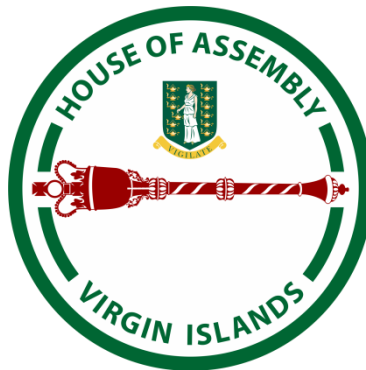


**FIFTH SITTING OF THE THIRD SESSION
OF THE FIFTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**



**TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, 21ST JULY, 2026
AT THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
ROAD TOWN, TORTOLA
AT 10:00 A.M.**

ORDER OF THE DAY

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- 1) Prayers**
- 2) Administration of Oaths**
- 3) Confirmation of Minutes**
 - i) Confirmation of Minutes for the Meeting of 6th November, 2025 (12th Sitting);
 - ii) Confirmation of Minutes for the Meeting of 13th January, 2026 (1st Sitting);
 - iii) Confirmation of Minutes for the Meeting of 15th January, 2026 (2nd Sitting);
 - iv) Confirmation of Minutes for the Meeting of 17th February, 2026 (3rd Sitting); and
 - v) Confirmation of Minutes for the Meeting of 19th March, 2026 (4th Sitting).
- 4) Announcements by the Speaker**
- 5) Statements by Ministers**
- 6) Presentation of Papers**
 - a) The Premier and Minister of Finance to lay on the table the following documents:**
 - i) Virgin Islands Festival and Fairs Committee Festival Report 2023;
 - ii) 70th Virgin Islands Emancipation Festival Report 2024;
 - iii) Civil Registry and Passport Office - Annual Report and Accounts 2024;
 - iv) Civil Registry and Passport Office - Annual Report and Accounts 2025;
 - v) British Virgin Islands Financial Services Commission Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement 2024;
 - vi) Statutory Instrument 2026 No. 13 – Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Criminal Procedure Rules, 2026;
 - vii) Statutory Instrument 2026 No. 25 - Customs Management Duties (Amendment of Schedule 4) (No. 2) Order, 2026;
 - viii) Statutory Instrument 2026 No. 34 - Statutory Rates, Fees and Charges (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Order, 2026

- ix) Statutory Instrument 2026 No. 35 – British Virgin Islands Electricity Corporation (Amendment) By-Laws, 2026;
- x) Office of the Accountant General Second Quarter Financial Report – June 30, 2025;
- xi) Office of the Accountant General Third Quarter Financial Report – September 30, 2025; and
- xii) Office of the Accountant General Fourth Quarter Financial Report – December 31, 2025.

b) The Minister of Health and Social Development to lay on the table the following documents:

- i) Virgin Islands Centenarian Programme Policy: (Honouring Our Elders, Preserving our Legacy, December 2025);
- ii) British Virgin Islands Cancer Society Annual Report 2024/2025;
- iii) British Virgin Islands Cancer Society Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended October 31, 2025;
- iv) His Majesty's Virgin Islands Prison Service Annual Report 2024; and
- v) His Majesty's Virgin Islands Prison Service Annual Report 2025.

7) Notices of Motions Given Orally

- a) The Premier and Minister 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 9 (1)(ii) to (vi) on the Order of the Day;
- b) The Minister for Health and Social Development 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 9 (1)(i) on the Order of the Day;
- c) The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth Electoral District 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 8 (i) to (iv) on the Order of the Day;
- d) The Member for the Sixth Electoral District 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 8 (v) and (vi) on the Order of the Day; and
- e) The Member for the Second Electoral District 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 8 (vii) to (xi) on the Order of the Day.

8) Questions and Answers to Questions

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

Question 1:

Madam Speaker, would the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House what was the total revenue received as of 30th June, 2026 and the payable as per the same period?

Question 2:

Madam Speaker, would the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House what is the projected recurrent expenditure and revenue for fiscal year 2026? Also, please provide the broad categories that make up the recurrent expenditure.

Question 3:

Madam Speaker, would the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House what is the cumulative value of all the unpaid vouchers throughout central Government as of 30th June, 2026 owed to vendors for services rendered to the Government?

Question 4:

Madam Speaker, would the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House what is the book balance of all bank accounts owned by central Government as of 30th June, 2026?

