

**SEVENTH SITTING OF THE THIRD SESSION  
OF THE FOURTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**



**TO BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY, 15TH APRIL, 2021  
AT THE SAVE THE SEED ENERGY CENTRE  
DUFFS BOTTOM, TORTOLA  
AT 10:00 A.M.**

**AMENDED #2**

**ORDER OF THE DAY**

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**1) Prayers**

**2) Confirmation of Minutes**

- Confirmation of Minutes for the Meeting of Thursday 4th March, 2021.

**3) Announcements by the Speaker**

**4) Statements by Ministers**

**5) Presentation of Papers**

**a) The Premier and Minister of Finance to lay on the table the following documents:**

- i) Statutory Instrument 2021 No. 33 - A proclamation by the Governor under Section 83(1) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007 (U.K.S.I. 2007 No. 1678) appointing the time and place at which the Seventh Sitting of the Third Session of the Fourth House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands Shall be held;
- ii) Statutory Instrument 2021 No. 28 – Financial Services (Limited Partnership Fees) (Amendment) Regulations, 2021;
- iii) Statutory Instrument 2021 No. 29 – BVI Business Companies (Amendment of Schedule 1) Order, 2021;
- iv) British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation Annual Report 2016;
- v) British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation Annual Report 2017;
- vi) Government of the Virgin Islands Ministerial Code of Conduct;
- vii) International Tax Authority Annual Report 2019;
- viii) Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency Annual Report 2019;
- ix) Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2019;

- x) Statutory Instrument 2021 No. 21 - Imposition of a Curfew (No.5) Order, 2021;
  - xi) Statutory Instrument 2021 No. 22 - Imposition of a Curfew (No.5) (Amendment) Order, 2021; and
  - xii) Statutory Instrument 2021 No. 25 – Imposition of a Curfew (No.6) Order, 2021.
- b) **The Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration to lay on the table the following documents:**
- i) Statutory Instrument 2021 No. 24 - Immigration and Passport (Prohibition of Entry) (No.2) Order, 2021;
  - ii) Labour Department Annual Report 2018;
  - iii) Department of Labour and Workforce Development Annual Report 2019; and
  - iv) Social Security Board – 12th Actuarial Review of the Virgin Islands Social Security Fund as of December 31, 2015.
- c) **The Minister for Health and Social Development to lay on the table the following documents:**
- i) Statutory Instrument 2021 No. 26 – Public Health (Covid-19 Control and Suppression Measures) Order, 2021; and
  - ii) Statutory Instrument 2021 No. 32 - Public Health (Covid-19 Control and Suppression Measures) (No. 2) Order, 2021.

**6) Notices of Motions Given Orally**

- a) The Premier and Minister of Finance to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to move the Motions standing in his name under Item 8(1)(i) through (xiii) on the Order of the Day.
- b) The Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to move the Motion standing in his name under Item 8(1)(xiv) on the Order of the Day.

- c) The Junior Minister for Tourism and Territorial Member to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, she would seek leave to ask the Questions standing in her name under Item 7(i) on the Order of the Day.
- d) The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to ask the Questions standing in his name under Item 7(ii) through (vi) on the Order of the Day,
- e) The Member for the Second District to give notice that, at a later stage in the proceedings, he would seek leave to ask the Questions standing in his name under Item 7(vii) through (xi) on the Order of the Day.

**7) Questions and Answers to Questions**

- i) The Junior Minister for Tourism and Territorial Member to ask the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mister Speaker, given the Government's position to support a transparent and independent Commission of Inquiry through which is expected to yield a just outcome, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please inform this Honourable House:

- (a) What is the Government's policy in respect of the recent Commission of Inquiry?
- (b) What is the function and remit of the independent Inquiry Response Unit set up by the Government under the Attorney General? and
- (c) What is the progress of its work to date?

**Question 2**

Mister Speaker, given the recent spate of what seems to be an increase in more serious crimes in the Virgin Islands, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please inform this Honourable House:

- a) What resources have been given to the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force within the last three years to help combat crime?
- b) What are the plans to be implemented to reduce the apparent rise of more serious crimes?

