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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS

1. Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), 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 all relevant summary details of the fiscal out-turn of the Central Government for the first quarter of 2026 (January 1st – March 31st) with comparisons for the first quarter of 2025.

2. Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Legal Affairs and Justice, Economic Planning, and Private Sector Development:

Will the Honourable Minister please provide the names of the members of the official delegation of St Vincent and the Grenadines to the recent meeting of CELAC in Columbia and the cost to the Consolidated Fund of their visit.

3. Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), 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 how much money has been raised thus far in the 2026 fiscal year of the \$200 million approved in the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 2026 by way of “Local Loans” and how much of these “Local Loans” has been spent specifically in Capital and Recurrent Expenditure.

4. The Honourable Carlos James, (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 the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines received a formal request from the Government of the United States to enter into a Third-Country Agreement (TCA), or any similar arrangement, for the removal of non-nationals to this jurisdiction; and
- ii. Whether the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines signed on to this agreement.

5. The Honourable Carlos James, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Youth, Sports, Culture and Creative Industries:

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. Whether the synthetic track at the Sir Vincent Beache National Stadium was re-certified by World Athletics prior to the expiration of its Class 2 Facility certification in January 2026; and
- ii. What corrective or rehabilitative works, if any, were identified by World Athletics or the relevant authorities as necessary precursors to the track’s re-certification.

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

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

The total number of housing construction and rehabilitation projects earmarked for implementation in the current fiscal year, broken down by constituency, and the specific budgetary allocation for the procurement of materials for these projects.

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

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and The Republic of China (Taiwan) will celebrate 45 years of diplomatic relations in August 2026.

Will the Honourable Minister please state whether this government intends to maintain this country's diplomatic relationship with Taiwan.

8. 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. What form of humanitarian aid will be offered by the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to Cuba; and
- ii. What is the monetary value of the aid to be offered by the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

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 date on which the review of the public assistance list was commenced; and
- ii. The estimated timeline for the completion of the review being conducted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

MOTION

**The Establishment of a National Development Bank for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

WHEREAS the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines recognises that sustainable economic growth, in particular to service rural transformation, requires dedicated financing for the productive sectors that are often underserved by traditional commercial banking institutions;

AND WHEREAS the original Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Development Bank Act (Cap. 107) was established to promote development enterprises in agriculture, fishing, housing, tourism, and information technology;

AND WHEREAS Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has previously recognised the importance of development finance through the legal framework formerly established for the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Development Bank, whose statutory functions included mobilising and providing finance for economic development and supporting a broad range of development enterprises;

AND WHEREAS the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Development Bank Inc. was reincorporated on 19 March 2009 under the Companies Act of 1994 and its functions were amalgamated with what was formerly the National Commercial Bank (SVG) Ltd in 2009 (now the Bank of St. Vincent and the Grenadines), creating a specialised commercial-development hybrid model;

AND WHEREAS while Cap. 107 remains in the statute books, it has been repealed automatically by operation of law by virtue of the re-incorporation of its assets according to section 369J of the **Companies Act (Cap. 143)**.

AND WHEREAS the New Democratic Party campaigned on developing Agriculture, the Blue Economy, the New Economy and Tourism as the four pillars of economic growth, and to facilitate such growth among small and medium-sized businesses it committed to the establishment of a National Development Bank to make financing available to the sectors that traditionally have not found access to credit in the traditional banking sector;

AND WHEREAS the New Democratic Party campaigned on the establishment of a National Development Bank to access opportunities and to create affordable financing to address such challenges and bring about transformative growth in rural communities and in particular to meet Sustainable Development Goal 10 to reduce inequalities within countries and other sustainable development goals;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that this new National Development Bank service all geographic areas of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and act as a tool in poverty alleviation and building back small and medium-sized businesses in St. Vincent and the Grenadines;

AND WHEREAS in light of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines' membership in the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF), which significantly enhances development financing, there arises a corresponding need for a domestic institutional framework capable of effectively receiving, coordinating, and deploying such financing;


AND WHEREAS it is desirable for the Government to develop a comprehensive policy and undertake a regional legislative review to determine the most suitable model for a modern National Development Bank, thereby necessitating the establishment of a robust legal framework to facilitate and regulate the development of this sector in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House supports the undertaking by the Government of a comprehensive review of the present development finance architecture of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in pursuit of a National Development Bank for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

1. that the Government be encouraged, following such review, to prepare and lay before this Honourable House within a reasonable time a policy paper or legislative proposal setting out recommendations for a modern development finance framework designed to advance sustainable national development and broaden access to finance for the productive sectors within the four pillars of the economy outlined above;
2. that this House supports the Government's policy of promoting small and medium-sized business development and that we support the establishment of a National Development Bank:

Dated this 10th day of April, 2026.