Question 5:

Madam Speaker, would the Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance please tell this Honourable House how many pending work permits are at the Department of Labour and the longest pending approval?

Question 6:

Madam Speaker, would the Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance please provide this Honourable House with the economic study that was conducted by KPMG on the Terrance B. Lettsome airport expansion?

Question 7:

Madam Speaker, would the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House if his Government has been monitoring the up to 3 million

subsidies announced and implemented earlier this year to give Residents and Virgin Islanders relief? If the answer is no, why not? If the answer is yes:

- a) What is the economic benefit accrued to hard working Virgin Islanders and residents thus far?
- b) What is the amount spent by Government thus far and details of the areas where the subsidy was applied?
- c) Does his Government have plans to expand the subsidy, and if so, please outline the areas?

Question 8:

Madam Speaker, would the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House what concessions are being made on the expenditure side to pay for the unbudgeted up to 3-million-dollar subsidy announced earlier this year and any other unbudgeted subsidy?

Question 9:

Madam Speaker, would the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House the following information regarding the fishing and farming grant announced earlier this year:

- a) The number of persons applied?
- b) How many persons actually received grants?
- c) Details of the grants received?
- d) The highest amount received, avg. and lowest received?

Question 10:

Madam Speaker, would the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House who are all the political advisors hired under his Government throughout all the Ministries and provide the detail of the work they were hired to do and the value of each contract executed?

Question 11:

Madam Speaker, can the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please provide this Honourable House with the following information:

- a) All amounts budgeted and spent per each line item for projects and or initiatives for 2026 under his entire ministry and departments for capital and recurrent?
 - b) Provide the cumulative amount budgeted and the amount unspent to date for both areas outlined in (a) above?
- ii) **Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth Electoral District to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Natural Resources Environment and Climate Change the following questions:**

Question 1:

Madam Speaker, would the Deputy Premier and Minister for the environment, please tell this Honourable House the following information:

- a) How much money was budgeted for Sargassum mitigation for 2026?
- b) Of the monies budgeted, how much is remaining?

Question 2:

Madam Speaker, would the Deputy Premier and Minister for the environment, please tell this Honourable House what mitigation measures are being put in place to limit the quantity of sargassum that lands to the shores of hotspots like Trellis Bay, Handsome Bay Virgin Gorda and Long Bay Beach Beef Island?

Question 3:

Madam Speaker, would the Deputy Premier and Minister for the environment, please tell this Honourable if his Ministry has implemented the exorbitant increases levied on persons holding commercial crown leases?

Question 4:

Madam Speaker, would the Deputy Premier and Minister for the environment, please tell this Honourable House if his Ministry intends to clean up the massive build-up of sargassum on Long Bay Beach Beef Island, especially on the western end of the beach where our elderly and physically challenged swim daily?

- iii) **The Leader of the Opposition and Member for the Eighth Electoral District to ask the Honourable Minister for Communications and Works the following questions:**

Question 1:

Madam Speaker, could the Minister for Communications and Works, please provide this Honourable House with the following:

- a) How much money was budgeted per year since 2019 to 2026 for each year and the cumulative amount for road, water and sewage network improvements under his ministry and respective departments?
- b) For each year how much of that money went unspent?
- c) Detail the projects executed per district for each year, inclusive of the contractors and amount of each contract?

Question 2:

Madam Speaker, would the Minister for Communications and Works, please provide this Honourable House with a spending plan for the portion of the \$100 million CIBC infrastructure loan allocated to his Ministry and statutory boards under his authority?

Question 3:

Madam Speaker, would the Minister for Communications and Works, please provide this Honourable House with a detail breakdown of all the projects under his Ministry inclusive of statutory boards that were executed by the portion of the CIBC infrastructure loan allotted to his Ministry, inclusive of district executed, contractor and cost of said project?

Question 4:

Madam Speaker, would the Minister for Communications and Works, please provide this Honourable House with the full cost of the canopy that was installed at Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport inclusive of purchase and installation cost?

Question 5:

Madam Speaker, would the Minister for Communications and Works, please tell this Honourable House what is his Ministry doing to provide immediate relief to families around this Territory who have been without a reliable supply of public water and forced to purchase at very great expense, particular the Sister Islands of Virgin Gorda and Jost Van Dyke who have been without water for weeks at a time?