- ii) **The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to ask the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House and the people of the Virgin Islands, with the surge of violent and major crimes, has the crime plan according to the Commissioner of Police that was before the National Security Council (NSC) since October, 2020, and was being vetted by the Deputy Premier which was subsequently approved by NSC been funded by Cabinet?

**Question 2**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House if with the rise in serious and violent crimes in the Virgin Islands and many persons in the Virgin Islands feeling unsafe, is he going to engage all the Members of the House of Assembly in a Committee of the Whole House to discuss the issue of crime?

**Question 3**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, what was the dollar amount for Government revenue excluding financial services and total expenditure for the periods 1st January through 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, 1st January through 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 and 1st January through 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 respectively, inclusive of all the details of the revenue receipts and expenditure?

**Question 4**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, what was the dollar amount for Government revenue from financial services for the periods of 1<sup>st</sup> January through 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, 1st January through 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019 and 1st January through 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 respectively?

**Question 5**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please give this Honourable House, the detailed revenue receipts that made up the total dollar amount for Government revenue excluding financial services for the periods 1st January through 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, 1st January through 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019 and 1st January through 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 respectively?

### **Question 6**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please give this Honourable House, the details and cumulative amount of all monies owed to vendors, contractors and individuals from 1st January, 2019 through 31st March, 2021?

### **Question 7**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, what was the recurrent expenditure for the Government of the Virgin Islands for each month from 1st January through 31st March 2018, 1st January through 31st March, 2019 and 1st January through 31st March, 2020 respectively?

### **Question 8**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House the current financial position of the BVI Ports Authority as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 regarding the following:

- a) The current bank balance in all bank accounts owned by the Authority?
- b) All accounts payable to vendors including any monies owed to central Government? and
- c) A detailed account of the BVIPA's recurrent expenditure at all its locations, inclusive of salaries, rent and other expenses and the beneficiaries?

### **Question 9**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please give this Honourable House a detailed and cumulative account of what the preparations for the 15th April reopening of the Sea Ports has cost the BVI Ports Authority and Central Government both hard and soft cost and the beneficiaries?

### **Question 10**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House if the Port has increased its fees or intend to increase its fees at a time when many businesses and consumers are hurting?

- a) If the answer is yes, please give a detailed percentage increase and dollar increase from the previous fees for all areas of increase? and
- b) Please advise if, when and how the business community and public were consulted on these increases?

### **Question 11**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, if the work hours and salary cut for the staff at the BVI Ports Authority is still in effect?

- a) If the answer is yes, please advise what is the cumulative dollar amount of the cuts to date?
- b) If the answer is no, please advise what was the cumulative dollar amount of the salary cuts?
- c) Has this reduction in hours or cut in salary been extended to the acting Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director, other Directors and Managers? If the answer is no,
- d) Please give the cumulative amount being paid to these executives and what would have been the dollar amount saved by the Port if the same cut was applied to them as was applied to the other members of staff?

### **Question 12**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please give this Honourable House, a detailed breakdown of the revenue collected from the Cruise Ships for the BVI Ports Authority for the warm layups as of 31st March 2021 and what has been the cost to the BVI Ports Authority to accommodate them for the same period?

### **Question 13**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, what the warm layups for Cruise Ships that was recently announced by the BVI Ports Authority has benefited financially, the Taxi Drivers, Vendors at Craft Alive, Pier Park Merchants, Beach Vendors and many other persons who depend on the Cruise Ship industry to earn a living and have been unable to do so since its closure?

### **Question 14**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please provide this Honourable House with the following:

- a) A detailed list of the applications inclusive of the name of the business, principles of the business and number of employees for each business that were received from businesses seeking a grant from the business grant programme as of the 31st December 2020?

- b) Of the applications received, list which of those applicants received a notification advising them that they were approved to receive a grant?
- c) Of the applicants list those who received a notification that they were denied? and
- d) Of the applications received, list all the applicants who actually received an approval notification that actually received a grant check?

