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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Higher Education, Grenadines Affairs, Airports and Seaports:

Would the Honourable Minister, please state the names of the entities which have secured the contracts to provide cleaning services at the Argyle International Airport (main terminal building, the Cargo Terminal, and the civil aviation tower), and the duration and value of the contracts.

2. The Honourable Carlos James, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Legal Affairs and Justice, Economic Planning, and Private Sector Development:

Will the Honourable Minister state the current progress of the draw down on the total funds in developmental loans secured through the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) and provide a comprehensive, project-by-project breakdown of the exact expenditure spent to date, along with all remaining unexpended balances.

3. The Honourable Carlos James, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Social Welfare and Community Empowerment, Ecclesiastical Affairs and National Heritage:

Following the recent three-month extension granted to Southern Grenadines residents housed on the mainland in government-supported shelters or state-funded rented accommodations, will the Minister state what proactive social welfare programmes, food stipends, value of financial support, and specialised psychosocial and mental health resources are being deployed to assist these citizens and other citizens on the mainland in government supported-shelters.

4. The Honourable Carlos James, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Physical Planning:

Can the Honourable Minister state whether the Physical Planning and Development Board has provided him with information concerning the removal of mangroves and associated development at Canash; and whether, having regard to section 30 of the Town and Country Planning Act, has he considered making an order directing the Board to take such steps as are necessary to mitigate or prevent any condition at the site that poses or is likely to pose a threat to the environment.

5. The Honourable Keisal Peters, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Legal Affairs and Justice, Economic Planning, and Private Sector Development:

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- I. The total number of new employment contracts entered into by the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and/or any statutory corporation since 28 November 2025;
- II. The total number of such contracts entered into by each Ministry, Department and statutory corporation, respectively; and
- III. The total financial commitment arising from those contracts, including salaries, allowances and any other contractual benefits, for the duration of the respective contracts.

6. The Honourable Keisal Peters, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment, and Diaspora Affairs:

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- I. Whether Invest SVG has received any new investment proposals since November 28, 2025;
- II. If so, how many such proposals have been received;
- III. What is the total proposed investment value of those proposals; and
- IV. Of those proposals, how many have been approved, are under consideration, or have been declined.

7. The Honourable Keisal Peters, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of The Family and Gender Affairs, Persons with Disabilities, and Labour:

Families staying in government-funded temporary hotel and guest-house accommodations on mainland St. Vincent, following the passage of hurricane Beryl, received notices issued by the Ministry of Tourism to vacate by August 31, 2026. The government has since indicated that arrangements will be made to further accommodate these families.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- I. How many persons with disabilities were recipients of the most recent eviction notices;
- II. How many elderly persons were recipients of the most recent eviction notices;
- III. How many single mothers were recipients of the most recent eviction notices; and
- IV. Are the families being accommodated on mainland St. Vincent or in Union Island.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

BILLS

1* Financial Services Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Minister of Finance)	Select Committee
2* The Legal Profession Bill, 2026 (Honourable Minister of Legal Affairs and Justice)	Select Committee
3* CAF (Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
4* Immigration (Caribbean Community Skilled Nationals) (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Minister of Immigration)	1 st Reading
4* Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Minister of Legal Affairs and Justice)	Deferred
5* Constitution of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Minister of Legal Affairs and Justice)	Deferred

ADJOURNMENT

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. **Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of National Security, Disaster Management and Immigration:**

Would the Honourable Minister please state the names of the countries to which holders of the passports of St. Vincent & the Grenadines are accorded visa-free access.

2. **Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment and Diaspora Affairs:**

Would the Honourable Minister please provide a list of all the countries with which St. Vincent & the Grenadines has established diplomatic relations and the respective dates on which such relations were formally established.

3. **Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Youth, Sports, Culture and Creative Industries:**

Would the Honourable Minister please provide the names of the persons who were appointed since November 27, 2025, as coordinators and mobilisers on the Youth Empowerment Service (YES) Programme and the respective dates of this appointment.

4. **Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Sustainable Development:**

Would the Honourable Minister please state the extent of the budget's subvention which the SVG Tourism Authority has received thus far, from the central government, between January 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

5. **The Honourable Carlos James (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Legal Affairs and Justice, Economic Planning, and Private Sector Development:**

Could the Honourable Minister provide the total revenue collected from all categories of import duty for the period December 1, 2025, to September 25th, 2026, broken down by month and major commodity category, and provide the comparative figures for the identical period between December 1, 2024, and September 24, 2025.

6. **The Honourable Carlos James (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Foreign Investment and Diaspora Affairs:**

Would the Honourable Minister provide a report detailing the total budget expenditure of Invest SVG spanning the ten-month period from December 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, explicitly broken down by the total costs incurred for staff salaries, statutory allowances, and executive remunerations, itemising specifically any components of expenditure, salary packages, or operational disbursements cumulatively valuing over \$100,000 during the listed period, and a financial breakdown of the cost of the agency's programme of activities across domestic, regional, and international investment promotion events.

7. **The Honourable Carlos James (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Housing, Land Management, Urban Development and Informal Settlement Upgrading:**

Would the Honourable Minister provide a comprehensive report stating the total number of displaced Vincentians currently housed in government-supported shelters or state-funded rented accommodations, broken down by constituency, along with the definitive plan and timelines for their permanent relocation, including an itemised schedule of all housing units to be constructed per constituency, their exact geographic locations, and the full names of the beneficiaries to be assigned to each unit.

8. The Honourable Keisal Peters (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Legal Affairs & Justice, Economic Planning, and Private Sector Development:

In a recent press release the National Lotteries Authority (NLA) advised that the Educational Grant/Assistance Program for the 2026/2027 academic year will be reviewed under a new structured application process.

Will the Honourable Minister confirm:

- I. The total number of beneficiaries under the Educational Grant/Assistance Program for the 2026/2027 academic year;
- II. The number of beneficiaries under the said program disaggregated by constituency; and
- III. The cost of implementing the Educational Grant/Assistance Program for the 2026/2027 academic year.

9. The Honourable Keisal Peters, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Social Welfare and Community Empowerment, Ecclesiastical Affairs, and National Heritage:

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. The total number of school uniform grants issued for the 2026/2027 academic year; and
- ii. The number of grants issued in each constituency.