Question 6:

Madam Speaker, would the Minister for Communications and Works, please advise this Honourable House if all licensed taxi operators are allowed to drop off and pickup

guests at the front of Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport? If the answer is no, please explain why not and if his Government is intending to rectify this matter?

Question 7:

Madam Speaker, would the Minister for Communications and Works, please tell this Honourable House when last a water demand study and a study on the state of water assets in the Territory was done for the entire Virgin Islands?

Question 8:

Madam Speaker, would the Minister for Communications and Works, please provide this Honourable House with the following information since water was declared a national priority on 19th June, 2025:

- a) Each project that was done and the districts they were done in?
- b) Each contractor and the value of each contract?
- c) Tender details if the projects were tendered or not?
- d) If the projects were not tendered, who made the decision on the contractors?

Question 9:

Madam Speaker, would the Minister for Communications and works please tell this Honourable House what is the cost to join the taxi association at the Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport?

Question 10:

Madam Speaker, would the Minister for Communications and works please provide this Honourable House with the economic study that was conducted by KPMG on the Terrance B. Lettsome airport expansion?

Question 11:

Madam Speaker, could the Minister for Communications and Works, please tell this Honourable House when was the last time a power demand study was done to ascertain the power needs of the Territory?

Question 12:

Madam Speaker, would the Minister for Communications and Works please tell this Honourable House if an Environmental Impact Assessment was attached as part of the tender/RFP package for the airport expansion recently proposed? If the answer is yes, when was it conducted?

Question 13:

Madam Speaker, could the Minister for Communications and Works, please tell this Honourable House why the people of Virgin Gorda are experiencing almost daily power outages and what is his Ministry doing to address the problem?

Question 14:

Madam Speaker, could the Minister for Communications and Works please provide this Honourable House with the scope of works for the proposed 30 plus miles of roads that was tendered with only one contractor being evaluated?

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

Question 1:

Madam Speaker, can the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Development please provide this Honourable House with the following information:

- a) If a new strategic plan is being implemented by the BVIHSA?
- b) If the answer is yes, can the public be updated on the status of that strategic plan?
- c) Is the BVIHSA seeing the benefits / improvements that were identified by the strategic plan?

Question 2:

Madam Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please provide the following information to this Honourable House:

- a) List the top candidates for the position of CEO, along with their nationalities, as recommended by the Health Services Authority (HSA) in order of precedence.
- b) Was the HSA's preferred candidate selected? If not, please explain the reasons behind their exclusion.
- c) Did the HSA recommend a Virgin Islands national for the position? If so, were they selected? If not, please provide the reason for their exclusion.

Question 3:

Madam Speaker during the last Standing Finance exercise, we were informed that there is a New NHI agreement, new agreement to cover the uninsured and other persons outside of NHI, new agreement to cover capital infrastructure such as clinics, equipment; and maintenance. Would the Minister advise this Honourable House if any

of those agreements were implemented, which were told could eventually increase revenue to the HSA and pay for the following:

- a) Staff increases and bonuses
- b) Maintenance
- c) Medical Supplies
- d) Infrastructure upgrades like clinics, equipment etc.?

Question 4:

Madam Speaker could the Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House if a compensation survey for the BVIHSA was recently completed? If the answer is yes, where is the Government in implementing salary increases and bonuses and recommendation in that compensation survey, for our hard-working health care workers?

Question 5:

Madam Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House if a US charitable foundation for the BVIHSA was recently established? If the answer is yes, where is the Government in promoting this foundation amongst potential US donors to seek funds for much needed investments in the BVIHSA?

Question 6:

Madam Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House of \$150,000 that was included in the budget for the design of the following, A Polyclinic in East End, New clinic in Cappsongs Bay, and New clinic in Jost van Dyke, where is the Government in the design and ultimately construction of these needed medical facilities?

Question 7:

Madam Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House where is the Government in addressing the issue of interisland transfers for residents of the Sister Islands who need to access the hospital in Tortola?

- v) **The Member for the Sixth Electoral District to ask the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance the following questions:**

Question 1:

Madam Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance please give this Honourable House an update on the status of the \$5 million USD of the people's money that was deposited in now defunct Bank of Asia?

Question 2:

Madam Speaker, section 29 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2004 states that money in the Consolidated Fund should be kept with such bank as may be specified by the Minister. The Minister according to the Act is the Minister of Finance. Could the Premier tell this Honourable House if he authorised the deposit of \$5 million dollars of public funds into the now defunct Bank of Asia?

