



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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Tenth Sitting of Ministers Question Time

Tuesday, 04 August 2026 at 10:00am in the Council Chamber

'Economic Growth and Local Production'

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:

Can the Honourable Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning tell this community and the listening diaspora what three key actions will be undertaken by the government in this Financial Year to actively support local private sector businesses and directly translate that support into measurable revenue and population growth?

The Hon Ronald Coleman:

Can the Honourable Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning inform this House and the people of St Helena of the plans to encourage future growth in our high-value industries such as honey and coffee and how St Helena Government will assist to maximise financial benefits?

The Hon Dr Corinda Essex:

Will the Honourable Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning tell this Council, what progress has been made with regard to exploratory fishing within St Helena's Exclusive Economic Zone over the past year, and what next steps are planned?

The Hon Denis Leo:

Will the Honourable Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning tell this Council, because food security and the cost of imported goods remain significant concerns for many residents, what actions are Government taking to increase local production, strengthen supply chains and improve affordability for consumers?

The Hon Robert Midwinter:

Will the Honourable Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning tell this Council, noting that funding has been identified in the Budget Book as £412K for next Financial Year, and £516K for the year after, will the Minister say how he is planning to use this in support of Agricultural Development?

The Hon Julie Thomas:

Will the Honourable Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning state what the Government's three highest priorities are during 2026/27 to stimulate sustainable economic growth, and how exactly success will be measured, given that the SHG Vision and Strategy 2026-2029 identifies enabling sustainable, locally driven economic growth as fundamental to St Helena's future?