



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ORDER PAPER

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

**Monday, 11 August 2014 at 10 a.m.
in the Court House**

1. Formal Entry of the President

2. Prayers

3. Address by the President

4. Papers:-

- S.P 15/14 Enterprise St Helena (ESH), Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2013
(Hon Acting Financial Secretary)
- S.P 16/14 St Helena Fisheries Corporation Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2013
(Hon Acting Financial Secretary)
- S.P 17/14 St Helena News Media Services Financial Accounts for the two year period ended 31 March 2013
(Hon Acting Financial Secretary)
- S.P 18/14 Government of St Helena Schedule of Special Warrants 2013/2014
(Hon Acting Financial Secretary)
- S.P 19/14 A Bill for an Ordinance – Customs and Excise (Amendment No. 2) Ordinance, 2014
(Hon Acting Financial Secretary)
- S.P 20/14 Government of St Helena – Procurement Regulations July 2013, Revised 10th February 2014
(Hon Acting Financial Secretary)

- S.P 21/14 Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Friday 24th February 2012
(Hon Chief Secretary)
- S.P 22/14 Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Thursday 22nd March 2012
(Hon Chief Secretary)
- S.P 23/14 Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Friday 23rd March 2012
(Hon Chief Secretary)
- S.P 24/14 Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Monday 26th March 2012
(Hon Chief Secretary)
- S.P 25/14 Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Tuesday 27th March 2012
(Hon Chief Secretary)
- S.P 26/14 Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Friday 6th July 2012
(Hon Chief Secretary)
- S.P 27/14 Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Thursday 13th September 2012
(Hon Chief Secretary)
- S.P 28/14 Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Friday 14th September 2012
(Hon Chief Secretary)
- S.P 29/14 Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Monday 25th February 2013
(Hon Chief Secretary)
- S.P 30/14 Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council, Tuesday 26th February 2013
(Hon Chief Secretary)
- S.P 31/14 Government of St Helena – Financial Regulations, Final May 2014,
(Hon Acting Financial Secretary)
- S.P 32/14 A Bill for an Ordinance – Protection of Wrecks and Marine Archaeological Heritage Ordinance, 2014
(Hon Wilson Duncan)
- S.P. 33/14 A Bill for an Ordinance – Spear Guns Control Ordinance, 2014
(Hon Ian Rummery)
- S.P. 34/14 St Helena Audit Service, Performance Audit Report: Delivering Government Objectives
(Hon Acting Financial Secretary)

5. Questions for Oral Response:-

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

Will the Hon Chief Secretary tell this Council how many Technical Cooperation Officers are currently employed by St Helena Government; is their performance against terms of reference monitored and does the terms of reference include any training element for local staff?

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

Will the Hon Chairman of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee say what plans are proposed for the development of the Longwood Dairy Complex and its surrounding area?

3. The Hon Nigel Dollery to ask the Hon Acting Financial Secretary:

Will the Hon Acting Financial Secretary please tell this house when can we expect the accounts of St Helena Government for 2012/13 to be laid?

4. The Hon Nigel Dollery to ask the Hon Acting Financial Secretary:

Will the Hon Acting Financial Secretary say what steps have been or are being taken to incorporate subsidiary accounts into those of the St Helena Government in light of the qualification of the previous years' accounts by the Chief Auditor and the suggestion made by the last formal Public Accounts Committee Meeting to begin with consolidating the accounts of smaller enterprises, such as the Fisheries Corporation and the Currency Fund?

5. The Hon Gavin Ellick to ask the Hon Chairman of the Public Health Committee:

Will the Hon Chairman of the Public Health Committee say what plans are in place to investigate the recent situation in the hospital where a number of critically ill people put the Service under great strain and what measures are in place to improve the capability of the Service to respond to such situations, such as recruitment and retention of doctors?

6. The Hon Leslie Baldwin to ask the Hon Acting Financial Secretary:

Will the Hon Acting Financial Secretary tell this Council whether it is the intention of Government to seek International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) certification for the Ruperts port area?

6. Motions:-

1. (Hon Acting Financial Secretary)

That the Customs and Excise (Amendment No. 2) Bill, 2014 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

2. **(Hon Chairman of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee)**

That the Protection of Wrecks and Marine Archaeological Heritage Ordinance, 2014 Bill, be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

3. **(Hon Ian Rummery)**

That the Spear Guns Control Ordinance, 2014, be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

4. **(Hon Derek Thomas)**

That this House urges St Helena Government to undertake an urgent review of the Land Development Control Plan with a view to providing adequate, suitable housing sites for Islanders.

