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**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE SITTINGS HELD ON
MONDAY 28TH, TUESDAY 29TH JULY, AND THURSDAY 7th and
FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST, 2025**

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

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PAPERS

1* House of Assembly Paper No. 12 of 2025

Petrocaribe St. Vincent and the Grenadines Limited
St. Vincent and the Grenadines Petrocaribe (Special Purpose) Fund
For the year ended December 31st, 2021
(Honourable Minister of Energy)

2* House of Assembly Paper No. 13 of 2025

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For the year ended December 31st, 2022
(Honourable Minister of Energy)

QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

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

The ferry wharf at Kingstown, particularly the exit lane, has needed repair for many years and the situation was made worse by damage caused by Hurricane Beryl, seriously obstructing the movement of people and vehicles using the wharf.

Will the Honourable Minister please say how and when the repair work will be done.

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

The government has stated that the revised date for the completion of the new Kingstown port is the end of October this year.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- (i) When will the port be operational;
- (ii) What if anything is required to be done to make the approach to the port more accessible especially for large trucks with trailers; and
- (iii) What consideration has been given to the impact traffic to and from the port will have on the overall traffic situation in Kingstown.

3. Dr the Honourable Godwin Friday, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

Why has the Government not introduced a National Health Insurance Plan; notwithstanding the existence of a detailed plan prepared by UWI Health Economics Unit during the term of the NDP Government.

4. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Member for the Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Education and National Reconciliation:

The Honourable Minister of Education stated that St. Vincent and the Grenadines has recorded improved results for CXC 2025.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- (i) The percentage pass rate for English and Mathematics;
- (ii) The student pass rate for 5 or more subjects inclusive of Mathematics and English;
- (iii) Are there any school(s) without passes in mathematics and English;
- (iv) Are there schools with less than 30 percent pass rate in any subjects and what subjects are they; and
- (v) In such cases what initiatives or incentives are implemented to improve performance in these subject areas.

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

Supplementary Budget Estimates made provision for funds to reconstruct/construct homes affected by the passage of Hurricane Beryl.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- (i) How many prefabricated houses are assigned to the islands of the Southern Grenadines;
- (ii) When will these houses be constructed and what is the estimated completion date; and
- (vi) Will lands be made available as provided for in the Supplementary Estimates for the construction of homes or will only persons with lands be provided for.

6. The Honourable Terrance Ollivierre, (Member for the Southern Grenadines), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment:

Budget 2021 made provision for strengthening the capacity to test and treat members of the public. In this regard, provision was made to install containerized laboratories in Canouan and Union Island.

Will the Honourable Minister please state the status of this project.

7. The Honourable Major St Claire Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Urban Development, Energy, Sea Ports, Grenadines Affairs and Local Government:

There is an area in Green Hill referred to as the Alley or the Hole. It goes all down to the river where there are serious infrastructural challenges viz: road or footpath; backwalls; river defence and indeed river crossings (bridge).

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- (i) When can these residents reasonably expect some relief to their conditions;
- (ii) Is there a good reason why over the last twenty-five years or so, no river crossings (bridges) have been built in several areas that lead to one side of the village to the other across the river; and
- (iii) Has any attention being paid to those villagers who literally live in the river plain and require settlement.

8. The Honourable Major St Claire Leacock, (Member for Central Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Works, Lands and Physical Planning:

The river in the area of Old Montrose also called Block 2000 from the Bridge to the Barrow's residence to that of the Trumpet/Derby (Burnette), SINGER requires urgent cleaning from grass, debris and solid waste affecting the proper flow.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- (i) Is there any plan in place to have this river cleaned up before the hurricane season is over; and
- (ii) Is there any significant cleaning planned for mouths of both the North and South Rivers in Central Kingstown.

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

In recent walkabouts, I have come into contact with many individuals who have lost limbs (legs) in operations after problems with diabetes/sugar;

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- (i) What are the latest records of amputations for the last five years including 2025;
- (ii) What has become of the program to use the latest scientific treatment from Cuba for foot sores; and
- (iii) Is there a special program to assist amputees with a prostheses and income support for those who can't return to work.

10. The Honourable Daniel Cummings, (Member for West Kingstown), to ask the Honourable Minister of Urban Development, Energy, Sea Ports, Grenadines Affairs and Local Government:

In February of 2023, I asked about having washrooms for fisherfolks at Lowman's Bay and was told that a study has to be carried out first.

In May of 2024, in a follow up question I asked about the progress and was told that the washroom facility was incorporated in the plans for the area and would be constructed.

Could the Honourable Minister please say:

- (i) What progress has been made to date with the implementation of the washrooms;
- (ii) What has prevented this small project from materializing; and
- (iii) What is the date when the users of Lowmans Bay can have access to basic sanitary facilities so vital to their health and food safety.

