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**SENATE**

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10th Parliament Tuesday

4th Session 10th November, 2020

No. 5 of 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

**ORDER PAPER**

(Pursuant to Standing Order No. 13)

**(Amended)**

1. **Formal Entry of Mr. President.**
2. **Prayers.**
3. **Oath of Allegiance or Affirmation of a new Senator.**
4. **Confirmation of Minutes:**
* Confirmation of the Minutes of the proceedings of a Sitting of the Senate held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George’s on Friday 4th September, 2020.
* Confirmation of the Minutes of the proceedings of the Ceremonial State Opening of the Fourth Session of the Tenth Parliament held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George’s on Friday 9th October, 2020.
1. **Messages from the Governor-General.**
2. **Announcements by Mr. President.**
3. **Ministerial Statements.**
4. **Presentation of Papers and Reports from Select Committees:**
5. Report of the Fiscal Responsibility Oversight Committee 2019: Response of the Minister of Finance
6. Report of the Director of Audit on the Resources managed for the period May, 2016 to 31st October, 2019 for Solar PV Demonstration and scale-up Project.
7. Report of the Director of Audit on the Financial Statements of the Confiscated Assets Fund for the year ended 31st December, 2018.
8. The Annual Report of the Grenada Development Bank (GDB) for the year ended 31st December, 2019.
9. Annual Report of the Grenada Tourism Authority for the year ended 31st December, 2017.
10. Report of the Supervisor of insurance for the year ended 31st December, 2019.
11. Annual Report and Financial Statements of the National Insurance Board (NIS) for the year ended 31st December, 2019.
12. Audited Financial Statements of the Grenada National Stadium Authority for the Financial Years ended 31st December, 2016 and 2017.
13. Financial Statements and Audit Report thereon of the Grenada Airports Authority for the financial year ended 31st December, 2017.
14. **Petitions.**
15. **Government Notices.**
16. **Unofficial Notices.**
17. **Questions:**

***Senator the Honourable Terry Noel, will ask the Minister within the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Climate Resilience and the Environment with responsibility for Climate Resilience and the Environment, Senator the Honourable Simon Stiell, the following questions:***

**Question No. 1**

As it relates to the official opening of the Grenville Bus Terminus and market:

1. Does the Government of Grenada have any plans to officially open the Grenville Bus Terminus?
2. How soon does the Government plan to officially open the Grenville Bus Terminus?
3. When will the Government of Grenada hand over the booths at the Grenville Bus Terminal to the owners for business?

**Question No. 2**

Concerning the regular flooding in the town of Grenville, St. Andrew’s:

1. Does the Government of Grenada have any plans to solve the flooding problems in Grenville?
2. How soon will the Government of Grenada address the flooding problem in Grenville?

**Question No. 3**

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Government of Grenada proposed 1 million dollars in grant and 2 million dollars in loan to the GCNA:

1. What were the conditionality proposed by the Government should the grant and loan be accepted?
2. Did the GCNA accept or receive the grant or loan offered to them by the Government?

***Senator the Honourable Mondy André Lewis will ask the Minister of State wrf Disaster Management, Senator the Honourable Winston Garraway, the following questions:***

**Question No. 1**

1. Is there a legal framework for the operations/functioning of NADMA?
2. If there is not any legal framework, then why not?

**Question No. 2**

1. Based on the Disaster preparedness, how many shelters should there be in Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique respectively?
2. How many shelters are existing in Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique respectively?
3. If all the shelters are not existing, what are the reasons for that?
4. What resources are given to Shelter Managers to work within the shelters?
5. Are all shelter teams in place?
6. If all the Shelter teams are not in place, what are the reasons for that?

**Question No. 3**

What is the budget allocated for Disaster Management?

**Question No. 4**

1. Are all committees and sub-committees fully staffed?
2. If they are not fully staffed, then what are the reasons for that?

**Question No. 5**

What resources do District Coordinators receive to work within their districts?

**Question No. 6**

1. Is there a deputy to the National Disaster Coordinator?
2. If there is no deputy, then what are the reasons for that?
3. If there is no deputy Disaster Coordinator, should there be one to assist in the absence of the Coordinator?

***Senator the Honourable Mondy André Lewis will ask the Minister within the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Climate Resilience and the Environment with responsibility for Climate Resilience and the Environment, Senator the Honourable Simon Stiell, the following questions:***

**Question No. 1**

In relations to the Government of Grenada COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package:

1. How much money was/is allocated for the Economic Stimulus Assistance?
2. How much money have been expended as of August 2020?
3. How many workers received assistance for the months of April, May and June 2020 respectively?
4. How many workers have received assistance as of September 31, 2020?
5. Has there been any case of fraud/misappropriation/corruption of the Economic Stimulus Assistance by any Company/Employer?
6. If there has been any case of fraud/misappropriation/corruption of the Economic Stimulus Assistance, could the Leader of Government’s Business inform as follows:
7. What was their nature?
8. The name of the Company/Employer?
9. What is the total sum of money involved?
10. Could the State have pursued any legal charges/actions?
11. Did the State pursue any legal charges/actions against any Company/Employer?
12. If not, why not?

**Question No. 2**

In relations to the Marine Protection Areas (MPAs), could the Leader of Government’s Business in the Senate provide the following answers:

1. How many MPAs are there in Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique respectively?
2. Are they functional/enforced?
3. If they are not all fully or partially functional, then why not?
4. How many Rangers should there be in mainland Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique respectively?
5. How many Rangers are currently engaged in mainland Grenada?
6. Is there an MPA Manager?
7. Is there an MPA Communications Officer?
8. If there are no MPAs Manager and Communications Officer, what are the reasons for this?

