

**NINTH SITTING OF THE SECOND SESSION  
OF THE FOURTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**



**TO BE HELD ON  
THURSDAY, 11TH JUNE, 2020  
AT THE SAVE THE SEED ENERGY CENTRE  
DUFFS BOTTOM, TORTOLA  
AT 10:00 A.M.**

**ORDER OF THE DAY**

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- 1) **Prayers**
- 2) **Announcements by the Speaker**
- 3) **Statements by Ministers**
- 4) **Presentation of Papers**
  - a) **The Premier and Minister of Finance to lay on the table the following documents:**
    - i) Reallocation Warrants Schedule 2020;
    - ii) Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 58 - Imposition of a Curfew (No.19) Order, 2020;
    - iii) Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 59 – Imposition of a Curfew (No. 20) Order, 2020; and
    - iv) Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 63 – Imposition of a Curfew (No. 21) Order, 2020.
  - b) **The Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development to lay on the table the following document:**
    - Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 60 - Public Health (Covid-19 Control and Suppression Measures) (No.3) Order, 2020.
  - c) **The Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration to lay on the table the following documents:**
    - i) Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 62 - Immigration and Passport (Prohibition of Entry) (No.7) Order, 2020;and
    - ii) Statutory Instrument 2020 No. 65 - Immigration and Passport (Prohibition of Entry) (No.8) Order, 2020.
- 5) **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 Items 7(1)(i) through (iii) and (vi) through (ix) 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 Motions standing in his name under Items 7(1)(iv) and (v) on the Order of the Day.
- c) 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 Items 6(i) through (v) on the Order of the Day.
- d) 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 Items 6(vi) through (x) on the Order of the Day.

## 6) Questions and Answers to Questions

- i) **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 Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, what was the number balance of all bank accounts and for each “fund” owned or maintained by the Government of the Virgin Islands as of 21st February, 2019?

### **Question 2**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, what was the number balance of all bank accounts and for each “fund” owned or maintained by the Government of the Virgin Islands as of 3rd June, 2020?

### **Question 3**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, what was the number balance of the Consolidated Fund and Reserve Fund as of 31st July, 2017, 28th February, 2019, and 3rd June, 2020 respectively?

### **Question 4**

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

- a) If the Premier's Office, Ministry of Finance, Electricity Corporation, BVI Port Authority, BVI Airport Authority and Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) have engaged any new, or renewed any consultant, consultancy or service provider, formally or in principle to provide services to the Government of the Virgin Islands since taking office? and
- b) If the answer is yes, please provide the details of all contracts inclusive of the duration, amounts and purpose, as well provide a copy of all contracts, agreements, inclusive of payment schedule, purchase orders and terms of reference and deliverables for each engagement, contract or agreement.

**Question 5**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, if the work hours or salary for the staff at the BVI Port Authority have been reduced or cut?

- a) If the answer is yes, please advise how many hours they have been reduced to and percentage salary cut?
- b) Does this reduction in hours or cut in salary extend to the acting Managing Director, Deputy Managing Director, other Directors and Managers?

**Question 6**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please provide this Honourable House, with a detailed breakdown of the revenues received from the Financial Services Commission (FSC) between 1st January – 3rd June, 2018, 1st January – 3rd June, 2019, and 1st January – 3rd June, 2020?

- ii) **The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth District to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier and 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 explanation of the process for returning Belongers and Residents to the Virgin Islands from before they book their ticket, to arrival at the airport to home quarantine or Government designated quarantine facilities?

**Question 2**

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

- a) All the designated properties secured by Government for the purpose of quarantine, inclusive of the number of rooms secured and the owners of said properties? and
- b) A detailed breakdown of the cost for each property?

### **Question 3**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House, if the House to House garbage collection continued since the 24hr curfew was lifted? If the answer is yes, please explain the following:

- a) Is this being done simultaneously with the regularly collection at the green bins with the original contractors?;
- b) Did your Ministry ask the original contractors to take a pay cut? If so, why? ;
- c) How long has the house to house garbage collection process been going on and the cost to date?; and
- d) What is the weekly cost for the original garbage collection process?