**Question 15**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, if his Government plans to give businesses in the Virgin Islands a second stimulus, with many businesses especially those operating in the tourism space, given that a year into the COVID-19 pandemic severe financial pressure is felt, where some have already closed and others are on the verge of closing?

- a) If the answer is yes, please advise on a timeline? and
- b) If the answer is no why not?

**Question 16**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please give this Honourable House a list of all persons that applied for the two million dollars Agriculture and Fishing Grant first announced in April? And of the persons applied, how many of those persons have actually received assistance?

- iii) **The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mister Speaker, could the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please share with this Honourable House and people of the Virgin Islands his detailed plans for the reopening of all public schools in the territory for face to face learning?

**Question 2**

Mister Speaker, could the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please tell this Honourable House if the L Shape building at Elmore Stoutt High School is still without furniture and if students continue to use picnic tables? If the answer is yes, please advise why this is still the case after almost two years?



### **Question 3**

Mister Speaker, could the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please tell this Honourable House, if his Ministry plans to reopen the Fisheries facility at Baughers Bay?

- a) If the answer is no, please advise where the new Fishery depot will go? and
- b) Please advise on a timeline for establishing this depot?

### **Question 4**

Mister Speaker, could the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please give this Honourable House the following information:

- a) A detailed list of all persons or companies in the BVI who have a fishing license?
  - b) Provide a list of all licenses that are active or inactive and when the license was originally granted?
- iv) **The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to ask the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities the following questions:**

### **Question 1**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House what is his Ministry's plan to fix the exposed hole at the top of Georgie Hill Road, Spring Ghut and Nottingham Estate which represents a serious hazard to the residents in these areas especially now that these roads are being used as alternate roads from the main road, inclusive of timeline?

- v) **The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to ask the Honourable Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration the following questions:**

### **Question 1**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please tell this Honourable House the following:

- a) How many workers have been severed from their employer since 1st March, 2020 through 31st March, 2021?

- b) Of the positions severed how many are work permit holders and how many are belongers? and
- c) How many of those positions have been replaced with a new work permit holder or belonger?

### **Question 2**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please tell this Honourable House if his Ministry is aware of:

- a) How many persons are unemployed since the beginning of the pandemic from March 2020 to March 2021?
- b) How many persons are under employed since the beginning of the pandemic from March 2020 to March 2021? and
- c) Provide a detailed list for the information requested above.

### **Question 3**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please give this Honourable House a detailed list of all the persons who have registered for the 1000 jobs in a 1000 days and how many of those persons have received jobs under the programme and are still in those jobs?

### **Question 4**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please tell this Honourable House if employers are required to present a certificate of earnings from Inland Revenue and Social Security Board in order to renew work permits for their workers? If the answer is yes, please explain what this certificate of earnings is and what does receiving one entails and the cost?

### **Question 5**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please provide this Honourable House with the details of all actuary studies conducted by the Social Security Board within the past five (5) years?

### **Question 6**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please tell this Honourable House:

- a) How many persons applied for income support programme administered by the Social Security Board?

- b) Of the persons applied how many persons received a grant and cumulative dollar amount? and
- c) How much money is left for the programme and what is being done or was done with those funds?

vi) **The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to ask the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Development the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please give this Honourable House a detailed account of the following:

- a) When the Health Emergency Operation Centre (HEOC) was officially put in place to manage issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic?
- b) How many times has the HEOC met since being enacted?
- c) Are the members of the HoA, inclusive of the Opposition Members part of the HEOC?
- d) If the answer is yes, how many meetings have they been invited to attend or given an update of the HEOCs work? and
- e) Why is the HEOC still in operation and are we still considered to be operating in emergency mode?

**Question 2**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development, please give this Honourable House the following:

- a) A detailed breakdown of the initial \$12 million dollars allocated to fight the Territory's COVID-19 response, inclusive of funds transferred to statutory organisations and outline how the funds were used and the beneficiaries?
- b) If funds were used as part of the project, please list the projects, contractors and cost associated with each project? and
- c) If more funds were received to fight the covid-19 response, please tell this Honourable House and provide a detailed breakdown of its use?

