



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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Seventh Sitting of Ministers Question Time

Tuesday, 19 May 2026 at 10:00am in the Council Chamber

Impact of Global Conflict and International Economic Instability on St Helena's Essential Services, Supply Chains, Cost of Living and National Resilience

1. Address by the Speaker

2. Questions:

(Questions have been listed in alphabetical order but will be selected randomly for response during the meeting)

The Hon Clint Beard:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council what increases are planned for the FY 2026/27 that her Government has knowledge of.

The Hon Ronald Coleman:

Can the Chief Minister inform this House and the people of St Helena what are the main items which are been considered for funding as essential supply chains in the face of today's global conflicts?

The Hon Dr Corinda Essex:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council what strategy or strategies are in place, or will be developed, to mitigate the negative impacts of the current global conflicts upon the local cost of living?

The Hon Denis Leo:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council whether consideration will be given to providing additional support for local farmers, fishers, and producers during the current international crises, to strengthen St Helena's domestic food resilience and reduce reliance on imported goods?

The Hon Robert Midwinter:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, how will her Government strengthen St Helena's essential services and supply chains to withstand future global shocks?

The Hon Derek Thomas:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, has Government assessed the risks posed by rising freight costs and delays to the availability of food, construction materials, medicines, and fuel?

The Hon Julie Thomas:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister, outline the Government's plan to transition toward a participatory communication model that prioritizes meaningful public engagement over simple information dissemination, noting their Vision is to develop a more open and transparent Government and how will this strategy bridge the widening gap between official messaging and community experience to foster a deeper understanding of difficult trade-offs necessary for national resilience and service continuity?