

ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ORDER PAPER

First Sitting of the Eighteenth Meeting of Legislative Council

Tuesday, 14th March 2017 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber

- 1. Formal Entry of the President
- 2. Prayers
- 3. Address by the President
- 4. Papers
 - SP 01/2017 (Hon Brian Isaac) A Bill for an Ordinance – The General Amendment (Gender Equality) Ordinance, 2017
 - SP 02/2017 (Hon Brian Isaac) A Bill for an Ordinance – The Employment Rights (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017
 - SP 03/2017 (Hon Financial Secretary) A Bill for an Ordinance – The Third Supplementary Appropriation (2016/17) Ordinance, 2017
 - SP 04/2017 (Hon Attorney General) English Law Application Ordinance, 2005 - The Sexual Offences Act (Application) (Amendment) Order, 2017
 - SP 05/2017 (Hon Financial Secretary) St Helena Currency Fund Financial Statements for Year Ended 31 March 2016
 - SP 06/2017 (Hon Wilson Duncan) St Helena Public Accounts Committee – St Helena Audit Service Strategic Audit Plan 2017/18 – 2019/20

SP 07/2017 (Hon Financial Secretary)

Enterprise St Helena – Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2016

- SP 08/2017 (Hon Financial Secretary) St Helena Audit Service Management Letter – Financial Statements 2015/16
 SP 09/2017 (Hon Financial Secretary) St Helena Government – Financial Statements 2015 – 2016
- SP 10/2017 (Hon Financial Secretary) St Helena Government Response to Public Accounts Committee Reports laid before Legislative Council on 9 December 2016

5. Questions

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

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this House what action has been taken in response to the Motion carried in the December 2016 sitting of this House pertaining to more economic, efficient and effective use of St Helena Government transport?

2. The Hon Gavin Ellick to ask the Hon Chairman of the Education Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairperson of the Education Committee tell this House if any plans are in hand regarding using grey, black and rain water to help irrigate Francis Plain field?

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

Will the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this House what are St Helena Government's current policy and forward plan relating to divestment of its non-core functions?

4. The Hon Pamela Ward Pearce to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this Council if there is any intention to fly the Union Jack flag at the airport?

5. The Hon Dr. Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Chairman of the Social and Community Development Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairman of the Social & Community Development Committee tell this House what progress has been made regarding review of the social benefits system and what are the next steps?

6. The Hon Derek Thomas to ask the Hon Chairman of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairperson of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee tell this Council what action has been taken to find alternative sites, or to pay compensation, to those persons who own house sites in the Bluemans Field area, which was in the intermediate zone and was subsequently changed to the Green Heartland in 2012?

7. The Hon Cyril George to ask the Hon Chairman of the Social and Community Development Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairman of the Social & Community Development Committee tell this House what plans are in place for those persons with permanent disabilities to receive regular respite care?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this Council what considerations have been given to the various reforms since Britain and St Helena Government signed their Memorandum of Understanding?

6. Motions

1. Hon Financial Secretary

That the Third Supplementary Appropriation (2016/17) Bill 2017 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

2. Hon Brian Isaac

That the Employment Rights (Amendment) Bill 2017, be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

3. Hon Brian Isaac

That the General Amendment (Gender Equality) Bill 2017 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

4. Hon Dr Corinda Essex

That this House resolves that necessary action should be taken to pursue formulation of a formal submission to Her Majesty's Government requesting amendment of Section 21 of the St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Constitution Order 2009 to allow St Helena to prioritise the employment of St Helenians without breaching the protection against discrimination.

5. Hon Derek Thomas

That this House take immediate action to release lands which form part of the National Forest and for agricultural purposes and are no longer productive for such requirements and that such lands be utilised for the purpose of house building.

6. Hon Pamela Ward Pearce

That this House resolves that there is a review of the Oath of Confidentiality to reflect a more democratic position, which will align with the expressed intention of openness and transparency within Government.

7. Adjournment Debate