### **Question 3**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House:

- a) How many persons have been approved for, or received grants under the Housing Recovery Assistance Programme for repairs of their homes before 25th February, 2019? and
- b) The total dollar amount of each grant approved or given during that same period and the combined amount for the period?

### **Question 4**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House:

- a) Give a detailed account of all the persons that have applied to the Ministry of Health for housing assistance?
- b) Give a detailed account of all the persons that have been approved for, or received grants under the Housing Recovery Assistance Programme for repairs of their homes since 25th February, 2019 to date and the amount granted to each individual?
- c) The total dollar amount of that was available through the housing programme and how it was allocated?

### **Question 5**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please provide this Honourable House with a list of persons that received or were approved for a grant to build a social house?

### **Question 6**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House the following:

- a) If the scrubber is installed on the incinerator at Pockwood Pond and is the incinerator in operation? and
- b) If the answer is no, please indicate how long this has been the case and when will it be addressed?

### **Question 7**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House the following:

- a) If the staff at the waste management department who handle all our residential waste and hazardous waste are being paid hazard pay? and
- b) If the answer is no, please tell this Honourable House why not?

### **Question 8**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House the following:

- a) Is open burning still occurring at Pockwood Pond dumpsite impacting the health of the residents on the western end of the island? and
- b) If the answer is yes, what is being done to address this?

**vii) The Member for the Second District to ask the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance the following questions:**

### **Question 1**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please inform this Honourable House and provide a copy on what marketing strategies and plans that have been undertaken by his Ministry and the BVI Tourist Board in collaboration with the tourism sector and businesses as we prepare for the reopening of our Territory since being closed over twelve months?

- a) If one has not been developed why not? and
- b) When will it be developed and presented to the people?

### **Questions 2**

Mister Speaker, given that most countries and booking agents have already started strategic marketing to potential visitors for the fourth quarter of last year and now almost through the first quarter of 2021; could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, what plans are in place to meet with industry partners locally, regionally and internationally to get the assistance and input that is necessary for rebooting our tourism sector?

- a) Please provide a copy for this Honourable House.

- b) What is the estimated amount of lost revenue and aggregated economic impact realised in the Tourism Sector since we closed our borders?

**Question 3**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House;

- a) The total amount of Government revenues as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020?
- b) The total amount of Government expenditures as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020?
- c) The total amount of projected revenues and expenditures to the time period above?
- d) The total amount of revenues and expenditures budgeted to the time period above?
- e) Please list the variances in amounts of revenue and expenditure respectively for (a) through (d) above?

**Question 4**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House;

- a) The year to date budgeted revenues for Financial Services, Customs and other taxes recorded by the Accountant General as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020?
- b) The year to date projected revenues for Financial Services, Customs and other taxes recorded by the Accountant General as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020? And
- c) The actual year to date revenues for Financial Services, Customs and other taxed recorded by the Accountant General as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020?
- d) Please list the variances in (a) through (c) above.

**Question 5**

Mister Speaker, given the significant reduction in revenues, would the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House:

- a) What cuts he will make in Government expenditure? and
- b) When?

### **Question 6**

Mister Speaker, seeing that we are going to have to find a way to coexist with this pandemic over the next 12-24 months as has been stated by the experts from the World Health Organization; could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance tell this Honourable House, what is the border management strategy for the Territory?

- a) What amount has been budgeted to execute such a strategy? and
- b) How much money has been expended thus far on the execution of the strategy?

### **Question 7**

Mister Speaker, would the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House;

- a) What is the composite and status of the law enforcement marine vessels across all agencies?
- b) How many of the vessels are operational? and
- c) What is the daily cost of the barges that are being used for border security?
  - i) What is the length of the agreement and please provide a copy of the agreement?

### **Question 8**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, why the United Kingdom Navy Ships were not engaged to assist in the securing and monitoring of our borders?