Question 3:

Madam Speaker, section 30 of the Public Finance Management Act, 2004 states that a public or official account shall not be opened at a bank without the written authority of the Minister. The Minister according to the Act is the Minister of Finance. Could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House if he gave any such directions in writing to open a bank account at the Bank of Asia and to subsequently deposit funds into that account at any time?

- a) If he did not authorise those funds to be deposited, then how did the money get placed in the Bank of Asia and from where did the authority come for any other person to deposit the funds there?
- b) If he did not authorise the opening of the bank account or deposit of the \$5 million dollars into Bank of Asia, could he state who did it and when did he discover that this was done? Could he also state what actions did he take as Minister of Finance for this flagrant breach of the Public Finance Management Act, 2004?

Question 4:

Madam Speaker, the United Nations, which the Premier has been meeting with consistently, recognised access to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right on 28th July, 2010, by adopting Resolution 64/292. The people of District 6 and other districts in the Territory have been deprived of reliable access to water daily that undermines their health, dignity and basic quality of life. Could the Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House how much of the recently

borrowed \$100 million dollars will be allocated to fix the water problem in the Territory and how much funding to date have been advanced to the Ministry of Works to address the situation?

Question 5:

Madam Speaker, the House of Assembly recently passed the Human Rights Commission Bill to establish an independent body to investigate complaints of alleged human rights violations. Can the Premier state whether his Government has assessed whether the ongoing water supply issues affecting the residents of District 6 and other districts could fall within the types of matters that may be considered by the Human Rights Commission once it is established, and if so, what was the outcome of that assessment?

(b) If no such assessment has been undertaken, will the Premier indicate whether his Government intends to do so, and, if not, why not?

Question 6:

Madam Speaker, I have raised concerns repeatedly to the Honourable Premier and his Government about work and other opportunities for the adult differently-abled population in the Territory. One of our Caribbean neighbours recently provided employment for persons with disabilities thereby advancing inclusion and economic opportunities for this disadvantaged group in their country. With a budget of \$550 million USD for 2026, could the Premier and Minister of Finance state why similar opportunities cannot be afforded to the differently-abled adults in the Virgin Islands?

Question 7:

Madam Speaker, given that Caribbean Countries facing international pressure on their Citizen by Investment programmes will be aggressively seeking a larger share of the tourism market to offset expected revenue shortfalls, could the Premier and Minister of Finance and Tourism please tell this Honourable House what plans does his Government have to attract inward investment into the Virgin Islands Tourism sector to grow local business activity, employment opportunities and Government revenue?

Question 8:

Madam Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance and Tourism please give an update on the proposed re-development of Prospect Reef to this Honourable House? Has a developer been selected? When can we expect to see a new hotel open its doors in that location?

Question 9:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please inform this Honourable House of the total amount of public funds expended by the Government of the Virgin Islands on the rental of properties to accommodate government ministries, departments, and agencies that were displaced from the Central Administration Complex as a result of Hurricane Irma, from August 2017 to the present?

Question 10:

Madam Speaker, could the Premier and Minister of Finance tell this Honourable House what plans does the Government of the Virgin Islands have to formally recognise and honour Adaejah Hodge for her outstanding accomplishments in athletics and for representing the British Virgin Islands with such excellence on the international stage? Are there any initiatives being considered to celebrate her achievements and inspire future generations of Virgin Islanders?

- vi) **The Member for the Sixth Electoral District to ask the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Development the following questions:**

Question 1:

Madam Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please tell this Honourable House whether a study has been commissioned to determine the possible causes of the increasing number of cancer cases in the Virgin Islands? If not, why not; and if so, what stage is the study at, who is conducting it and at what cost and when can the public expect the findings to be made available?

Question 2:

Madam Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please provide this Honourable House with an update on the BVI Health Services Authority's plans to establish a cancer treatment centre in the Territory? Could the Minister also advise the projected cost of the facility, whether government proper has committed any funding toward the project and, if so, the amount, and when the people of the Territory can expect this much needed facility to become operational?

Question 3:

Madam Speaker, could the Minister for Health and Social Development please advise this Honourable House when the Department of Waste Management will commence the tagging and removal of derelict vehicles that continue to litter communities throughout the Territory? Could the Minister also state whether the Government has secured a site for the storage of these vehicles and, if not, explain why it is taking so long to address the matter?

