



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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Twelfth Sitting of Ministers Question Time

Tuesday, 6 October 2026 at 10:00am in the Council Chamber

Health Services – Delivering Better Outcomes

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 Minister of Health and Social care provide an update on current staffing levels across the Health Directorate, identifying vacancies, recruitment initiatives and areas where services continue to be affected?

The Hon Ronald Coleman:

Since a significant proportion of public expenditure in the 2026/27 budget was allocated to Health and Social Care, how will the Minister ensure this investment translates into tangible improvements for patients?

The Hon Dr Corinda Essex:

Will the Honourable Minister tell this Council what evidence exists to assess the effectiveness of the preventative health programmes currently in operation, and what further action is required to facilitate achievement of improved outcomes.

The Hon Denis Leo:

Access to primary healthcare remains a concern for many members of the public. What steps is Government taking to improve timely access to GP appointments, routine clinics and community healthcare services, and what performance indicators will be used to demonstrate improvement?

The Hon Robert Midwinter:

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care tell this Council what progress has been made in reducing waiting times for specialist appointments, diagnostics and overseas referrals, and what targets has Government set over the 3-year budget settlement period?

The Hon Derek Thomas:

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social care tell this Council how Government is preparing for increasing demand arising from an ageing population particularly in relation to residential care, domiciliary care and community support services?

The Hon Julie Thomas

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care Outline his three highest priorities for improving health services during the current financial year, and state what specific, measurable outcomes he expects to achieve to ensure the Government is delivering on its commitment to improve health outcomes as set out in the Vision and Strategy?