



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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Sixth Sitting of Ministers Question Time

Tuesday, 7 April 2026 at 10:00am
In the Council Chamber

“PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COBIS STANDARDS”

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 Education, Skills and Employment tell this House what assessment the Education Portfolio has made of the current alignment of school facilities with COBIS Standards and what steps are being taken to address any remaining gaps in those facilities?

The Hon Ronald Coleman:

Will the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment, tell this Council, what policies are being put in place under Standard 2, (student welfare) to ensure the effective physical and mental health for the safe care of all students, and to support their safe and positive development flourishment within the school environment?

The Hon Dr Corinda Essex:

Will the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment tell this Council, what strategies are, or will be, put in place to ascertain if the curriculum is meeting the needs of all students?

The Hon Denis Leo:

Will the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment tell this Council, to what extent does the current school improvement vision and strategy promote holistic student development, including well-being, community engagement, and lifelong learning, in ways that align with the principles of extra-curricular, enrichment, and engagement (Standard 10)?

The Hon Derek Thomas:

Will the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment, tell this Council what training is being provided to teachers to enable them to take leadership positions in schools?

The Hon Julie Thomas:

Can the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment provide an update on the progress of the Government’s 2025 commitment to adopt the COBIS standards as a framework for school improvement, specifically regarding the implementation of Standard 1 (Safeguarding & Safer Recruitment); and can the Minister further clarify how the current implementation plan ensures that recruitment practices are both internationally compliant and inclusive of equal opportunities for the local workforce?