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

Question 1:

Madam Speaker, would the Honourable Premier and the Minister of Finance update this Honourable House on the status of the Department of Disaster Management Emergency Centre Building project?

- a) List the total amount budgeted;
- b) List the total amount spent thus far;
- c) Give the original proposed date of completion;
- d) Give the new expected date of completion;
- e) State what contingency plans are in place, if further delays occur.

Question 2:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance inform this Honourable House of the capital projects approved for the Second Electoral District during the financial years 2024, 2025 and 2026?

- a) Will the Honourable Premier provide a list of all approved capital projects?
- b) What is the approved budget, expenditure to date and current implementation status of each project?
- c) What are the anticipated commencement and completion dates for each outstanding project?
- d) What performance measures are used to monitor the delivery of capital projects?
- e) What corrective measures are implemented where projects exceed approved budgets or implementation timelines?

Question 3:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance advise this Honourable House what measures have been implemented to improve the procurement process and the timely delivery of public capital projects?

- a) What is the average period between project approval and commencement?
- b) What are the principal causes of procurement delays?
- c) What reforms have been implemented during the past three years?

- d) How is the effectiveness of those reforms measured?
- e) What further improvements are planned?

Question 4:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance explain the policy used by His Government to allocate and prioritise capital projects among the Electoral Districts/Territory?

- a) What criteria are used in determining project priorities?
- b) How are community needs assessed?
- c) How does Government ensure equitable distribution of public investment?
- d) How are Members of the House consulted during the planning process?
- e) What measures are used to evaluate whether this policy achieves equitable outcomes?

Question 5:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance advise whether Government intends to strengthen public reporting on capital projects?

- a) Will Government establish a publicly accessible capital project monitoring system?
- b) What information will be made publicly available?
- c) How frequently will project information be updated?
- d) What performance indicators will be published?
- e) When is the system expected to become operational?

Question 6:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance inform this Honourable House of the Government's priorities during the current fiscal year?

- a) What capital and recurrent projects are scheduled for implementation during this fiscal year?
- b) What funding has been allocated for each project or initiative?
- c) What implementation timetable has been established for each project?
- d) What measurable outcomes does Government expect to achieve by the end of the current fiscal year?
- e) How will Government monitor and report progress on these projects and initiatives?

Question 7:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance please tell this Honourable House what his procedure and or policy for Sponsorships as Minister of Finance and provide this House with a copy of the same for the record?

- viii) **The Member for the Second Electoral District to ask the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Natural Resources Environment and Climate Change the following questions:**

Question 1:

In April 2024, I brought to the Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance's attention that a critical piece of land was listed for sale that needed to be purchased by the Government in Cane Garden Bay on "Cannon Point" which included a pond in the amount of \$120,000. I proceeded to ask the Premier about the status of the land purchase for the May 2025 Sitting and was told that it was a question better placed for the Minister of Lands. Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Natural Resources Environment and Climate Change please give an update on the status of the purchase for the preservation of our natural resources?

- a) When was the land purchased?
- b) If not yet, when does he expect to have the purchase completed?

Question 2:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Deputy Premier and Minister for Natural Resources Environment and Climate Change inform this Honourable House of the climate resilience and coastal protection projects planned or underway within the Second Electoral District during the current fiscal year?

- a) What projects have been approved?
- b) What funding has been allocated for each project?
- c) What is the implementation timeline for each project?
- d) What measurable outcomes are expected upon completion?
- e) How will the Ministry monitor and report progress?

Question 3:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Deputy Premier advise this Honourable House what measures are being implemented to strengthen enforcement against overgrown properties, derelict structures, abandoned lots and illegal dumping throughout the Virgin Islands, including the Second Electoral District?

- a) What enforcement initiatives are currently in place?

- b) Have any legislative or policy changes been introduced or are under consideration?
- c) What resources have been allocated to improve enforcement?
- d) How will the effectiveness of these measures be evaluated?
- e) What improvements are expected during the current fiscal year?

Question 4:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Deputy Premier inform this Honourable House of the Ministry's plans to protect and enhance beaches, wetlands, ponds and public access to environmentally sensitive areas within the Second Electoral District?

- a) What conservation projects are planned for the current fiscal year?
- b) What funding has been allocated?
- c) What consultation has taken place with local stakeholders?
- d) What measurable environmental outcomes are expected?
- e) How will progress be monitored and reported?

