



**ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

# **ORDER PAPER**

**First Sitting  
of the  
Eleventh Meeting  
of Legislative Council**

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**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 10 am  
in the Court House**

**1. Formal Entry of the President**

**2. Prayers**

**3. Address by the President**

**4. Papers:-**

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| SP 19/15 | A Bill for an Ordinance – The Juries (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015<br>(Hon Brian Isaac)                                      |
| SP 20/15 | A Bill for an Ordinance – The Mental Health and Mental Capacity Ordinance, 2015<br>(Hon Derek Thomas)                      |
| SP 21/15 | A Bill for an Ordinance – The Environmental Protection Ordinance, 2015<br>(Hon Pamela Ward Pearce)                         |
| SP 22/15 | A Bill for an Ordinance – The Employment Rights (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015<br>(Hon Brian Isaac)                           |
| SP 23/15 | Financial Statements – 2012-2013<br>(Hon Financial Secretary)  |
| SP 24/15 | Saint Helena Audit Service – Management Letter – Financial Statements 2012 - 2013<br>(Hon Financial Secretary)             |
| SP 25/15 | Response to Recommendations following the Adoption of the PAC Reports – Dated 22 October 2015<br>(Hon Financial Secretary) |

## **5. Questions:-**

1. The Hon Gavin Ellick to ask the Hon Chairman, Public Health Committee:

Will the Hon Chairman of the Public Health Committee tell this Council what plans are in place for the recruitment of a second dental technician?

2. The Hon Gavin Ellick to ask the Hon Chairman, Public Health Committee:

Will the Hon Chairman of the Public Health Committee tell this Council what incentives are in place to attract and retain dental technicians?

3. The Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Hon Financial Secretary give this Council an update on the progress and the total amount of expenditure to date on the ASYCUDA?

4. The Hon Pamela Ward Pearce to ask the Hon Chairman, Social and Community Development Committee:

Will the Hon Chairman of the Social and Community Development Committee appraise this House on how the extra £1.2million allocated for Safeguarding has been utilised?

5. The Hon Pamela Ward Pearce to ask the Hon Chairman, Social and Community Development Committee:

Will the Hon Chairman of the Social and Community Development Committee inform this House of what progress there has been with the Sainsbury Recommendations?

6. The Hon Cyril George to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Hon Financial Secretary tell this Council what progress to date has been made on the following projects which were funded under the Capital Programme: the prison at Half Tree Hollow, the Fire Station at Alarm Forest, the proposed Sewerage treatment works at Half Tree Hollow / Ladder Hill and the extension of Harpers 2 & 3 reservoirs?

7. The Hon Gavin Ellick to ask the Hon Chairman, Public Health Committee:

Will the Hon Chairman of the Public Health Committee tell this Council what measures are in place to ensure health and safety and protection of patients and visitors at the General Hospital during the renovation period?

8. The Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Hon Chief Secretary give this Council an update on the review of the existence and function of the Highways Authority as per the recommendation of the Saint Helena Audit Service report of May 2014?

9. The Hon Brian Isaac to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Hon Financial Secretary update this Council on the progress with a shipping and freight service for St Helena?

## **6. MOTIONS:**

1. Hon Brian Isaac – Chairman of the Social & Community Development Committee:

That the Employment Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2015, be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

2. Hon Brian Isaac – Chairman of the Social & Community Development Committee:

That the Juries (Amendment) Bill, 2015 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

3. The Hon Derek Thomas – Chairman of the Public Health Committee:

That the Mental Health and Mental Capacity Bill, 2015, be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

4. The Hon Pamela Ward Pearce – Chairman of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee:

That the Environmental Protection Bill, 2015, be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

5. The Hon Brian Isaac:

That this House urges Government to review the Leisure Area at Rupert's Beach with a view to putting in place a maintenance programme to ensure that the area can continue to be enjoyed as a recreational space by the community.

## **8. Adjournment Debate**

## QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE:

1. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Chairman, Public Health Committee:

To tell this House what plans are in place for the transportation, medical treatment and pastoral care of medical referrals to South Africa, after the commencement of flights to and from the Johannesburg hub?