### **Question 4**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House, if persons who are quarantined at their homes required to pay for 24hr security? If the answer is no, what is the arrangement for payment of the security for home quarantined persons?

- iii) **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, who are the current members of the Social Security Board?

### **Question 2**

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 3**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please provide this Honourable House, with a detailed breakdown of the total investment portfolio of the Social Security Board as of 1st November, 2019 and 3rd June, 2020 respectively?

### **Question 4**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please provide this Honourable House, with the account balances of all accounts held by the Social Security Board as of 1st November, 2019 and 3rd June, 2020 respectively?

### **Question 5**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please provide this Honourable House, with a detailed breakdown of the account balances of all unencumbered accounts held by the Social Security Board whether investments, Certificate of Deposits or traditional bank accounts that could be accessed as of 1st November, 2019 and 3rd June, 2020 respectively without penalty?

### **Question 6**

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

- a) If his Ministry and the Social Security Board have engaged any new, or renewed any consultant, consultancy or service provider, formally or in principle to provide services to the Government of the Virgin Islands since taking office? and
- b) If the answer is yes, please provide the details of all contracts inclusive of the duration, amounts and purpose, as well provide a copy of all contracts, agreements, inclusive of payment schedule, purchase orders and terms of reference and deliverables for each engagement, contract or agreement.

- 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 Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House:

- a) If his Ministry has engaged any new, or renewed any consultant, consultancy or service provider, formally or in principle to provide services to the Government of the Virgin Islands since taking office? and
- b) If the answer is yes, please provide the details of all contracts inclusive of the duration, amounts and purpose, and as well provide a copy of all contracts, agreements, inclusive of payment schedule, purchase orders and terms of reference and deliverables for each engagement, contract or agreement.

### **Question 2**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House:

- a) If the two hundred thousand dollars 200k allocated to each district 1 thru 9 under the civil mitigation vote in the 2020 budget under his ministry, which is used to conduct infrastructural work in each district is available to District 8 or any of the other 8 Districts?
- b) If the answer is no, please advise why not?
- c) Does his ministry intend to conduct any road improvements in the East End/Long Look Community this year? and
- d) How will they be conducted and funded?

### **Question 3**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please advise this Honourable House, if his Ministry intends to clean the ghuts, water ways and drains in District 8, now that we are officially in the Hurricane season?

- a) If the answer is yes, please advise when this will happen and if the district representative will be included as is customary? and
- b) If the answer is no, please explain why not?

### **Question 4**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please advise this Honourable House, if the water support programme to Virgin Islands Residents have concluded?

- a) If the answer is yes, please give a detailed cost on the moneys expended on the programme?

- b) In addition, please give a detailed breakdown as to which Residents were eligible for the programme and the process? and
- c) If the answer is no, please advise when will this programme come to an end and provide a detailed breakdown of the cost to date?

### **Question 5**

Mister Speaker, could the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House, who are the person(s) or company that rendered the designs and drawings for the new market square?

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

### **Question 1**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please tell this Honourable House:

- a) If his Ministry has engaged any new, or renewed any consultant, consultancy or service provider, formally or in principle to provide services to the Government of the Virgin Islands since taking office? and
- b) If the answer is yes, please provide the details of all contracts inclusive of the duration, amounts and purpose, and as well provide a copy of all contracts, agreements, inclusive of payment schedule, purchase orders and terms of reference and deliverables for each engagement, contract or agreement.

### **Question 2**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please tell this Honourable House, how many persons applied for the two (2) million dollar Agriculture and Fishing Grant first announced in April? And of the persons applied, how many of those persons have received assistance?

### **Question 3**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please tell this Honourable House, how many students received a computer from the 500 computers previously ordered by Government?



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

**Question 1**

Mister Speaker, during the Third Sitting of the First Session of the Fourth House on 17th May, 2019, 31st July, 2019, 17th October, 2019, and in the Second Session of the Fourth House of Assembly on 20th February, 2020, the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, in response to questions asked; lamented on the importance of the Jost Van Dyke Ferry Terminal and the urgency to have it rebuilt to not only support our Tourism product but also for the benefit of the Residents of the Island by December 2019. Could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please inform this Honourable House;

- a) Why hasn't the building been completed, to date Tourists and Residents still entering the island under a tent?;
- b) What is the new expected date of completion of the Ferry Terminal in Dog Hole JVD?;
- c) State the name of the Contractor; and
- d) Give the total estimated cost of the project and the amount spent on the project at 31st May, 2020?.

