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1* House of Assembly Paper No. 8 of 2025

Report of the Director of Audit on the Public Accounts
of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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(Honourable Minister of Finance)

2* House of Assembly Paper No. 9 of 2025

Director of Audit Report Medicinal Cannabis Authority
Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31st, 2020
(with comparative figures for 2019)
(Honourable Minister of Agriculture)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

- 1. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition) to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:**

Construction work to repair the road at Bluff Point in Bequia has stopped even though the repair is incomplete.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. Why the construction work to repair the road has stopped;
- ii. What additional work needs to be done to complete the project; and
- iii. When will the repair work be finally completed.

- 2. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition) to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing, Informal Human Settlement, Youth and Sports:**

The playing field near JF Mitchell Airport at Paget Farm needs to be developed so that the hardcourt is repaired and the surface of the rest of the field is graded and properly grassed so that this much-needed facility could be of great benefit to the community.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

Whether the government plans to repair the hardcourt and upgrade the playing field, so that the facility can be used safely for playing football, cricket and other sports enjoyed by our young people.

- 3. Dr. the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition) to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour:**

The fisheries centres in Owia and Chateaubelair are in poor condition and do not function to provide service to fisherfolk.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. The reasons for the poor condition of these facilities;
- ii. What if anything is being done to fix them; and
- iii. When the fisherfolk might expect to have the proper use of these facilities to help them in their work.

- 4. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Member for Southern Grenadines) to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing, Informal Human Settlement, Youth and Sports:**

Following the damage done to the Southern Grenadines by Hurricane Beryl, and the removal of many residents from the islands to the mainland to shelters, many persons have no place to return to call home in the Grenadines.

These people were promised lands on which homes can be constructed in the Grenadines. Parliament approved funding for the purchase of the lands as well as for purchase of prefabricated houses.

Would the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. How much lands have been purchased for this purpose and where;
- ii. How soon can these shelterees be given the home to which they can return; and
- iii. For how much longer will those not given houses be able to remain in the shelters and what alternative arrangements are being worked out for them to get back to their normal lives in the Grenadines.

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

The hurricane season 2025 is nearly upon us.

Would the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. What is the state of the shelters in the Southern Grenadines that were damaged during the passage of Hurricane Beryl; and
- ii. Are there any alternative shelters provided for those damaged and not yet restored.

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

Given the extent of the damage done to the public and private structures in the Southern Grenadines by Hurricane Beryl and given communications difficulties that still exists:

- i. What measures are in place to assist the people of the Southern Grenadines and to save lives in the event of another major hurricane this season; and
- ii. In particular, what arrangements are in place for the storage of emergency supplies including food and water on the islands of Canouan, Union Island and Mayreau.

7. The Honourable Major St. Claire Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of National Security, Airports, Legal Affairs and Information:

Across the Constituency of Central Kingstown, there are still a number of areas of very poor living infrastructure that negatively impacts the quality of life of the residents. These settlements include the following:

- The back of Starlift Pan Yard in Old Montrose
- The River Side in Dascent Cottage pass the St. Peter's Baptist Church
- Suck Hole in Green Hill
- Trigger Ridge in Sharpes, to name a few.

Will the Honourable Prime Minister accept an invitation and tour these sites with me the Representative of Central Kingstown with a view to finding solutions?

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

According to Audit Reports "...the total estimates for Capital Expenditure large shortfalls in Capital Revenue have implications for the credibility of the Capital Budget..."

This has been consistently brought to the attention of the government. The latest available Audit of 2022 shows that only \$1million of 265 appropriated or .4% was realized.

Will the Honourable Minister please explain the practice?

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

Sources of revenue which were not approved by Parliament continue to be a feature of the Director of Audit Reports. In 2022, Domestic Bond transactions totalling \$146.5 million was raised "...notwithstanding the absence of approval at the commencement of the financial year."

Will the Honourable Minister please explain the practice and the authority?

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

The work to rehabilitate the historic Fort Charlotte started many years ago resulting in limited to no use of the facility. There appears to be no work going on for a long time now.

Would the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. What is the cost of the contract in EC Dollars awarded for this work and who is the contractor;
- ii. When did the contract begin and when was it to finish;
- iii. How much of the contract sum has been spent and what percentage of the work is complete; and
- iv. When is the work expected to be completed.

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

The road project in Calliaqua which started in November, 2023 at a cost of \$2.2 Million was scheduled to be completed one year later but was extended to February, 2025 at a total cost of \$5.5 Million. Still, it remains a source of concern for the residents of Calliaqua since it is not yet completed.

Can the Honourable Minister please explain:

- i. The reason or reasons for the delay in completion and the scope of work remaining on the project to be completed;
- ii. Whether there has been any further increase in construction cost of this project; and
- iii. What is the new date for completion of this project, which is so vital to allow life to return to so form of normalcy, after such a protracted period of dust, inconveniences and disruption of livelihoods for the people of Calliaqua.

12. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and The Environment:

Five interns who started the year 2025 have been sent home indefinitely with only four months of internship. In the meantime, the doctors at MCMH are required to work for extended hours at a time.

Would the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. What is the reason for termination of the internship;
- ii. How many doctors' positions at the MCMH are not filled and why; and
- iii. What is being done to assist these interns as well as the staffing shortfall at the hospital.

13. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (Member for South Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

There are two pieces of road in Clare Valley that are in dire need of repair:

- i. The road that turns right of the Wesleyan Holiness Church; and
- ii. College Corner to the primary school.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

When those roads will be fixed?

14. The Honourable Nigel Stephenson, (Member for South Leeward), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

After years of pleading to have the road in Pembroke Riverdale repaired, a partial concrete strip was laid. Several years after, nothing else was done and residents have to contend with poor roads and drains which cause their properties to be flooded after heavy rainfall.

Will the Honourable Minister of Transport and Works please state:

When work will resume on that road?

15. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing, Informal Human Settlement, Youth and Sports:

The Sion Hill Village Hardcourt and pavilion have been severely damaged for some time now and are in a state of disrepair. This is having a significant impact on the Sion Hill Euphonium Steel Orchestra particularly with their preparation for carnival and also preventing the young people from using the hardcourt for recreational activities.

Will the Honourable Minister please:

- i. Explain why no repairs have started on the hardcourt and pavilion even after being told that repairs would have started since a few months ago;
- ii. When can we expect repairs to begin; and
- ii. When can we expect the facility to be fully repaired and usable.

16. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology:

In a recent news release, the CEO of Invest SVG informed the general public that the recently constructed and opened Holiday Inn Hotel at Diamond is being sold.

Will the Honourable Minister please:

- i. Explain why the Holiday Inn Hotel is being sold so soon after opening;
- ii. What was the total cost to the Government of constructing the hotel; and
- iii. What was the source of funds for the construction.

17. The Honourable Fitzgerald Bramble, (Member for East Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Urban Development, Energy, Seaports, Grenadines Affairs, and Local Government:

The 2025 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure identifies a Geothermal Development Project with an allocation of \$100,000 for 2025 for administration and project management support and accumulative expenditure of \$7,298,198 as at November 2024.

Can the Honourable Minister please:

- i. Highlight the work completed thus far on this project;
- ii. What work will be undertaken in 2025; and
- iii. What is the expected completion date of the project.

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

This government gave an undertaking that lands in the Maroon Hill area was secured to facilitate a new cemetery for the people of Greiggs to bury their loved ones, to date that facility has not materialised but persons have been listed to be buried at a location in Lauders for Greiggs Cemetery.

Will the Honourable Minister kindly indicate;

- i. Whether any consultation whatsoever was held with either the residents of Greiggs or Lauders in relation to the new location for a Greiggs Cemetery; and
- ii. If not, when is it intended to have such an engagement with the residents of both communities as it relates to alternative locations acceptable to and by the residents.

19. The Honourable Israel Bruce, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

Some rehabilitative work is currently being undertaken on the public road from Maroon Hill to the Hopewell/Simon/New Prospect junction. There has been some land slippage forcing commuters from Greiggs, Lauders and Lowmans Windward to use the Lula-Richland Park Road as an alternative.

- i. Can the Honourable Minister kindly explain why no preparatory work was done on the Lula-Richland Park route in preparation for the rehabilitative works being undertaken at the Maroon Hill Road; and
- ii. When is the rehabilitative works expected to be completed so that things can go back to normal on the Maroon Hill to Hopewell route for commuters leaving and entering South Central Windward.

20. Honourable Israel R. Bruce, (Opposition Senator), to ask Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Rural Transformation, Industry and Labour:

On or about May 2nd 2025 the Minister called for increased education as it regards to the 75% duty free on pick-ups for FARMERS in SVG. Mindful of previous publications in which the Ministry advocated a 50% duty free concession to farmers.

Will the Honourable Minister please tell the nation:

- i. Wasn't the duty-free concession to farmers with pick-ups and light trucks of size 1.5 tons at 75% in the year 2005 then reduced to 50% in the year 2018;
- ii. If yes, why was it reduced from 75% to 50% in the year 2018;
- iii. If yes, when was the concession increased from 50% in 2018 back to 75%; and
- iv. What is the justification, having reduced the concession to increase it at this point in time.

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

The bridge at Obrien's Valley becomes impassable for pedestrian when it rains, as a pool of water settles in the middle where it appears to have a sink.

Could the Honourable Minister state:

- i. Whether any recent assessment has been done on the Obrien's Valley Bridge in the past year; and
- ii. Whether any corrective works will be done on this bridge during this fiscal year.

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

Could the Honourable Minister give an update on the Intelligent Bus System (Ebus) phase that was implemented in this country?

23. The Honourable Shevern John, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and The Environment:

Please give an update on how many adults and children are there with Type 1 Diabetes for the year 2023 and 2024 in SVG.

I. In which district is the highest concentration of diabetes?

ORDERS OF THE DAY
(Government Orders are marked thus*)

BILLS

1* Depreciating Assets Sale Order Bill 2025 (Honourable Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
2* Financial Services Authority (Amendment) Bill 2025 (Honourable Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
3* Employment of Foreign Nationals and Commonwealth Citizens (Amendment) Bill 2025 (Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs)	1 st Reading
4* Pharmacy Bill, 2025 (Honourable Minister of Health)	1 st Reading
5* Legal Profession Bill, 2025 (Honourable Prime Minister/ Minister of National Security)	Reports from Select Committee

ADJOURNMENT