Proposed by: 

Hon. Senator Chelsea Alexander



Hon. Senator Jemalie John

Seconded by:

BILLS

1* Daily Paid and Minor Salaried Officers (Compassionate Gratuity) Bill 2026 (Honourable Prime Minister/ Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
2* Pensions (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Minister of the Public Service)	1 st Reading
3* Illiterates Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Prime Minister/ Minister of Legal Affairs and Justice)	1 st Reading
4* Advance Passenger Information and Passenger Name Record Bill, 2026 (Honourable Minister of National Security)	1 st Reading
5* Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Prime Minister/ Minister of Legal Affairs and Justice)	1 st Reading
6* Constitution of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Prime Minister/ Minister of Legal Affairs and Justice)	1 st Reading

ADJOURNMENT

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. **Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask Honourable Minister of Housing, Land Management, Urban Development and Informal Settlement Upgrading:**

Would the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. How many houses which were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Beryl have been repaired or rebuilt by the Ministry of Housing between December 01, 2025 to April 10th 2026; and
- ii. The cost incurred thus far to the Ministry of Housing to repair or rebuild the houses during the said period.

2. **Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Transformation:**

Would the Honourable Minister please provide all the relevant details of the proposal he has to farm and market the African Snail.

3. **Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask Honourable Minister of Housing, Land Management, Urban Development and Informal Settlement Upgrading:**

Will the Honourable Minister please provide the following information:

- i. A list of all real property (lands and buildings thereon) owned by the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and each of the public enterprises (wholly-owned state companies, majority-owned state companies, statutory bodies, or other such-like state entities);
- ii. The estimated current value of each listed real property; and
- iii. The location of each listed real property.

4. **Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Physical Planning:**

Will the Honourable Minister please provide a full list of all the motor vehicles owned by the central government and public enterprises (state-owned and statutory bodies) detailing also the following:

- i. Registration number of each motor vehicle;
- ii. Model, type, and year of manufacture of each motor vehicle;
- iii. The current value of each motor vehicle;
- iv. The name of the Department of Government or the public enterprise which owns the particular motor vehicle; and
- v. The current condition of each vehicle (vehicle in use or not in use).

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:

Will the Honourable Minister please provide:

- i. A written reply on the implementation status of the Volcanic Eruption Emergency Project (VEEP), and specifically provide a detailed list of all ongoing and outstanding projects currently authorised under the VEEP framework;
- ii. The specific financial resources and budgetary allocations disbursed and remaining for each individual project listed; and
- iii. The confirmed or revised commencement and conclusion dates for all outstanding infrastructure work.

6. 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 provide a reply on the list of all contracts approved by the Central Procurement Board during the first quarter of 2026, inclusive of the name of the project, the name of the recipient contractor, the dollar value of the contract awarded, and the contracted timeline for completion or delivery.

7. 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 provide a list of all Special Warrants signed by the Minister of Finance between December 1, 2026 and March 31, 2026, inclusive of the amount approved and the Particulars/Justification provided by the relevant accounting officer on the Special Warrant.

8. The Honourable Keisal Peters (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Fisheries, Marine and Land Conservation, and Climate Resilience:

Will the Honourable Minister please provide a written report outlining:

- i. The number of consultations conducted by the Fisheries Department with Vincentian fisherfolk between Friday 13th February, 2026 and today's date;
- ii. The areas of the country where these consultations were held; and
- iii. The concerns raised by the fisherfolk during these consultations and the Ministry's plan of action to address the concerns raised.

9. The Honourable Keisal Peters, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Transformation:

Will the Honourable Minister please provide a written report on:

- i. The current physical and operational status of the rehabilitation and repair works of all national agricultural depots and agro processing facilities;
- ii. The total budgetary expenditure incurred to date for each aforementioned project and the remaining balance of funds allocated for their completion; and
- iii. The schedule of completion dates for each facility in the 2026 fiscal year.