**Question 2**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House, what is the detailed financial position of the Territory as at 31st May, 2020:

- a) Balance in Consolidated Fund?
- b) Balance in the Reserve Fund? and
- c) Current Loans and Balances.

- vii) **The Member for the Second District to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development the following questions:**

**Question 1**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House, since I asked the question of him in the 20th February, 2020 Sitting;

- a) What progress has been made on the reconstructive works of the Community Centres in:
  - i) Brewers Bay, and
  - ii) Cane Garden Bay?
- b) Who are the Contractor(s) selected to carry out the works on each project?
- c) What is the expected commencement date for works to begin on each building?
- d) Estimated cost for works to be done on each facility? and
- e) What is the expected date of completion for both projects?

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

**Question 1**

Mister Speaker, having been invited to accompany the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities to Jost Van Dyke in early 2019, where we visited among many other things two of the facilities that fall under the Minister's portfolio. The Minister in an interview stated his displeasure and embarrassment of the deplorable conditions of the buildings in which the employees of the Public Works Department are housed. Could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House;

- a) After all this time why the employees of the Public Works Department on the Island of Jost Van Dyke are being treated in this manner and forced to work out of a dilapidated building?
- b) When construction works to this facility would be executed since in his previous answer to this same question asked in this Honourable House was by the second quarter of 2020? and
- c) When would the employees of the Public Works Department receive proper equipment to effectively carry out their duties?

**Question 2**

Mister Speaker, having been invited to accompany the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities to Jost Van Dyke in early 2019, where we visited among many other things two of the facilities that fall under the Minister's portfolio. The Minister in an interview stated his displeasure and embarrassment or the deplorable conditions of the buildings in which the employees of the Water and Sewerage

Department are housed. Could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please tell this Honourable House;

- a) After all this time why the employees of the Water and Sewerage Department on the Island of Jost Van Dyke are being treated in this manner and forced to work out of a dilapidated building?
- b) When construction works to this facility would be executed since in his previous answer to this same question asked in this Honourable House was by the second quarter of 2020? and
- c) When would the employees of the Water and Sewerage Department receive proper equipment to effectively carry out their duties?

### **Question 3**

The Island of Jost Van Dyke is inhabited by just under three hundred (300) persons and has continued to be one of the most significant contributors to the Tourism product of the Territory. Jost Van Dyke also has a Fire Department, Water and Sewerage Department and a Public Works Department. Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities tell this Honourable House, why in this advanced state of the Country, there is not a Backhoe, Three yard Truck or any form of Heavy Equipment Machinery between these departments under his Ministry on the island for the people as is customary on the other two Sister Islands?

### **Question 4**

Mister Speaker, when questioned about the two part tender for the works to address the vexing sewerage issues in Cane Garden Bay on 17th October, 2019 in this Honourable House, the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities reported that the tender went out on 22 July 2019 and a recommendation would be made by the board and a decision taken by Cabinet by October 2019 which was then updated to December 2019. It is now June of 2020 and I am certain that the recommendations and the decisions have been made given the importance of this project to the Tourism Hub in the area of Cane Garden Bay to the Territory. Could the Honourable Minister please inform this Honourable House with the recommendations and decision that was made?

- a) Names of Contractors and amounts submitted for each part of the Tender?
- b) Names of the Contractors that were recommended by the Board and decided by Cabinet for each part?
- c) Give details and timelines for the completion of the two parts of the project?

- d) What is the budgeted cost of the project? and
- e) List the total cost of the project and expected date of completion.

**Question 5**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please inform this Honourable House, when road works would commence to remedy the following area that is hazardous to Residents and Guests within the Second District Community on the East End Road in Jost Van Dyke?

**Question 6**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please inform this Honourable House, when road works would commence to remedy the following area that is hazardous to Residents and Guests within the Second District Community on the Dog Hole Road leading to Foxy's in Jost Van Dyke?