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

After the inordinate delays in the implementation of the main road into Edinboro, and the frustration of road users and residents, the partially completed project ends abruptly at the entrance to Ottley Hall and Fort Charlotte.

Given the very poor condition in these two arterial roads and the years of suffering by users, has any consideration been given to repairing the roads between the now repairing hardcourt and Casa Man's Corner as well as to the draw bridge leading to the fort.

If in the affirmative, when will this be done and if not why not.

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

During the long-delayed commencement of construction of the hospital at Arnos Vale, the dug footings are regularly flooded out even with little rain. This points to a high-water table as well as poorly drained soils.

Would the Honourable Minister please state:

- (i) What plans are in place for effective drainage and sewerage treatment works at the hospital; and
- (ii) What plans are in place to prevent flooding on the very flat compound.

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

With more than half of the 2025 fiscal year elapsed, will the Honourable Minister please:

- (i) Report on the fiscal outturn up to the end of the third quarter of 2025;
- (ii) How much revenue have been collected and how much of the \$1.85 billion have been spent; and
- (iii) What factor(s) have helped or hindered the implementation of the budget.

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

The 2025 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure identifies the various sources of funding for the Budget. Under Other Receipts which totals \$280.5 million and which represent (i) the financing for capital budget for which the source of fund is yet to be determined, (ii) financing of the amortization, (iii) sinking fund contribution, (iv) the current account deficit, this indicates that you do not know where the money will come from to cover these items.

Will the Honourable Minister please indicate:

- (i) Whether you have been able to raise any of these other receipts;
- (ii) If so, how much and from what source; and
- (iii) If not, why not.

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

The 2021 Population and Housing Census which was supposed to have been completed in 2023 is yet to be published.

Will the Honourable Minister please indicate:

The status of the 2021 Population and Housing Census exercise.

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

Fisherfolks in St Vincent and the Grenadines were invited to meetings to discuss a new piece of fisheries legislation;

Can the Honourable Minister please tell this Honourable House:

What is the extent to which the local fisherfolks have contributed to the discussions on the impact of the new piece of legislation.

17. The Honourable Israel Bruce, (Opposition Senator), to ask Honourable Minister of National Mobilisation, Social Development, Family and Gender Affairs:

The Greiggs Community Centre has for years now not had the benefit of a facelift, and or needed repair works. Mindful of the need of the people of Greiggs to participate in community events in internal settings.

Will the Honourable Minister please tell this Honourable House:

- (i) If the current state of the Greiggs Community Centre is satisfactory to the Ministry;
- (ii) When was the last time any rehabilitative works were done on the Greiggs Community Centre by the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines; and
- (iii) How soon will the Minister cause to be dispatched an evaluation team to assess the true condition of that community centre with a view to report to this Honourable House.

18. The Honourable Israel Bruce, (Opposition Senator), to ask Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Consumers Affairs:

Over the most recent past, there has been what appears to be a rise in tensions between the United States of America and Venezuela. Due to our very proximity to the Spanish speaking country;

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- (i) Has the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines reached out to either the United States of America or Venezuela with a view of tempering the emotions and any possibilities of hostilities between the two countries;
- (ii) Has the Ministry of Foreign Affairs commenced looking at the implications which any possible hostilities between the USA and Venezuela, for the people of St Vincent and the Grenadines: and
- (iii) To what extent are we prepared to address any foreign relations fallout which may emanate from this build-up of tensions or possible military actions.

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

Will the Honourable Minister please give an update on:

- (i) The number of fatal accidents which occurred in the last two (2) years due to reckless driving and speeding; and
- (ii) State how will enforcement of road safety for both motorists and pedestrians be further enhanced.

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

Could the Honourable Minister please state:

- (i) How many cubic yards of stones per week is taken out of the Overland River; and

(ii) What is the potential impact from this exercise to the existing river.

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

Will the Honourable Minister give an update on the number of nurses trained over the past two years and How many are employed currently with the Ministry.

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

BILLS

1* Payment Systems and Services Bill, 2025 (Honourable Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
2* Eastern Caribbean Deposit Insurance Corporation Agreement Bill, 2025 (Honourable Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
3* Protocol on Contingent Rights to the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy Bill, 2025 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of National Security)	1 st Reading
4* Immigration (Restriction) (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Honourable Prime Minister/Minister of National Security)	1 st Reading
5* Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Port Authority (Restructuring) Bill, 2025 (Honourable Minister of Urban Development)	1 st Reading
6* Beach Vending Bill, 2025 (Honourable Minister of Tourism)	Select Committee Report
7* Pharmacy Bill, 2025 (Honourable Minister of Health)	Select Committee
8* Legal Profession Bill, 2025 (Honourable Prime Minister/ Minister of National Security)	Select Committee

ADJOURNMENT