honourable Prime Minister please state;

   As at the end of January 2013, how much money is owed by the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to the University of the West Indies.

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

   Would the Honourable Prime Minister please state;

   a. Did the Government make a recent borrowing of $10 million from the National Insurance Services; and
   b. if in the affirmative, for what purpose is this money borrowed.

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

   In light of the fact that Northern Grenadines remains without a learning resource centre despite the stated intention of the government to build one, will the Minister please state:

   a. whether the government intends to build a learning resource centre in Bequia; and
   b. if so, when.

5. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Member for the Northern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

   a. Does the government intend to build the long-awaited public restroom facility in Port Elizabeth; and
   b. if so, when will it be built and where will it be located.

6. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Member for the Northern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

   Given that your government established a Local Government Commission during its first term and in light of the fact that your government supported the local government provisions in the most recent constitutional reform exercise, will you please state:

   a. whether you intend or plan to pursue the development and implementation of effective and practical local government throughout the country, particularly in areas such as the Grenadines where the need for such government is great; and
   b. if so how is such government being devised, what form will it take and what is being done to bring it about.

7. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation and Industry:

   For quite a long time, the Meat Market in Kingstown has been moved to the back of the car park built by the Chamber of Industry and Commerce. The vendors have endured an environment lacking in sanitation and basic amenities, which they claim resulted in a significant reduction in the number of active vendors and reduced sales for those remaining.

   Would the Honourable Minister please state what is slated to be done to enhance the facilities for the Meat Market; and how soon would it be done.

8. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

   There was another accident recently in Campden Park, which resulted in a truck demolishing a large mango tree just off the road. Other accidents in recent times have caused a total traffic gridlock. Accidents of these types, restrict traffic to and from the Leeward side of the island.

   a. Would the Honourable Minister please state if there is any short or long term plan in place for an alternative road such as that through Edinboro, Ottley Hall and Lowmans; and
   b. if in the affirmative, what is the time frame for its implementation.

9. The Honourable Roland Matthews, (Member for North Leeward), to ask the Minister of Education:

   The school buses that serve the North Leeward communities have been out of service for almost a year now.

   a. Will the Honourable Minister please state when the school buses will commence operation;
   b. is there any private entity that has been contracted to provide school bus service in and out of North Leeward; and
   c. if in the affirmative, how many private contractors are there and what are the terms of these contracts.

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

    The Agriculture Depots at Chateaubelair and Belmont in the North Leeward Districts have been out of service for several years now.

    a. will the Honourable Minister please state if there are any plans to refurbish and make these depots functional so that farmers could have outlets to sell their produce; and
    b. if in the affirmative, what is the timeframe for completion of the necessary repairs on these depots.

11. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (Member for South Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

    It is an established fact that the Clare Valley Health Clinic has become a health hazard to patients and Healthcare Providers when rain falls heavily because of the rapid deteriorating condition of the roof:

    Will the Honourable Minister of Health please specify when will work begin to repair the roof especially in light of the fact that we are now in the dry season.

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

    a. Will the Honourable Minister please indicate whether or not the Peniston Playing Field is completed as far as the government is concerned; and
    b. if not, when will work recommence with a view to completing it.

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

Given the fact that the Campden Park Community Centre has been without its roof for several years, will the Honourable Minister please state;

a. whether the government has any intention of restoring the roof; and
b. if in the affirmative when can work be expected to commence.

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

Given the problems being faced by farmers as a result of the theft of their produce and livestock and in light of the fact that the Agricultural Produce and Livestock (Prevention of Theft) Act 2007 was commenced on 1st February 2008 for the purpose of significantly alleviating the stealing of agricultural produce and livestock, will the Honourable Prime Minister please state;

a. for each of the years 2008 to 2012 the number of reported crimes of theft of produce and livestock;
b. the number of cases of theft of produce and livestock that has been brought before the Court in each of the years from 2008 to 2012;
c. of the cases that have been brought before the Court how many were successfully prosecuted and in which convictions were secured for the period 2008 to 2012;
d. the number of persons convicted of theft of produce and livestock in each of the years from 2008 to 2012; and
e. whether there are any plans to improve the administration of the Agricultural Produce and Livestock (Prevention of Theft) Act in order to deter and mitigate further violation of the provisions of that Act.

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

In the light of the recent problems that have adversely affected the domestic financial sector, with specific reference to the BAICO/CLICO Affair and the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Building and Loan Association liquidity challenges and given the apparent apprehension by many Vincentians at home and abroad about investing in financial institutions in this country, it is anticipated that further efforts will be made to develop the International Financial Services Sector to assist in buttressing the negative impact of the domestic financial sector on the economy in an attempt to restore confidence in the financial sector of this country. In that regard will the Honourable Prime Minister please state;

a. how many international business companies, international trusts, international insurance companies, international mutual funds and international banks were registered at the International Financial Services Authority for each of the years 2008 to 2012;
b. what were the annual revenues earned by the International Financial Services Authority from the registration, licensing, administration and renewals of the international financial services products that were regulated by that Authority for each of the years 2008 to 2012; and
c. what are the plans, if any, to increase the number of registrations of international financial services entities and to facilitate the overall development of that sector.

16. Dr. the Honourable Linton A. Lewis, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works, Urban Development and Local Government:

The people of Glamorgan, Joseph's Land and Enhams together with motorists and other pedestrians are very unhappy with the terrible condition of the main road leading from Gloria Bascombe's residence in Glamorgan all the way to Enhams, will the Honourable Minister please state;

a. whether there are any plans for the improvement of that road and if so;
b. when will work commence on the improvement of that road;

c. how many feet of road will be improved; and
d. where along that said road will the work commence and where will it end.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

MOTIONS

1* 2013 Supplementary Estimates for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

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

WHEREAS Section 70(3) of the Constitution of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines provides for the laying of supplementary estimates before the House if in respect of any financial year it is found that the amount appropriated by the appropriation law to any purpose is insufficient or that a need has arisen for expenditure for a purpose to which no amount has been appropriated by that law; or that any moneys have been expended for any purpose in excess of the amount appropriated to that purpose by the appropriation law or for a purpose to which no amount has been appropriated by that law;

AND WHEREAS Supplementary estimates Nos. 1 to 3 of 2013, have been prepared and laid in the House of Assembly;

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honourable House do approve the Supplementary estimates Nos. 1 to 3 of 2013.

BILLS

1.* Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2013
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) 1st Reading

2.* Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Bill, 2013
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) 1st Reading

3.* Supplementary Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2013
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) 1st Reading

4.* Finance Bill, 2013
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) 1st Reading

5.* Airport Service Charge (Amendment) Bill, 2013
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) 1st Reading

6.* Public Sector Investment Loan Bill, 2013
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) 1st Reading

7.* Custom Duties (European Union – Cariforum Economic Partnership Agreement Tariff) Bill, 2013
(Honourable Prime Minster/Minister of Finance) 1st Reading

8.* Eastern Caribbean Magistrate Agreement Bill, 2013
(Honourable Prime Minster/Minister of Finance) 1st Reading

9.* Protocols for Eastern Supreme Court Between the Government of the Member States and the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Bill, 2013
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) 1st Reading

10.* Cluster Munitions Bill, 2013
(Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of Finance) 1st Reading

ADJOURNMENT