**Question 7**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please inform this Honourable House, when road works would commence to remedy the following area that is hazardous to Residents and Guests within the Second District Community on the Mountain Road in Jost Van Dyke?

**Question 8**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please inform this Honourable House, when road works would commence to remedy the following area that is hazardous to Residents and Guests within the Second District Community on the Mount Healthy Road leading to the Community Centre in Brewers Bay?

**Question 9**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please inform this Honourable House when road works would commence to remedy the following area that is hazardous to Residents and Guests within the Second District Community on the Ballast Bay road from the bridge to the residence of Mrs. Yvonne Dawson?

**Question 10**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please inform this Honourable House, when road works would commence to remedy the following area that is hazardous to Residents and Guests within the

Second District Community on the Ridge Road from Chalwell Estate to Stoutt's Lookout?

**Question 11**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please inform this Honourable House, when road works would commence to remedy the following area that is hazardous to Residents and Guests within the Second District Community on the Luck Hill Road?

**Question 12**

Mister Speaker, could Honourable the Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please inform this Honourable House, when road works would commence to remedy the following area that is hazardous to Residents and Guests within the Second District Community on the Mayaba Road?

**Question 13**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please inform this Honourable House, the name of the Contractor selected to carry out the current works on the road from Harrigan Estate to the Montessori School?

- a) Amount of the contract?
- b) Scope of works to be executed?
- c) Did the contract go out to tender? and
- d) Expected date of completion?

**Question 14**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please inform this Honourable House, when road works would commence to remedy the following area that is hazardous to Residents and Guests within the Second District Community on the Ants Hill Road in Cane Garden Bay?

**Question 15**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities please inform this Honourable House, when road works would commence to remedy the following area that is hazardous to Residents and Guests within the Second District Community in Spooner's Estate?

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

**Question 1**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please tell this Honourable House, the total Governmental amount budgeted to relocate and rebuild the Jost Van Dyke Primary School?

- a) When are the works expected to commence?
- b) Give a copy of the architectural plans for the school?
- c) What is the expected date of completion? and
- d) What amount has been pledged by donors to assist with the rebuilding of the school?
  - i) Have the funds been made available to Government? If yes, give the date received and,
  - ii) If no, why not?

### **Question 2**

There have been reports and complaints on the deplorable conditions of the Jost Van Dyke Primary School which when compared to other schools in the Territory is not conducive for learning for the children of the Island. Could the Honourable Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please tell this Honourable House, why is he continuing to allow this gross injustice to continue having now gone through two budgets as the sitting Minister;

- a) If he doesn't believe that the people and more importantly the children and teachers of Jost Van Dyke deserve better?
- b) How could he continue to force students and teachers to be subjected to such conditions? and
- c) How much longer do I as District Representative have to come to this Honourable House asking these questions before a decision is made and action is taken to alleviate this incomprehensible problem with the school?

### **Question 3**

In the Sixth Sitting of the Second Session of the Fourth House of Assembly on 20th February, 2020, the following question was asked about the surface of the Basketball Court at the Ivan Dawson Primary School which has been in desperate need of resurfacing and painting for over 20 years. Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please tell this Honourable House;

- a) if he intends to have this work completed before the 2020-2021 school year since when he answered in the affirmative to having it completed in the 2019-2020 school year for the students of that institution was not done? and

- b) What is the expected date of completion for this project?

**Question 4**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please tell this Honourable House, when he intends to complete the building and restroom facilities at the Diamond Basketball Court which should be officially opened and named in the honor of Mister Raymond Anthony and Eli Boogie Hodge?

- a) The amount of funding allocated to complete the facility in this year's budget?
- b) Has the funding allocated been de-reserved from the Minister of Finance and transferred to his Ministry?
- i) If yes, when was this done? and
- ii) If not, why not?

**Question 5**

Mister Speaker, would the Honourable Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please furnish to this Honourable House;

- a) The total original budgeted amount for the Festival and its activities broken down by location?
- i) Virgin Gorda?
- ii) Road Town?
- iii) East End?
- iv) Carrot Bay?
- b) The detailed amount expended for the Festival and its activities broken down by location paid to suppliers, artists and or any other entity for;
- i) Virgin Gorda?
- ii) Road Town?
- iii) East End?
- iv) Carrot Bay
- c) Revenues collected for the Festival and its activities broken down by location;
- i) Virgin Gorda?
- ii) Road Town?
- iii) East End?
- iv) Carrot Bay?

