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TUESDAY 15TH AND TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER, 2024**

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1. **Dr the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Opposition Leader), to ask the Honourable Minister of Urban Development, Energy, Seaports, Grenadines Affairs, and Local Government:**

Construction work to repair the Grenadines wharf in Kingstown that was damaged by Hurricane Beryl began and then ceased so that after more than four months, the repair has not been done and use of the facility remains restricted.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. Why the construction work to repair the jetty stopped;
- ii. When it will recommence and
- iii. When the repair will be completed?

2. **Dr the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Opposition Leader), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of National Security, Airports, Legal Affairs and Information:**

The national population census is vital for obtaining critical information about our country. Yet, the completion of the 2021 census is overdue.

Will the Honourable Minister please explain the delay and indicate when the census will be completed?

3. Dr the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Opposition Leader), to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Sustainable Development and Culture:

The Bequia Easter Regatta was one of the biggest festivals in our country. Unfortunately, it has declined in recent years, causing great loss to the economy.

Will the Honourable Minister please outline his plans, if any, for reviving the regatta next year?

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

In a recent court decision, it was held that the Trinidad and Tobago Government has no legal responsibility for Non-Trinidadians on what some call the CLICO/BAICO Fiasco in which many lost their life savings/investments.

Could the Honourable Minister please state the extent of the loss of Public Institutions like the NIS, VINLEC, Etc. and for:

- i. The Financial Sector Viz Commercial Banks, Credit Unions, Insurance Companies, Etc.
- ii. Private Individuals with a number and or list of those in excess of one million dollars
- iii. Other Investors
- iv. The accumulated loss to the Vincentian Economy
- v. Is there any culpability by the Government?

5. The Honourable Major St. Claire Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

A casual observation has led many to conclude that there is an increased number of deaths in the state since Covid-19.

Will the Honourable Minister state:

- i. What is the death figure for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and as at September 30th 2024?
- ii. Has any study or determination been made between Covid-19 and the vaccination exercise to establish a correlation?
- iii. What is the leading reported cause of death from 2021 to September 2024?

6. The Honourable Major St. Claire Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

Can the Honourable Minister:

- i. Provide an update on the construction of the Redemption Sharpes Health Clinic?
- ii. Have the counterpart contribution for the SFD Funded contribution been realised?
- iii. To the extent that we are in the Budgetary Stage for 2025; is the sum of \$480,000 still projected?
- iv. When realistically can we expect construction to start?

7. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

The road leading from Walker Piece in New Montrose on to the Leeward Highway in Gibson Corner has seen a landslide that for several years has made this road dangerous. The narrow portion of the road remaining is on a steep bank.

- i. Is the Honourable Minister aware of this state of affair?

- ii. Has an assessment been made of this road to ascertain the cost of repairs as well as any safety barriers or warning signs?
 - iii. Given the danger of further land slipping and a possible loss of this link road, is there any plan to restore the road and if so when can it be expected to be done and finally,
 - iv. If not why not?
- 8. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Urban Development, Energy, Seaports, Grenadines Affairs, and Local Government:**

Can the Honourable Minister please give an update on the promised cabinet appointed committee's review of the use of Lowmans Bay?

Further would the Minister please indicate if the fisherfolk are any closer to get the wash room facility installed at Lowmans Bay?

- 9. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:**

Almost five years ago (2020), your government acquired lands from Simone and Dr Wayne Murray of Murray Village/ Rockies in the constituency of East Kingstown.

Would the Honourable Minister please:

- i. Indicate whether the Murrays have been paid in full for their land and when was the payment complete?
 - ii. Inform whether the lands have been made available to the intended recipients (former tenants and other occupants of the land) and under what conditions? If not why not?
 - iii. State if any infrastructural development (roads, water, electricity) has been done by the government to ensure proper ownership and use by the intended recipients?
- 10. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:**

The 2024 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure reflect an amount of over \$40 million for the National Road Rehabilitation Project "For the rehabilitation of Priority roads nationwide". The Upper Sion Hill / Dorsetshire Hill Road has been identified as one such road for over three years now.

Will the Honourable Minister kindly:

- i. Tell the people of Dorsetshire Hill and East Kingstown what is the status of the rehabilitative work on the upper Sion Hill / Dorsetshire Hill road?
 - ii. Say how much money has been spent from the 2024 budget on rehabilitation of the said road?
 - iii. Give a completion date for works on the said road
- 11. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology:**

In his 2024 Independence Address, the Prime Minister announced "For the three-month period December 2024 to February 2025.... a special cost of living allowance" where \$175 will be given to 3000 means tested particularly vulnerable households".

Will the Honourable Minister please:

- i. Explain the economic rationale for this initiative and its expected impact on the cost of living to Vincentians generally?

- ii. Explain the means tested formula used to determine and select the 3000 intended beneficiaries?
- iii. State how did the government arrive at \$175 per month for each household and what is the extent of the intended impact on the cost of living of these households?
- iv. Did the government consult with any trade unions, employer's organization, chamber of commerce or any other relevant stakeholder/partner on this initiative? If yes, what was the nature of the consultation? If no, why not?

12. The Honourable Shevern John, (Opposition Senator), to ask Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

Could the Honourable Minister give an update on the status of the Perseverance Road Project?

13. The Honourable Shevern John, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

Will the Honourable Minister:

- i. State the terms and conditions of any agreement for the purchase or use of the Honourable Minister Daniel's lands in Sandy Bay on which the government constructed twenty (20) houses and distributed to residents by the government on 26th October, 2023.
- ii. Indicate whether the preexisting house locate on the referenced real estate (lands) was acquired or leased by the government and if acquired, the amount paid for such acquisition and to whom this amount was paid; or if the house was leased what are the terms of such agreement.

14. The Honourable Shevern John, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of National Mobilisation, Social Development, Family and Gender Affairs:

In the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure (2024) page 808, Capital Estimates, project number 301901, Community Centre Development. Project activity stated "to retrofit 10 community centers inclusive of the Dickson Community Centre.

Will the Honourable Minister please give an update of the status of retrofitting of the Dickson Community Centre, as identified by this project?

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

BILLS

1* Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Honourable Minister of Physical Planning)	1 st Reading
2* Dog Bill, 2024 (Honourable Minister of Agriculture)	Select Committee Report
3* Legal Profession Bill, 2024 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of National Security)	Select Committee

ADJOURNMENT