5. **(Hon Leslie Baldwin)**

That this Government endeavour to formalise a relationship with the Islands in the South Atlantic namely Ascension Island, Falklands Islands, St Helena and Tristan Da Cunha' by forming a joint Council of islands.

7. **Adjournment Debate**

Supplementary Paper

Questions for Written Response:-

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

Will the Hon Chief Secretary tell this Council what is St Helena Government's policy regarding the localisation of posts currently held by Technical Cooperation Officers?

Response:

SHG's policy is to localise established posts that are currently filled by TC Officers whenever there are suitably qualified and experienced individuals who can capably ensure the ongoing delivery of services. In this regard the need for skills transfer to the local workforce has been built into the TC recruitment and appraisal processes, with SHG continuing to invest in training for its permanent employees, including funding a management development programme as well as more job specific development opportunities.

Succession planning is a key element of the SHG Workforce Plan which is in the process of being implemented across all Directorates. It will assist with the retention of talented individuals, as they will be aware of internal opportunities available to them as they progress their careers. Through this process potential future leaders and senior managers will be identified and developed, with a view to reducing SHG's reliance on TC Officers.

Posts critical to service delivery and difficult to recruit at short notice from local resource have been identified; and, it is recognised that there is likely to be an ongoing need, at least for the foreseeable future to recruit internationally to posts such as Medical Officers.

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

Will the Hon Chief Secretary state the total expenditure incurred to date for the installation and upkeep of the moorings provided to visiting yachts and the total revenue received from such yachts in the same period?

Response:

The new moorings were installed in late 2012 at the cost of circa £140,800. The moorings were commissioned in early 2013 and there are three elements to the maintenance and upkeep. There is a monthly topside inspection of the buoys and shackles, there is an annual inspection of anchors, chains, buoys, shackles and pins and finally there is a lifting of the moorings once every 3 years for shore side inspections. To date total cost of all inspections and maintenance amount to circa £18,100.

Total revenue received through mooring fees for the same period amounts to £2,100. This does not include any related revenues such as immigration fees and light dues. In addition there are other spin offs for the wider economy when those on the visiting yachts come ashore and use the services and vendors available on island.

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

Will the Hon Chief Secretary tell this Council what are St Helena Government's intentions regarding further divestment of its non-core functions?

Response:

SHG remains committed to divesting non-core functions. A realistic timeframe for further divestments is currently being considered by the SHG Procurement Board and will need to take account of a number of factors, including resources available to carry out detailed appraisals of these functions to determine suitability for divestment, capacity within in the private sector to take advantage of the divestment opportunities and lessons learnt from previous divestments.

The following functions are currently being considered for divestment:

- *Government Garage*
- *Community Based Housing Association*
- *Pest Control*
- *Solid Waste*
- *Sanitary Services*

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

Will the Hon Chief Secretary tell this Council when will St Helena Government determine what additional infrastructure will be required in Rupert's Valley to accommodate effective and efficient cargo operations and how is this to be funded?

Response:

The essential infrastructure required to operate cargo operations from Ruperts comprises the breakwater and wharf, which are under construction; also relocation of the Jamestown cranes and upgrade to the local access road directly serving the wharf. Wider road network improvements connecting Ruperts with Jamestown will be necessary. Some of the road improvements fall directly under the airport contract. Improvements that do not fall under the airport contract must be delivered by a contract variation or from the capital programme.

Upgrades to road and drainage infrastructure, site preparation, building and services construction may all be required to accommodate the requirements of the port operations, customs and biosecurity and also private commercial interests including retailers and fisheries likely to rely upon this infrastructure. While there is provision under the capital programme to meet some of the costs of infrastructure delivery it may not be possible to deliver everything at once. Priority should be given to the infrastructure that must be in place as a condition precedent to airport accreditation and facilitate future sea access. A Steering Group has been established to focus on this priority and will meet monthly or as necessary to drive progress.

Work has commenced on preparation of a Development Plan for the wider Ruperts area. This is a statutory process that has involved dialogue and consultation across different branches of Government Service, DFID, Connect Saint Helena Ltd, design professionals, Basil Read and many other stakeholders including businesses and the residents of Ruperts. The Development Plan aims to identify sufficient land in the right place to accommodate the future requirements of port operations, including container handling, goods storage and transportation. Land will only become available for container handling and lay up when the existing bulk fuel storage installation is decommissioned and

Basil Read demobilises and hand over occupied land and premises. The precise configuration of land use has yet to be determined as this will be influenced by operational requirements, identified constraints, land ownership and will partly be market led.

The new Head of Planning aims to produce a Final Draft Development Plan for Ruperts Valley later this year. When the new plan is adopted it will supersede aspects of the adopted Land Development Control Plan and help to guide future land use planning decisions.”