### Response:

Given the impending availability of air access, the St Helena Government (SHG) Health Directorate is currently conducting a scoping study to explore the potential to develop a comprehensive Service-Level Agreement (SLA) with a private healthcare provider in Johannesburg / Pretoria and possibly other locations in South Africa (including Cape Town). The scoping study is limited to the major healthcare providers with likely capacity to meet the specified criteria.

At this stage Pretoria (rather than Johannesburg) appears to be a more preferable location to access health services for patients who enter South Africa through O. R. Tambo International Airport and are not continuing on to another destination in South Africa via a domestic commercial flight. The implications (e.g. from a cost-benefit, service delineation and contractual perspective) of patients, who are clinically stable and do not require any physical assistance transferring and can therefore ambulate independently, accessing care in other locations in South Africa (including Cape Town) will need to be fully explored and quantified. Patients who are clinically unstable / stretcher or wheel-chair bound, will most likely only be transferred to a facility in Pretoria for immediate care and not transferred elsewhere in South Africa.

The Health Directorate is also concurrently undertaking a separate scoping study to explore the potential for clinical case management with an independent private provider in Johannesburg / Pretoria and possibly other locations in South Africa (including Cape Town). In addition, the St Helena Government (SHG) is also pursuing the development of an SLA with an aeromedical evacuation provider.

2. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

To tell this House what is the latest position regarding disposal of the RMS St Helena?

### Response:

On the advice from St Helena Line, the operators of the RMS St Helena, a broker has been engaged to look at the options available for disposing of the RMS St Helena. However, as a prudent measure; and until there is certainty on the certification of the Airport and the commencement date of flights, no firm discussions will be held with any prospective buyers. There has been some initial interest shown in the purchase of the RMS St Helena and Members will be kept informed of any progress.

3. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Due to the great difficulty in obtaining sterling and all other key currencies on St Helena, will the Hon Financial Secretary tell this House what urgent action is being taken to address this issue before increased demand for currency exchange, following air access, exacerbates the situation?

Response:

On each return voyage of the RMS St Helena from Cape Town SHG, on behalf of the Bank of St Helena, imports £40,000 at a premium of 4% to cover insurance costs. This is then distributed by the Bank to Customers at a charge of 2%; the Bank and St Helena Government absorbs 1% each of the cost.

Over the past six months £280,000 has brought, the Bank has acquired £25,000 from Customs and they have issued to customers around £277,000. The bank does not import any other currency but does receive Dollars, Euros and Rand from visiting tourists and return residents, the only substantial amount received is around £19,000 in Rand, this has all been issued to customers.

With regards to reducing the requirement for Sterling for Saints when travelling aboard the Bank of St Helena is looking to issuing pre-paid debit cards. The cards work simply by transferring money from the customer's Bank of St Helena account to their pre-paid debit card registered to them. Pre-paid debit cards are recognised and accepted worldwide and the cards can be used for off-island use and online purchases.

The Bank will be a reseller for the card (like an agent) and will have the responsibility of loading money on cards.

Further the Bank is looking to reduce the level of currency required on Island through issuing local debit cards; used in conjunction with local electronic payments systems deployed by the Bank. This will be used in establishments on Island and in-house banking transactions would be initiated by swiping, scanning or entering customer Bank of St Helena local debit cards.

Another card being looked at by the Bank is the Tourist Virtual Card, this will allow tourists planning to visit the Island to access a website and buy and load values onto a Bank of St Helena virtual card. Customers will be charged per transaction for debit/credit card use to purchase Virtual Cards.

4. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

To tell this House, precisely what progress has been made to date regarding the introduction and implementation of schemes of service for nurses, teachers and the police, highlighting any challenges still to be overcome?

Schemes of Services for nurses, teachers and police have all been introduced and are currently being implemented. Each of these professions now has a new competency framework which provides for progression through the service with

additional remuneration at relevant stages of the process when individuals achieve specific competencies and/or qualifications.

There have been a few teething problems at the inception of one of the new schemes but these are being addressed.

The on-going challenge will be the ability to attract suitable persons into these professions but it is hoped that these new Schemes of Service will provide clear career paths for advancement and personal/professional development.

## Questions – Day 2

1. The Hon Gavin Ellick to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Hon Chief Secretary tell this Council what progress has been made with the transport strategy, which proposed to develop the public transport system?

2. The Hon Gavin Ellick to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Hon Chief Secretary tell this Council what systems are in place for on call firemen?