### **Question 9**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please give a detailed breakdown of US 40 million dollar stimulus grant received from Social Security broken down by category?

- a) List the total amount that has been expended in each category as at 31st December, 2020?
- b) List the balance remaining in each category as at 31st August, 2020 and
- c) List the Government Ministry and or Office responsible for administering each stimulus?

### **Question 10**

Mister Speaker, the COVID-19 Task Force report of March or April 2020, concluded an economic impact of \$40 million over 6 months and given the fact that we have just concluded the initial six month period; would the Minister of Finance tell this Honourable House if;

- a) Those projections are realistic given that this pandemic is expected to be around and have a direct impact for the next 18 to 24 months?
- b) Has an updated analysis been completed?
  - i) If yes when?
  - ii) If not, why not?
- c) What is the estimated economic impact to the Territory over the anticipated time period of 18 to 24 months? and
- d) Where will the funding come from?

### **Question 11**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House what is the status of the deposit insurance initiative to protect hard earned monies of the people of this Territory?

### **Question 12**

Mister Speaker, given the continued increase in the expenditure of the government and its debt, could the Premier and Minister of Finance inform this Honourable House on the status of public service pension reform?

### **Question 13**

Mister Speaker, would the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House what is the status of the grant for fisher folks and farmers of the Territory?

### **Question 14**

Mister Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House the process for qualifying to receive the stimulus for fishing and farming?

- a) What was the total allotted amount for this particular grant?
- b) Have all the funds been distributed?



- c) If not, why not? and
- d) What is the balance remaining in the grant?

viii) **The Member for the Second District to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mister Speaker, would the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture tell this Honourable House what happened to the 500 laptops that he announced would be granted to the students of the Territory prior to the ending of the last school year?

**Question 2**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture explain to this Honourable House why the Students and Teachers of the Ivan Dawson Primary School are currently meeting at the Cane Garden Bay Baptist Church?

- a) How long have they been there? and
- b) When does he expect to have the Students and Teachers return to the campus?

**Question 3**

Mister Speaker, would the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please inform this Honourable House on the cost of repairs being carried out at the Ivan Dawson Primary School?

**Question 4**

Mister Speaker, would the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please give a detailed report on the status of the rebuilding of the Jost van Dyke Primary School which was destroyed by the Hurricanes of 2017?

- a) Have the drawings been completed and approved? and
- b) What is the estimated cost of the project?
- c) What is the amount that would be contributed by Government?

- d) What is the amount that has been pledged by donors since he took office in 2019? and
- e) When is the expected date of commencement of the project and the projected date of completion?

**ix) The Member for the Second District to ask the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please inform this Honourable House on the status of the repaving of the road from Chalwell to Windy Hill for the residents of the Second District and motorists who traverse that road daily?

**Question 2**

Mister Speaker, North Shore Integrated Coastal and Watershed Stabilisation Project was initiated in the Second District in 2016, with funding from the European Union in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour and the Ministry of Communications and Works. The pilot project was supposed to cover Cane Garden Bay, and Brewers Bay. There are two areas that have still not been addressed by Government namely, Brewer's Bay Seaside Defence and Cane Garden Bay Sea Defence from the Callwood residence to the Wedding Bar and Restaurant. Could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House when these projects would be completed?

**Question 3**

Mister Speaker, in public meetings held in the Second District specifically in Meyers, residents raised concerns for their safety with motorists speeding with no regard to pedestrians. Mister Speaker, the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities stated that he would address this concern by placing speed bumps in the Chalwell and other areas; could the Honourable Minister please tell this Honourable House when this will take place?

**Question 4**

Mister Speaker, would the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities tell this Honourable House;

- a) What is the expected commencement date for the overlay of roadway from Mount Healthy leading down to the Community Centre in Brewers Bay? and

- b) What is the expected commencement date for the overlay of roadway from Nicol's Bar to Soldier's Hill?

x) **The Member for the Second District to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mister Speaker, in the Sitting of this Honourable House that was scheduled for 10th June, 2020, I sought to ask the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration for copies of the design and completed architectural drawings for the Brewers Bay restroom facility, estimated cost of said proposed facility and the time frame in which the aforementioned would be completed. Mister Speaker, would the Minister please provide an update on the status of this project for the people of the Second District specifically the community of Brewers Bay?

