



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ORDER PAPER

**Second Sitting
of the
Sixth Meeting
of Legislative Council**

**Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 10am
in the Council Chamber**

1. Formal Entry of the Speaker

2. Prayers

3. Address by the Speaker

4. Questions

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister provide this House with an update regarding progress in relation to finalising a draft recurrent budget for 2026/27, 2027/28 and 2028/29; indicating whether the reintroduction of child allowances and increase of the minimum wage are still being pursued and what next steps are envisaged?

2. The Hon Derek Thomas to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House what is the latest situation regarding the independent enquiry relating to the investigation on the closure of the airport?

3. The Hon Clint Beard to ask the Hon Minister for Education, Skills and Employment:

Can the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment provide this House with a comprehensive update on the timeline for all schools on St Helena to achieve full Accredited Member status with the Council of British International Schools (COBIS)?

4. The Hon Julie Thomas to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House whether a specific budget will be allocated for the 2026/27 financial year to fund the recruitment enhancements recently announced - specifically relocation and rental contributions - and if the Chief Minister could also provide a timeline for when the detailed plan for expanded diaspora advertising will be published?

5. The Hon Denis Leo to ask the Hon Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning:

Will the Honourable Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources & Planning tell this House, under what existing laws or ordinances is the review of the fishing sector being conducted?

6. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council if, in order to help reduce increases in cost of living during the war in the Middle East, her government will give consideration to freezing the import duty charged by the St Helena Government on fuel, both petrol and diesel?

7. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Health and Social Care:

Can the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care inform this House what works has been carried out thus far, to ensure people are supported by having access to affordable essential healthcare services, aligned with effective prevention interventions, especially where possible with locally delivered solutions?

8. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs:

Will the Honourable Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs tell this House why the permitted lifting tonnage for 20-foot containers has been reduced from the standard international maximum of 33 tons to 28 tons, and what action St Helena Government intends to take to mitigate the resulting negative impacts on importers?

9. The Hon Derek Thomas to ask the Hon Minister for Education, Skills and Employment:

Will the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment give an update to this House, as to when the casual work scheme will be implemented?

10. The Hon Clint Beard to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Given the government's commitment to the 'Draft St Helena Vision and Strategy 2026–2029' which seeks to rebuild trust and keep communities informed, will the Honourable Chief Minister outline the formal Communication Strategy intended to ensure that non-ministerial Members, the local public, and the St Helenian diaspora overseas are proactively updated on the progress of cross-government policy priorities, specifically, what new digital or traditional platforms will be utilised to move beyond 'top lines' to provide comprehensive insight into future plans and current challenges?

11. The Hon Julie Thomas to ask the Hon Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning:

Will the Honourable Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning provide this Council with an update on the progress made toward the target of delivering at least 80% of St Helena's energy from renewable sources by the financial year 2027/28, and specifically confirm if the Government remains on schedule to meet this deadline?

12. The Hon Denis Leo to ask the Hon Minister for Education, Skills and Employment:

Can the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment tell this House whether the St Helena Secondary School has a formal process for identifying students who achieve high academic performance and if so, is this information systematically shared with the Head of Public Service and Human Resources, as part of a structured programme to support and develop these students as potential future leaders for St Helena?

13. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council how many people who are currently paying tax on the PAYE scheme, will benefit from the proposed increase in minimum wage?

14. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Can the Honourable Chief Minister inform this House that with the rising cost in island expenditure for providing essential services to our people, what are the intentions of St Helena Government to meet such rising costs?

15. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning:

Will the Honourable Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning tell this House why the draft management plans for St Helena's National Conservation Areas that were nearing completion a year ago have not been finalised, and when it is anticipated that these will be in place?

16. The Hon Derek Thomas to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House the outcome of the survey relating to the Public Transport System and what will be the next steps?

17. The Hon Clint Beard to ask the Hon Minister for Health and Social Care:

Can the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care provide this House with a detailed breakdown of the planned capital investments for health and social care facilities over the next six months, advising what upgrades are scheduled for Community Clinics and the General Hospital?

18. The Hon Julie Thomas to ask the Hon Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning:

Will the Honourable Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources & Planning provide an update to this Council on the status of telecommunications negotiations, specifically considering the Executive Council's decision on 14 October 2025 to extend the license notice period to 12 months?

19. The Hon Denis Leo to ask the Hon Minister for Education, Skills and Employment:

Can the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment tell this House what measurable targets have been set for the labour market stabilisation between 2026 – 2029?

20. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister explain to this Council exactly who benefits and in what ways from the 2-year extension to the Customs Duty (Diesel Fuel) Exemption Order 2025 recently granted by Executive Council, and detail how this is managed to ensure it is not abused by beneficiaries?

21. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Can the Honourable Chief Minister inform this House if Government is considering any subsidies or other measures to assist the people of the island manage the cost of living, including steps to improve disposable income, especially for families, in order to support socially acceptable standards of living and helping to stimulate the economy?

5. Motions

1. The Hon Derek Thomas:

That this House resolves, in accordance with section 69(9) of the Constitution of St Helena, that Sessional Paper No 19 namely the Public Accounts Committee Report to Legislative Council on the Formal Session held on 2 March 2026, is adopted by this Council and requests the responsible member of Executive Council, not later than the first sitting day following the expiration of six weeks after 7 May 2026, to advise the Legislative Council of the action proposed to be taken by the Government of St Helena in respect of this report.

6. Adjournment Debate