



**ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

# **ORDER PAPER**

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

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**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 10am  
in the Council Chamber**

**1. Formal Entry of the Speaker**

**2. Prayers**

**3. Address by the Speaker**

**4. Papers**

SP 01/2025 *(Hon Gillian Brooks)*

St Helena Legislative Council – Panel of Investigators

SP 02/2025 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*

St Helena Government – Audit Saint Helena – Performance Audit: Fibre Optic Cable Network Project

SP 03/2025 *(Hon Minister for Safety Security & Home Affairs)*

St Helena Government – A Bill for an Ordinance – Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 2025

SP 04/2025 *(Hon Minister for Safety Security & Home Affairs)*

St Helena Government – A Bill for an Ordinance – Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2025

- SP 05/2025 *(Hon Dr Corinda Essex)*  
St Helena Legislative Council – Report to Legislative Council on the Second Meeting of Select Committee 2, published on 14 November 2024: Social Housing
- SP 06/2025 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Response to Select Committee 2: Report on Social Housing
- SP 07/2025 *(Hon Robert Midwinter)*  
St Helena Legislative Council – Review by House of Commons Senior Clerk, October 2024
- SP 08/2025 *(Hon Chief Minister)*  
St Helena Government – Proceedings of Minister’s Question Time – Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Ninth Sitting
- SP 09/2025 *(Hon Chief Minister)*  
St Helena Government – Proceedings of Legislative Council – Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – First Sitting of the Fourteenth Meeting
- SP 10/2025 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Equality & Human Rights Commission, Annual Report 2022-23

## **5. Questions**

**1. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council the reasons why St Helena’s inflation for the year and Q4, 2024 is at 8.2%?

**2. The Hon Karl Thrower to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council how is the Government planning to address high inflation, which is at its highest level in 15 years?

**3. The Hon Elizabeth Knipe to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council what key work streams under the Tourism Development Programme are being undertaken, to assist in improving the number of eating places on the island particularly on weekends, for tourists and residents?

**4. The Hon Gillian Brook to ask the Hon Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Safety Security & Home Affairs tell this Council when was the National Risk Register for St Helena last reviewed and updated?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House what proportion of the additional funding resulting from the Memorandum of Understanding relating to migrants from the British Indian Ocean Territories has been spent or fully committed, and what firm plans are in place to draw down the balance and over what time period?

**6. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development provide this Council with an update on what progress has been made towards transferring High Knoll Fort to the St Helena National Trust?

**7. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council, in light of the number of flights that had to be cancelled during the last few months, is there anything that can be done, in today's advanced and modern technology, which could assist with better and safer landings at our St Helena airport?

**8. The Hon Karl Thrower to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council what is the status of monthly tickets for the Public Transport Service?

**9. The Hon Gillian Brook to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council how many of the scheduled Airlink flights have been delayed or cancelled since the start of this financial year, compared to previous years (excluding Covid), and what has been the cost implication of these delays over the past year?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Safety Security & Home Affairs tell this House what progress has been made with regard to finalising the logistics of transferring cargo

operations to Rupert's, and when it is anticipated that the relevant details will be shared with importers and cargo consolidators?

**11. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic and Development provide this Council with an update on what progress has been made towards divesting the Visitor Information Service to the Private Sector, and establishing a sector led Tourism Board?

**12. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council, in light of the rough seas which St Helena continue to experience over the years, can anything be done in this modern time to assist cruise ships and other vessels with landing their passengers safely on the island?

**13. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this House what action is being taken to solve the sewerage issues that are preventing connection of new constructions within Half Tree Hollow, including any within the Comprehensive Development Area in which St Helena Government has made significant investment?

**14. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Environment Natural Resources & Planning:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Environment, Natural Resources & Planning provide this Council with an update on what progress has been made in respect of the request for Value for Money Audit of the Rupert's Fish Processing Plant Refurbishment, which was called for by Elected Members in 2023, and explain why this has not yet been concluded?

**6. Motions**

**1. The Hon Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs**

That the Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 2025 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

## **2. The Hon Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs**

That the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2025 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

## **7. Adjournment Debate**

## **8. Written Questions**

### **1. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development provide this Council with the following information?

Total number of businesses registered with the Tax Office during:  
2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21; 2021/22; 2022/23;  
2023/24.

Total number of individuals registered as Self Employed with the Tax Office during:  
2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21; 2021/22; 2022/23;  
2023/24.

### ***Response:***

The total number of businesses registered with the Income Tax Office during these tax years were as follows:

2014/15	2015/16	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20	2020/ 21	2021/ 22	2022/ 23	2023/ 24
62	67	74	79	81	93	94	105	111	119

The total number of individuals registered as Self Employed with the Income Tax Office during these tax years were as follows:

2014/15	2015/16	2016/ 17	2017/ 18	2018/ 19	2019/ 20	2020/ 21	2021/ 22	2022/ 23	2023/ 24
401	416	442	463	474	494	496	484	473	478

### **2. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister provide this Council with the following information?

Total number of individuals employed by the St Helena Public Service on local contract during:

2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21; 2021/22; 2022/23; 2023/24.

Total number of individuals employed by the St Helena Public Service on TC contract during:

2014/15; 2015/16; 2016/17; 2017/18; 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21; 2021/22; 2022/23; 2023/24.

***Response:***

The total number of individuals employed by the St Helena Public Service on local contracts and on TC contracts, for the aforementioned years, are set out in the table below.

<u>Years</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>TC</u>
2014/15	741	57
2015/16	810	90
2016/17	753	95
2017/18	770	101
2018/19	785	105
2019/20	830	110
2020/21	834	112
2021/22	775	98
2022/23	703	94
2023/24	686	69