### **Question 6**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture please tell provide this Honourable House, with the detailed report that was promised for the Festival and supporting activities of 2019 since I only received a five page spreadsheet document requested from the committee stage of the budget process of this House in 2019; and list

- a) The total original budgeted amount?
- b) The amount initially added to the original budget?
- c) If there was an overrun of the amended budgeted amount?
- d) The total of any additional supplementary funds? and
- e) What was the final cost/amount spent on the Virgin Islands 2019 Festival?

### **Question 7**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture tell this Honourable House;

- a) The process for which fisherpersons and farmers in the Territory would be able to access the US\$2million dollars that has been announced since last year, then part of phase 1 and now rolled over to phase 2 of his government's stimulus plan?

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

### **Question 1**

Mister Speaker, the Brewers Bay restroom and treatment plant facility has been included in the budgets under the Ministry of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration for four Budgets 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 and no works have been completed to date. Could the Honourable Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please tell this Honourable House;

- a) Has the design and architectural drawings been completed for the restroom facility?
  - i) If yes, please provide a copy;
  - ii) If no, why not?;
- b) What is the estimated cost of the proposed facility and treatment plant? and
- c) How much longer should the people of Brewer's Bay have to wait before this project begins?

### **Question 2**



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

- a) the detailed breakdown of how each of the categories identified in phase 2 of the stimulus plan were calculated to arrive at the almost US \$70Million of Social Security's funds to be granted to the public?;
- b) Why a grant and not a loan?; and
- c) Could the Social Security Board withstand such a huge withdrawal from its system given the fiscal responsibilities and obligations to the retired, working class, future retirees and NHI?

### **Question 3**

Mister Speaker, during the first meeting with the newly elected and appointed Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration some three months after being elected. One of the things highlighted was the importance of protecting our beaches and reefs by implementing reef markers specifically for the areas in my district in White Bay Jost Van Dyke, Great Harbour Jost Van Dyke, Brewer's Bay, and Cane Garden Bay. Could the Honourable Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please update this Honourable House on:

- a) The status of purchasing and installing the markers in each of the aforementioned areas? and
- b) The expected completion date of installation for all areas.

### **Question 4**

Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration inform this Honourable House of progress made to:

- a) Replanting of the mangroves that have been destroyed as a result of the hurricanes of 2017 in Jost Van Dyke, Brewers Bay and Cane Garden Bay;
- b) The amount allocated to complete the replanting in each area; and
- c) Reclaim lands that were filled in and destroyed the ponds in the Cane Garden Bay and Great Harbour Jost Van Dyke?
  - i) If nothing has been done why not; and
  - ii) When does he intend to execute such?

### **Question 5**

Social Security Board has been successful because it has been allowed to operate and function in the manner it was intended to without interruption or interference. Mister Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration please list the following for this Honourable House;

- a) Names and amounts of local investments made over the last 10 years;
- b) Whether the investments have paid back returns or dividends; and
- c) State the returns for each since the investments were made as at May 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

## 7) **Public Business**

### 1) **Government Business**

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

- (i) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, **“Gambling (Gaming and Betting) Control Act, 2020”**;
- (ii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, **“Liquor Licences Act, 2019”**;
- (iii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, **“Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act, 2020”**;
- (iv) The Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, **“Immigration and Passport (Amendment) Act, 2020”**;
- (v) The Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, **“Advance Passenger Information Act, 2020”**.
- (vi) **The Premier and Minister of Finance to move the following motion:**

**WHEREAS** section 3(1) of the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency Act, 2018 (No. 1 of 2018) (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) provides that the Premier or any other Minister to whom the subject for recovery and development is assigned, with the approval of Cabinet shall, consistent with the purposes of the Act, be responsible for developing and further reviewing the Virgin Islands Recovery and

Development Plan (hereinafter referred to as “the Plan”) which Plan is for the recovery and development of the Virgin Islands following the disasters affecting the Territory in August and September, 2017;

