



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ORDER PAPER

First Sitting of the Twentieth Meeting of Legislative Council

Friday, 12th May 2017 at 10.00 am
in the Council Chamber

1. Formal Entry of the President
2. Prayers
3. Address by the President
4. Papers

- SP 01/2017 (*Hon Brian Isaac*)
A Bill for an Ordinance – The General Amendment (Gender Equality) Bill, 2017
- SP 02/2017 (*Hon Brian Isaac*)
A Bill for an Ordinance – The Employment Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2017
- SP 21/2017 (*Hon Attorney General*)
St Helena Government – Statutory Report on English Law: 2016
- SP 22/2017 (*Hon Chief Secretary*)
St Helena Government – Annual Update Report: 2016, Planning & Building Control Division, Environment & Natural Resources Directorate
- SP 23/2017 (*Hon Chief Secretary*)
St Helena Government – Report by Independent Body, Recommendations on Remuneration of Councillors, Speaker and Deputy Speaker – 27 March 2017
- SP 24/2017 (*Hon Chief Secretary*)
Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council – Tuesday 14th March 2017 – First Sitting of the Eighteenth Meeting

- SP 25/2017 *(Hon Financial Secretary)*
A Bill for an Ordinance – The Appropriation Bill 2017
- SP 26/2017 *(Hon Financial Secretary)*
Estimates of Recurrent Revenue, Expenditure and Capital Expenditure, 2017/18
- SP 27/2017 *(Hon Brian Isaac)*
A Bill for an Ordinance – Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2017
- SP 28/2017 *(Hon Brian Isaac)*
Government of St Helena – St Helena Minimum Wage, Report of the Employment Rights Committee, April 2017
- SP 29/2017 *(Hon Chief Secretary)*
Government of St Helena – St Helena Minimum Wage, Report by the Governor in Council in accordance with Section 12 of The Employment Rights Ordinance
- SP 30/2017 *(Hon Cyril George)*
St Helena Public Accounts Committee – Report to Legislative Council on the Formal Session of the Public Accounts Committee held on 22 March & 10 May 2017

5. Questions

1. The Hon Gavin Ellick to ask the Hon Chairperson of the Education Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairperson of the Education Committee tell this House what processes are in place to support students studying for their IGCSE exams, in school as well as out of school hours?

2. The Hon Dr. Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this House what is the current position regarding the investigation commissioned by Her Majesty's Government to ascertain where responsibility lies for the inability to open St Helena Airport for scheduled commercial operations a year ago?

3. The Hon Cyril George to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this Council what are the reasons why the recent visiting cruise ship, MV Astor was not able to land tourists at Ruperts on Saturday 8th April?

4. The Hon Cruyff Buckley to ask the Hon Chairperson of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairperson of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee explain to this House the process one would have to undergo in order to obtain a Spearfishing licence?

5. The Hon Pamela Ward Pearce to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this Council what damage, if any, was sustained at Ruperts Wharf to the infrastructure or plant as a consequence of the recent rough seas?

6. The Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this House, due to the high proportion of non-St Helenian crew on the RMS St Helena, what impact will this have on St Helena Government revenue streams?

7. The Hon Brian Isaac to ask the Hon Chairman of the Economic Development Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairman of the Economic Development Committee tell this House how many poly tunnels have been erected in the ex ADA fields in Longwood and how many are operational and productive?

8. The Hon Gavin Ellick to ask the Hon Chairman of the Public Health Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairman of the Public Health Committee tell this House what is the procedure for patients who visit the doctor and then become ill on returning home?

9. The Hon Dr. Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Chairman of the Social and Community Development Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairman of the Social and Community Development Committee tell this House under what circumstances individuals who are without regular employment and in need are removed from eligibility for benefits?

10. The Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Can the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this House if the £2.1m investment by SHG, in the hotel at 1,2 & 3 Main Street, is intended to be fully recovered and the Consolidated Fund replenished accordingly?

11. The Hon Pamela Ward Pearce to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this Council what are the salient points of the Information Technology Policy for St Helena Government?

12. The Hon Brian Isaac to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this House when will the new Bulk Fuel Farm at Ruperts be operational and what will be the benefits to the Island?

13. The Hon Gavin Ellick to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this House what is the recruitment process and Terms of Reference for doctors?

14. The Hon Dr. Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this House what progress is being made regarding the research pertaining to the wind conditions at St Helena Airport, and when it is expected that this will be finalised and mitigation measures identified?

15. The Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

With the proposed cargo handling moving to Rupert's, it was anticipated that improvements to both Field Road and Rupert's road is necessary, can the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this House when will this improvement be carried out and when will the Ruperts' facilities become operational?

16. The Hon Pamela Ward Pearce to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this Council what safeguards are in existence to protect the island against the potential hazards of low level flying of aircraft?

17. The Hon Brian Isaac to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this House what is the composition of staff in the Attorney General's Chambers in the Castle and their roles of responsibility?

6. Motions

1. The Hon Financial Secretary

THAT the Appropriation Bill 2017 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

2. The Hon Brian Isaac

THAT The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2017 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

3. The Hon Brian Isaac

THAT The Employment Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2017 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

4. The Hon Brian Isaac

THAT the General Amendment (Gender Equality) Bill, 2017 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

5. The Hon Lawson Henry

THAT this House agrees that a delegation from the St Helena All Party Parliamentary Group, should be invited to visit St Helena on a fact finding mission as soon as is practicable and that funding for this visit should be sought through the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

7. Adjournment Debate

Questions – Day 2

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

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary provide an update regarding the number of Technical Co-operation posts localised in 2016/17 and those scheduled for localisation within the next three years?

2. The Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Can the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this House what are the costs of the purchases of plant and equipment from Basil Read Limited and from which budget allocation were they funded?

3. The Hon Gavin Ellick to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this House, since the MV Helena has visited the island, whether this ship is suitable for cargo operations in the open waters of St Helena?

4. The Hon Brian Isaac to ask the Hon Chairman of the Public Health Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairman of the Public Health Committee tell this House what plans are in place to introduce a mammogram screening programme for women on St Helena?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this House what contingency measures are in place, or will be put in place, to enable provision of timely passenger access to and from St Helena in the event of future prolonged disruptions to the scheduled service?

6. The Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this House what monies have been expended thus far on the new Prison Project, noting that the proposed site at Sundale has been abandoned?

7. The Hon Gavin Ellick to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this House why does SHG still want to claim 10% withholding tax on private bank accounts, given that the Bank of St Helena only gives 0.1% interest rate?

8. The Hon Brian Isaac to ask the Hon Chairperson of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairperson of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee tell this Council what plans are in place to improve parking and pedestrian crossings in Jamestown?

9. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Chairman of the Social & Community Development Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairman of the Social & Community Development Committee tell this House when revision of the Liquor Ordinance is scheduled to take place?

10. The Hon Christine Scipio-O'Dean to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this House what amount was budgeted in the 2015/16 estimates or subsequent years for compensation payments, noting that Special Warrant 2 of 2016/17 was recently signed by the Governor awarding £673,000.00 as compensation payments for clinical negligence claims?

11. The Hon Brian Isaac to ask the Hon Chairman of the Economic Development Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairman of the Economic Development Committee tell this Council when will the Pack House and related infrastructure in Longwood be open and operational and what is the overall cost of this project to date?

Questions – Day 3

1. The Hon Brian Isaac to ask the Hon Chairperson of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee:

Will the Honourable Chairperson of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee tell this House, what progress has been made to provide affordable Crown land for first time house builders on island?