- ix) **The Member for the Second Electoral District to ask the Honourable Minister for Communications and Works following questions:**

Question 1:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Communications and Works inform this Honourable House of the road infrastructure projects approved for the Second Electoral District during the years 2025 and 2026?

- a) Will the Honourable Minister provide a list of all road infrastructure projects approved for the Second District?
- b) What is the approved budget for each project?
- c) What is the current status of each project?
- d) Which projects have completed the design phase?
- e) Which projects have completed procurement or tendering?
- f) What are the anticipated commencement and completion dates for each project?
- g) Have any projects experienced delays and, if so, what are the reasons for those delays?

Question 2:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Communications and Works inform this Honourable House of the infrastructure projects approved for the Second Electoral District during the current fiscal year?

- a) Will the Honourable Minister provide a list of all approved projects?
- b) What funding has been allocated and expended to date for each project?
- c) What is the current implementation status of each project?
- d) What are the anticipated commencement and completion dates?
- e) What measures are in place to ensure projects are delivered on schedule?

Question 3:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister advise this Honourable House of the Ministry's programme to improve roads and drainage within the Second Electoral District during the current fiscal year?

- a) Which roads and drainage systems have been prioritised?
- b) What funding has been allocated?
- c) What implementation timetable has been established?
- d) What measurable improvements are expected?
- e) How will progress be monitored?

Question 4:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister provide an update on potable water and sewerage infrastructure projects serving the Second Electoral District?

- a) What projects are currently underway or planned?
- b) What funding has been allocated?
- c) What is the anticipated completion schedule?
- d) What measurable improvements in service delivery are expected?
- e) How will the Ministry evaluate the success of these projects?

Question 5:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister advise this Honourable House what improvements are planned to enhance public safety infrastructure within the Second Electoral District?

- a) What projects are planned for street lighting, sidewalks, guardrails, pedestrian crossings and road signage?
- b) What funding has been allocated?
- c) What implementation schedule has been established?
- d) What measurable improvements are expected?
- e) How will the Ministry monitor project delivery?

Question 6:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister provide an update on Government's plans to improve marine dock infrastructure serving Jost Van Dyke?

- a) What is the estimated cost to fix the same?
- b) What funding has been allocated?
- c) What implementation timetable has been established?
- d) What benefits are expected upon completion?
- e) How will progress be monitored and reported?

Question 7:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister please state the current financial position of the BVI Electricity Corporation and Water and Sewerage Department as at 31st May, 2026 and provide a copy for this Honourable House?

Question 8:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister please state and provide a copy of the current financial position of the BVI Airports Authority together with the plans for financing the runway expansion with details such as guaranteed or self-borrowing?

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

Question 1:

Madam Speaker, since I've been elected to this Honourable House in 2015, I have tried to get an answer to why Government after Government and now this present Government for the last six years has not made any steps towards building a Juvenile Detention and Rehabilitation Center for young persons who would have made poor choices and ended up in the judicial system. Could the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Development tell this Honourable House how much longer he as Minister intends to have us violate the Constitution Order of 2007 by placing juveniles in cells at His Majesty's Prison?

- a) What plans have been developed to address this breach of the law?
- b) Please provide a copy of plans and cost for the facility?
- c) When does he expect to start the construction of the facility?

Question 2:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister advise this Honourable House what initiatives are being implemented to improve access to primary healthcare services for residents throughout the Territory?

- a) What community health programs are currently available?
- b) What additional services are planned during the current fiscal year?
- c) What resources have been allocated?
- d) What measurable improvements in access to healthcare are expected?
- e) How will these outcomes be evaluated?

Question 3:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister inform this Honourable House of the Ministry's policy for supporting senior citizens' programs, including district-based initiatives such as the OASIS Programme?

- a) What funding has been allocated to support senior citizens' programs during the current fiscal year?
- b) What criteria are used in determining Government assistance?
- c) What additional initiatives are planned to improve services for senior citizens?
- d) What measurable outcomes are expected?
- e) How does the Ministry evaluate the effectiveness of these programs?

Question 4:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister advise this Honourable House what measures are being implemented to improve public sanitation, waste management and environmental health within the Second Electoral District and Territory?

- a) What initiatives are planned during the current fiscal year?
- b) What funding has been allocated?