**Question 2**

Mister Speaker, would the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please tell this Honourable House the status of the engineering designs to recreate the "Gun Point" in Cane Garden Bay which was destroyed during the Hurricanes of 2017?

- a) Provide a copy of the design; and
- b) When the project is expected to begin?

xi) **The Member for the Second District to ask the Minister for Health and Social Development the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mister Speaker, would the Minister for Health and Social Development please update this Honourable House on the status of the removal of wrecks and derelict vehicles inclusive of boats from 2017 hurricanes?

**Question 2**

Mister Speaker, there continues to be complaints from the residents in my constituency of Jost van Dyke of the unfit and unsanitary conditions they have to endure since being placed in temporary domes since 2017. Could the Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House how much longer the people have to continue to live like this?

**Question 3**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please inform this Honourable house on the advancements that have been made if any to restore and

rebuild the community centers in Brewers Bay and Cane Garden Bay since my last enquiry in this Honourable House for the edification of the stakeholders?

#### **Question 4**

Mister Speaker, in several public reports given by the Minister for Health and Social Development, we continue to see an increase in the number of covid tests taken in the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital. Mister Speaker, would the Minister for Health and Social Development please give this Honourable House the breakdown of these tests by geographic location?

- a) Tortola?
- b) Anegada?
- c) Virgin Gorda?
- d) Jost van Dyke?

### **8) Public Business**

#### **1) Government Business**

##### **Introduction and First Reading**

- (i) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill entitled, **“Integrity in Public Life Act, 2021;**
- (ii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill entitled, **“Cruising and Home Port Permit Act, 2021;**
- (iii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill entitled, **“Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 2021;**

##### **Suspension of Standing Orders 52(2)**

- (iv) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Suspension of Standing Order 52(2) to allow for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, **“Cruising and Home Port Permit Act, 2021;**
- (v) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Suspension of Standing Order 52(2) to allow for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, **Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 2021;**

##### **Second and Third Readings**

- (vi) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled **“Cruising and Home Port Permit Act,**

**2021;**

- (vii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled **Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 2021;**
- (viii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled **“Stamps (Amendment) Act, 2021”;**
- (ix) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, **“Administration of Small Estates (Amendment) Act 2021”;**
- (x) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, **“Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Act, 2021”;**
- (xi) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled **“Trustee (Amendment) Act, 2021”;**
- (xii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, **“ Virgin Islands Special Trusts (Amendment) Act, 2021”;**
- (xiii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, **“Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Act, 2021”.**
- (xiv) **The Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration to move the following motion:**

**WHEREAS** section 9(1) of the Social Security Ordinance, (Cap. 266) provides that subject to subsections(1A) and (1B), the Board may, from time to time, appoint fit and proper persons to be the Deputy Director of the Social Security Board on such terms and conditions as are considered appropriate;

**WHEREAS** section 9(1A) of the said Ordinance, provides that the Board shall, before making an appointment under subsection (1), recommend to the Minister the person who is to be appointed under section 9(1);

**WHEREAS** section 9(1B) provides that the Minister shall, before approving an appointment recommended by the Board under subsection (1A), seek the approval of Cabinet;

**WHEREAS** section 9(1C) provides that the appointment of the

Deputy Director shall be subject to a negative resolution of the House of Assembly;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board has appointed Ms. Lorie Freeman as the Deputy Director of the Social Security Board from 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 in the first instance with the option to extend the said appointment to December 31, 2021, if considered appropriate;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands approves the appointment of Ms. Lorie Freeman as Deputy Director of the Social Security Board from 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 in the first instance with the option to extend the said appointment to December 31, 2021, if considered appropriate.

- 2) **Private Members Business**
- 9) **Other Business**
- 10) **Adjournment**