**Senator the Honourable Tessa Alexander St. Cyr, will ask the Minister of State wrf Disaster Management, Senator the Honourable Winston Garraway, the following questions:**

**Question 1**

The Minister is asked to provide the details of the Integrated Solid Waste Management project be provided.

**\* Question 2**

1. What plans are being made / under consideration for the old Telescope waste disposal site?
2. The Minister is asked to provide details of the World Bank/ IUCN study conducted at the old Telescope waste disposal site.

**Senator the Honourable Tessa Alexander St. Cyr, will ask the Minister within the Ministry of Tourism, Civil Aviation, Climate Resilience and the Environment with responsibility for Climate Resilience and the Environment, Senator the Honourable Simon Stiell, the following questions:**

**\* Question 1**

As it relates to the pilot project implemented at the Grenville Secondary School -

1. The Minister is asked to provide to the Senate a description and an update of the pilot project.
2. What criteria were used for the selection of the Grenville Secondary School for this pilot project?
3. To what extent was consultation for this pilot project done with stakeholders (teachers, school board, parents, students and past students)?

**Senator the Honourable Tessa Alexander St. Cyr, will ask the Minister for Infrastructure Development, Public Utilities, Energy, Transport & Implementation, Senator the Honourable Norland Cox, the following questions:**

In relation to the National Youth Ambassadors Program -

**Question 1**

The Minister is asked to provide a copy of each of the completed application forms for the Youth Ambassadors programme.

**\* Question 2**

The Minister is asked to indicate the stratification process used, if any, in the selection of the Youth Ambassadors.

1. **Personal Explanations.**

1. **Motions:**
2. ***By the Leader of Government’s Business:***

**WHEREAS** debate on the Gracious Address delivered by the Governor General on the occasion of the Ceremonial State Opening of the Fourth Session of the Tenth Parliament on Friday 9th October, 2020 was further deferred to a date to be fixed;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the said Address be now debated by the Senate.

**PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO. 63**

1. ***By the Leader of Government’s Business:***

**WHEREAS** Standing Order No. 63(1a) **(The Committee of Selection)** of the Senate’s Revised Standing Orders provides for the appointment of a Committee to consist of the President as Chairman, and two other Senators to be known as the Committee of Selection;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Honourable Senate doth now appoint the two other Senators to the said Committee.

1. ***By the Leader of Government’s Business:***

**WHEREAS** Standing Order No. 63 (1b) of the Senate Standing Orders provides for the appointment of a Committee to consist of the President as Chairman and two Members to be known as the **Standing Orders Committee** which shall be elected as soon as may be after the beginning of each session;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Honourable Senate doth now appoint the Members to the said Committee.

1. ***By the Leader of Government’s Business:***

**WHEREAS** Standing Order No. 63 (1c) of the Senate Standing Orders, provides for the appointment of a Committee to consist of the President, as Chairman and two Members, to be known as the **House Committee;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Honourable Senate doth now appoint the two Members to the said Committee.

1. ***By the Leader of Government’s Business:***

**WHEREAS** Standing Order No. 63 (1d) of the Senate Standing Orders provides for the appointment of a Committee to consist of the President as Chairman, and four Members to be known as the **Committee of Privileges** which shall be elected as soon as may be after the beginning of each session;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Honourable Senate doth now appoint the four Members to the said Committee.

1. **Bills:**

*For First Reading and Remaining Stages:*

* Tax Administration (Amendment) Bill, 2020
* Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2020.
	1. **Public Business.**

1. ***By Senator the Honourable Mondy André Lewis:***

**HEALTHCARE WORKERS’ MOTION**

**WHEREAS** health care is generally recognized as a right globally;

**AND WHEREAS** doctors, nurses and other health care professionals and support workers are at the frontline in the healthcare system in Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique;

**AND WHEREAS** they have gone above and beyond the call of duty, especially during this period of the COVID-19 pandemic;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that all doctors, nurses, health care professionals (such as Lab Technicians etc.), health care support workers staff (such as cooks, orderlies, maids etc.) whose status of employment is considered as contract workers be permanently appointed by the Government of Grenada.

1. ***By Senator the Honourable Mondy André Lewis:***

**COMPENSATION MOTION**

**WHEREAS** there are laws which mediate the relationship between workers and

employers;

**WHEREAS** workers may seek justice within the context of those laws;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Grenada has been an employer challenged within the context of those laws;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Government of Grenada compensates any worker whom a competent Court has instructed to so do.

1. ***By Senator the Honourable Tessa Alexander St. Cyr:***

**WHEREAS** Section 29 (1) of the Grenada Constitution makes accommodation for representation through Constituency elections for Members of Parliament;

**WHEREAS** Members of Parliament may not be part of the Executive Branch of Government;

**WHEREAS** in the performance of his or her duties as a Parliamentary Representative, each Member of the House of Representative is entitled to an Office within his or her Constituency and to organize the activities of that office as he/she sees fit in accordance with approved Parliamentary policy;

**WHEREAS** the Office of the Houses of Parliament is responsible for providing guidance on the procedures and policies for the operations of the Constituency offices in keeping with democratic standards;

**AND WHEREAS** the Clerk of the Houses of Parliament as the Accounting Officer for Parliament is responsible for ensuring financial accountability for funds expended for the operation of all Constituency offices in accordance with democratic standards;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Senate recommends the immediate restoration of the financial administration and oversight of the Constituency offices to the Houses of Parliament.

1. **Adjournment.**