- c) What measures are being taken to address illegal dumping and other public health nuisances?
 - d) What measurable improvements are expected?
- xi) **The Member for the Second Electoral District to ask the Honourable Minister for Education Youth Affairs and Sports the following questions:**

Question 1:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports inform this Honourable House of the capital improvements approved for schools within the Territory during the current fiscal year?

- a) What projects have been approved?
- b) What funding has been allocated for each project?
- c) What implementation timetable has been established?
- d) What improvements are expected upon completion?

Question 2:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports advise this Honourable House what measures are being implemented to strengthen student well-being, mental health and school safety throughout the public education system?

- a) What programmes are currently in place?
- b) What additional initiatives are planned during the current fiscal year?
- c) What resources have been allocated?
- d) What measurable improvements are expected?
- e) How will the Ministry evaluate the effectiveness of these initiatives?

Question 3:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister inform this Honourable House of the Ministry's plans to expand youth development, sports and recreational opportunities within the Second Electoral District during the current fiscal year?

- a) What programmes and initiatives have been approved?
- b) What funding has been allocated?
- c) What implementation timetable has been established?
- d) What measurable outcomes are expected for youth participation and development?

e) How will the Ministry assess the success of these programmes?

Question 4:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports please tell this Honourable House:

- a) The total number of official overseas trips undertaken by the Minister from January 2025 to the present date?
- b) The specific purpose, destination, and duration of each trip?
- c) The total cost incurred by the Government of the Virgin Islands for each trip, including airfare, accommodation, per diem allowances, and any accompanying delegation costs?

Question 5:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports please tell this Honourable House:

- a) The current phase and timeline of the redevelopment project for the Althea Scatliffe Primary School?
- b) An explanation and cost to taxpayers or donor of the specific preparatory, structural, or site works currently being carried out on the property?
- c) The expected date for the official groundbreaking, contract signing, and final completion of the new modern school facility?

Question 6:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports please tell this Honourable House:

- a) What specific protocols, reporting mechanisms, and digital safety programmes are currently implemented within public schools to combat the rise of cyberbullying among students?
- b) How the Ministry is collaborating with local law enforcement and telecommunication partners to protect students from online harassment and abuse?

Question 7:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports please tell this Honourable House:

- a) What immediate strategies and professional resources have been deployed across public schools to address the alarming increases in suicide attempts and other severe mental health struggles among our youth?
- b) Provide the current number of certified school counselors and mental health specialists actively employed within the school system, and whether this allocation meets the current student-to-counselor demand?

Question 8:

Madam Speaker, could the Honourable Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports please tell this Honourable House:

- a) How the Ministry evaluates current student academic achievement levels across primary and secondary public institutions in light of recent curriculum reforms?
- b) What targeted remedial programmes are being established to support students whose academic performance and learning outcomes have been negatively impacted by ongoing psychosocial and mental health challenges?

9) Public Business

1) Government Business

Introduction and First Reading

- (i) The Minister for Social Development to move a motion for the Introduction and First Reading of the Bill entitled, **“International Non-Governmental Organisations Regulations Bill, 2026”**;

Second and Third Readings

- (ii) The Premier and Minister of Finance to move a motion for the Second and Third Readings of the Bill entitled, **“Virgin Islands Recovery and Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026”**;
- (iii) **The Premier and Minister of Finance to move the following motion:**

WHEREAS section 242(1) of the Magistrate’s Code of Procedure Act, Revised Edition 2013 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) provides that the Cabinet may make rules in relation to the following matters:

- (a) the giving of security under the Act;
- (b) the forms to be used under the Act;
- (c) regulating the form of the account to be rendered by Magistrates or clerks of Magistrates, of fines, fees and other sums received by them, and providing for the discontinuance of any existing account rendered unnecessary by the new form of account;
- (d) regulating the procedure on appeals by special case or otherwise

under the Act;

- (da) for the purpose of ensuring the just, timely and effective management and dissolution of criminal cases in the Magistrate's Court; and
- (e) any other matters in relation to which rules are authorised or required to be made under or for the purpose of carrying into effect the Act.

