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1* House of Assembly Paper No. 6 of 2026

National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission - Universal Service Fund
Annual Report 2025
For the year ended 31st December, 2025
(Honourable Minister of Telecommunication)

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:

Would the Honourable Minister please provide the updated summary of the fiscal out-turn of the central government's operations for the period April 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026, with comparative data for the same four-month period in 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:**

Would the Honourable Minister please state the up-to-date sums of money, if any, owed by the government to Sol and Rubis (the companies which import and distribute energy products) under the bonus/malus system for gasoline, diesel, and low sulphur diesel for the period May 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026.

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:**

Would the Honourable Minister please state the extent of "Local Loans" raised by the government from the 2026 budgeted sum of \$200 million for the period July 1, 2026 to August 15, 2026 and the terms of these borrowings (rates of interest and amortisation periods).

4. **The Honourable Carlos James, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of National Security, Disaster Management and Immigration:**

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

What is the Government's current national crime reduction strategy, including specific measures for addressing gun-related and interpersonal violence, as well as specific structural resources deployed to the newly appointed police leadership team to curb homicides.

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:**

Given the increased inflation due to fuel price shocks, could the Honourable Minister please state whether the Government intends to implement further targeted subsidies for vulnerable groups, specifically low-income households, and registered minibuses and taxi operators.

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

Could the Honourable Minister please state the total number of homes that were successfully repaired across the state under the National Housing Rebuilding and Reconstruction Programme during the second quarter of 2026.

7. **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:**

Could the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. The exact total budgetary allocation set aside for the National Tuition Scholarship Programme for the upcoming 2026/2027 academic year; and
- ii. The number of recipients expected to be awarded tuition scholarships during this intake period.

8. **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:

Whether the Public Assistance Board has been formally established and if so, on what date was the Board constituted.

9. The Honourable Senator Keisal Peters, (Opposition Senator), to ask the Honourable Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Sustainable Development:

In light of Delta Air Lines' announcement that it will discontinue its non-stop "Atlanta–Argyle service" in September 2026.

Will the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. Did the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines have discussions with Delta Airlines prior to this announcement;
- ii. Did Delta Airlines disclose its reason for the discontinuation of the said service; and
- iii. If yes, what was the reason.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

(Government Orders are marked thus*)

BILLS

1* Financial Services Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Prime Minister/ Minister of Finance)	1 st Reading
2* The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Prime Minister/ Minister of Private Sector Development)	1 st Reading
3* The Legal Profession Bill, 2026 (Honourable Prime Minister/ Minister of Legal Affairs and Justice)	1 st Reading
4* Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Prime Minister/ Minister of Legal Affairs and Justice)	Deferred
5* Constitution of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (Amendment) Bill, 2026 (Honourable Prime Minister/ 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 Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Legal Affairs and Justice, Economic Planning, and Private Sector Development:**

Would the Honourable Minister please provide the summary details of the current status of each of the capital projects in the 2026 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure to be financed by monies from the Saudi Fund for Development.

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:**

Would the Honourable Minister please state the current status of the former “Black Sands” Project at Peter’s Hope, inclusive of details of the compensation arrangements arising from the acquisition of the property, and the concrete plans for the further hotel development of the site.

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:**

Would the Honourable Minister please state the extent of any compensation agreed upon and paid thus far in respect of the acquisition of Balliceaux.

4. **Dr The Honourable Ralph Gonsalves, (Leader of the Opposition), to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness, Environmental Health and Energy:**

Would the Honourable Minister please provide summary details of the current status of the government’s plans to build additionally, at the site of the Acute Care Hospital at Arnos Vale, facilities to accommodate pediatric, maternity, and dental care, inclusive of timelines, estimated costs, and identified sources of funding.

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 please provide a statement detailing the precise fiscal deficit and revenue losses incurred by the central government, quarter by quarter, for the first two quarters of the 2026 fiscal period, specifically providing a comprehensive breakdown of these quarterly shortfalls up to August 2026, isolating and quantifying the losses resulting from uncollected taxes, customs duty exemptions, Value Added Tax (VAT) exemptions, and emergency relief expenditures.

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:**

Could the Honourable Minister please provide a comprehensive written statement detailing the current status of the Central Government’s short-term domestic borrowing instruments as of August 2026. Specifically, the written response must detail:

- a) The total outstanding balance and maturity dates for all active Treasury Bills issued on the Regional Securities Market (RSM);
- b) The exact current utilization level of the government’s overdraft facility at the local commercial banks; and
- c) The total interest costs incurred by the Treasury to service this short-term domestic debt over the first two quarters of 2026.

7. The Honourable Carlos James (Opposition Senator) to ask the Honourable Minister of Health, Wellness, Environmental Health and Energy:

In light of our acute vulnerability to volatile global oil prices, could the Honourable Minister please state the exact quantum of international green financing or specific public-private partnerships (PPPs) negotiated or secured by the Government over the last two quarters to accelerate our renewable energy transition.

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

Could the Honourable Minister please provide a definitive update on the procurement and installation timelines for the lighting systems at the Sir Vincent Beache Athletic Stadium, as well as the Golden Grove (Chateaubelair), Layout, London (Sandy Bay), and Belair playing fields.

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

Given the continuing concerns about praedial larceny and the losses being suffered by farmers, will the Honourable Minister please state:

- a) How many complaints of praedial larceny have been reported thus far in 2026; and
- b) The estimated value of agricultural produce lost.

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

Would the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. Who are the members of the Public Assistance Board;
- ii. How many Public Assistance Board meetings have been held since November 28th 2025 to August 2026; and
- iii. How many applications for Public Assistance have been received since November 28, 2025, how many have been approved; and how many remain pending.

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

The Mobile Vincentian Empowerment Service (M.O.V.E) was approved in the 2025 budget and launched in November 2025 by the then Ministry of National Mobilisation, Social Development, Gender, Family and Persons with Disabilities to meet the demand for safe transport services for Persons with Disabilities nationally, in addition to other empowerment services required for this targeted section of the population.

Would the Honourable Minister please state:

- i. How many persons with disabilities have registered or subscribed to the Mobile Vincentian Empowerment Service (MOVE) programme since its launch in November 2025;
- ii. How many of those registered persons have utilised the service, and how many trips have been provided to date;
- iii. How many persons are currently registered to use the service in each constituency; and
- iv. What measures are being taken to increase awareness and registration among persons with disabilities who may benefit from the programme but have not yet subscribed.

12. The Honourable Keisal Peters, (Opposition Senator), to ask Honourable Minister of Youth, Sports, Culture and Creative Industries:

Given the Government's stated commitment to youth development, would the Honourable Minister please provide:

- i. A comprehensive account of the programmes currently available to young Vincentians in the areas of:
 - a. Employment
 - b. Entrepreneurship
 - c. Sports
 - d. Culture
 - e. Skills training
- ii. Indicate the number of young people benefiting from each programme, the expenditure to date, and the measurable outcomes expected by the end of 2026.