**WHEREAS** section 3(5) of the Act provides that the Plan so developed, shall be laid before the House of Assembly within 60 days following its approval by Cabinet and, it shall be subject to an affirmative resolution of the House;

**WHEREAS** the Cabinet in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 3(1) of the Act, by Memorandum No. 206/2018 approved the Plan on the 10th of October, 2018;

**AND WHEREAS** the said Plan was so laid on the Table of the House of Assembly on the 11th day of October, 2018 and approved by an affirmative Resolution of the House of Assembly on the date aforesaid;

**AND WHEREAS** the review of the Plan contemplated by section 3(1) of the Act includes addition, removal or modification of projects in the Plan pursuant to section 3(6) of the Act;

**AND WHEREAS** on 26<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 the Cabinet of the Virgin Islands by a Cabinet Memorandum No.297/2019 reviewed and the said Plan approved a Revised Recovery and Development Plan;

**AND WHEREAS** the Plan was supplemented with specific processes, structures and framework in the form of a Borrowing Committee and a Recovery Steering Group to strengthen its implementation and in the context of a renewed partnership between United Kingdom Government (UKG) and Government of the Virgin Islands (GoVI) based on the principles of collaboration, cooperation, communication and consideration agreed UKG and GoVI to add value to accountability, transparency and good governance;

**AND WHEREAS** the Revised Recovery and Development Plan is laid on the Table of the House of Assembly on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019 and is subject to the affirmative Resolution of the House of Assembly;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands approves the Revised Recovery and Development Plan laid on the Table of the House of Assembly on the 17th day of October, 2019 and that the said Revised Recovery and Development Plan is the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Plan with effect from the 17th day of October, 2019;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands approves the establishment and institutionalisation of the Borrowing Committee and the Recovery Steering Group.

(vii) **The Premier and Minister of Finance to move the following motion:**

**WHEREAS** the Pioneer Services and Enterprises Ordinance (Cap. 297) (hereinafter referred to as “the Ordinance”) empowers the Cabinet to confer pioneer status on certain industries if satisfied that it is expedient in the public interest to do so;

**WHEREAS** the objective of the Ordinance is to encourage investment in varied sectors of enterprises and enhance the development process of the Virgin Islands by providing tax and customs duty relief;

**WHEREAS** the First Schedule of the Ordinance outlines the pioneer services and pioneer enterprises in respect of which applicants may be granted pioneer status by the Cabinet;

**WHEREAS** it is considered necessary in the public interest to expand the list of pioneer services and pioneer enterprises provided in the First Schedule of the Ordinance to accommodate new and emerging services and enterprises to further encourage investment and enhance the development of the Virgin Islands;

**AND WHEREAS** section 11 of the Ordinance provides that the House of Assembly may, by resolution add to, amend, revoke or replace any of the Schedules in the Ordinance;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands approves the amendment to the First Schedule of the said Ordinance in the terms set out in the Schedule hereto.

(viii) **The Premier and Minister of Finance to move the following motion:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands approves the sum of one million one hundred twelve thousand two hundred and eighty-one dollars (\$1,112,281) as detailed in the Schedule which represents monies expended in excess of the amount appropriated by the House of Assembly for the year 2016.

(ix) **The Premier and Minister of Finance to move the following motion:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands approves the supplementary estimate set out in the Schedule which represents monies to be expended under their respective Heads in variation of the amount appropriated by the Appropriation Act, 2018 (No. 1 of 2018) as follows:

- (a) Recurrent Expenditure of one million, ninety-five thousand dollars (\$1,095,000) to be charged against the Consolidated Fund of the Territory.
- (b) Capital Acquisition Expenditure of one million, two hundred twenty-nine thousand, eighty-nine dollars and fifty-one cents (\$1,229,089.51) to be charged against the Development Fund of the Territory by way of funds transferred from the Consolidated Fund.
- (c) Development Expenditure of ten million, five hundred seventy-six thousand, five hundred and eighty-six dollars (\$10,576,586) to be charged against the Development Fund of the Territory by way of funds transferred from the Consolidated Fund.

**2) Private Members Business**

**8) Other Business**

**9) Adjournment**