WHEREAS section 242(2) of the Act provides that any rule made under subsection (1) shall be laid before the House of Assembly for consideration and approval as soon as may be after it is made and shall be judicially noticed except that, until the rules are so considered and approved, they shall have the force and effect of law;

WHEREAS the Cabinet in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 242(1) of the Act, made the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Criminal Procedure Rules, 2026, S.I. No. 13 of 2026 ("the Rules") on the 5th day of March, 2026 in relation to the Magistrate's Court;

WHEREAS the Rules were published in the *Gazette* on the 10th day of March, 2026;

AND WHEREAS the Rules were laid on the Table of the House of Assembly on the day of , 2026;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands approves the Rules laid on the Table of the House of Assembly on the day of , 2026.

(iv) **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 Two million, eight hundred five thousand and ten dollars (\$2,805,010) as detailed in the Schedule, which represents monies expended in excess of the amount appropriated by the House of Assembly for the year 2017.

SCHEDULE

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

Head	Department	Approved Estimate 2017	Revised Estimate 2017	Actual Expenditure 2017	Excess Expenditure 2017
1011	House of Assembly	4,390,800	4,516,195	4,518,969	(2,774)
1013	Office of the Director of Public Prosecution	1,386,000	1,225,101	1,225,402	(301)
2109	Deputy Governor's Office	5,192,400	5,419,054	5,419,183	(129)
2113	Supreme Court	2,898,600	2,772,166	2,772,637	(471)
2118	Police	16,136,400	16,683,735	16,685,088	(1,353)
2223	Immigration	2,955,800	2,960,283	2,960,522	(239)
2333	Post Office	2,153,500	2,219,905	2,270,441	(50,536)
2371	Miscellaneous	3,322,300	4,465,561	4,476,143	(10,582)
2652	Ministry of Health & Social Development	2,664,400	4,701,352	5,301,963	(600,611)
4300	Public Debt	6,012,200	3,018,960	5,156,974	(2,138,014)
Total Excess Expenditure					(2,805,010)

(v) **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 or excess of the amount appropriated by the Appropriation (2025) Act, 2024, No. 32 of 2024, as follows:

Recurrent Expenditure of six million, five hundred six thousand, five hundred and eighty-eight dollars (\$6,506,588), of which:

1. one hundred and seventy thousand, nine hundred and ninety-two dollars (\$170,992) expended in excess of the appropriated amount and funded from a Grant;
2. six million, three hundred thirty-five thousand, five hundred and ninety-six dollars (\$6,335,596) in savings from the reallocation of funds expended in variation of the appropriated amount to be charged against the Consolidated Fund of the Territory;

Capital Acquisition Expenditure of one hundred twenty-five thousand, nine hundred and ninety dollars (\$125,990) expended in variation of the appropriated amount charged against the Development Fund of the Territory by way of funds transferred from the Consolidated Fund; and

Capital Expenditure of four hundred ninety-seven thousand, one hundred and seventy-six dollars (\$497,176), expended in variation of the appropriated amount and charged against the Development Fund of the Territory through funds transferred from the Consolidated Fund.

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

WHEREAS section 3(1) of the Statutory Rates, Fees and Charges Act, 2005, No. 28 of 2005, (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) provides that the Cabinet may, by means of an Order amending the Schedule, exercise a power given to the House of Assembly, the Governor, Cabinet, a Minister or any other person or statutory body

- (a) to impose or vary rates, fees or other charges;
- (b) to grant exemptions with respect to rates, fees or other charges;
- (c) to approve the imposition or variation of rates, fees or other charges or the granting of exemptions with respect to rates, fees and other charges,

whether by resolution, regulations, Order or other statutory instrument and whether on the advice or recommendation of, or after consultation with, any person, body or authority;

WHEREAS section 3(2) of the Act provides that where such an Order is made it shall be subject to an affirmative resolution of the House of Assembly;

WHEREAS the Cabinet in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 3(1) of the Act, made the Statutory Rates, Fees and Charges (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Order, 2026, S.I. No. 34 of 2026 (“the Order”) on the 23rd day of June, 2026 to amend the Schedule by amending Part 13 which sets out Electricity Tariffs, Rates and Charges;

WHEREAS the Order was published in the *Gazette* on the 23rd day of June, 2026 by way of advanced notice;

AND WHEREAS the Order was laid on the Table of the House of Assembly on the day of , 2026;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Assembly of the Virgin Islands approves the Order laid on the Table of the House of Assembly on the 10th day of July, 2026 and the said Order shall be deemed to have come into force on the 24th day of June, 2026.

- 2) **Private Members Business**

- 10) **Other Business**

- 11) **Adjournment**