



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ORDER PAPER

First Sitting of the Fifteenth Meeting of Legislative Council

Monday, 18th July 2016 at 10.00 am
in the Council Chamber

1. Formal Entry of the President

2. Prayers

3. Address by the President

4. Elections:

1. Elections to Executive Council

(Hon Wilson Duncan)

This House resolves, by a majority of Elected Members of the Legislative Council, not to hold an Election of Elected Members of Executive Council, in accordance with Section 36 (2) (a) of the Constitution of St Helena.

2. Election – Member of Public Accounts Committee

5. Papers:-

SP 35/2016 Government of Saint Helena – Public Accounts Committee – Report to the Legislative Council on the Formal Session of the Public Accounts Committee held on 10th and 11th of May 2016 and an ‘in camera’ session held on the 22nd of March 2016
(Hon Cyril George)

SP 36/2016 Government of Saint Helena – A Bill for an Ordinance – The Ports Bill, 2016
(Hon Lawson Henry)

SP 37/2016 Government of Saint Helena – Financial Statements 2013/2014
(Hon Financial Secretary)

SP 38/2016 Saint Helena Audit Service – Management Letter to the St Helena Legislative Council – Financial Statements 2013/2014
(Hon Financial Secretary)

SP 39/2016 Government of Saint Helena – Schedule of Special Warrants 2016/2017
(Hon Financial Secretary)

SP 40/2016 Government of Saint Helena – Statements of Expenditure in Excess – Financial Years 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16
(Hon Financial Secretary)

SP 41/2016 Government of Saint Helena – Response to Recommendations Following the Adoption of PAC Reports – 15 June 2016
(Hon Financial Secretary)

6. QUESTIONS

1. The Hon Dr. Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Chairman of the Economic Development Committee:

Will the Hon Chairman of the Economic Development Committee tell this House what further steps have to be completed to determine the way forward for the management of St Helena's fisheries sector and when it is anticipated that a decision will be made?

2. The Hon Christine Scipio O'Dean to ask the Hon Chairman of the Economic Development Committee:

Can the Honourable Chairman of the Economic Development Committee say what was Enterprise St Helena's objective in the £122,300.00 equity investment into Saint Marine Resources Limited, as shown in Enterprise St Helena financial statements for 2014 and 2015, and can an update be provided to this House?

3. The Hon Mike Olsson to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary explain which is St Helena's highest political decision making body?

4. The Hon Dr. Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this House what recent actions have been taken to explore new sources of aid donor funding for St Helena?

5. The Hon Mike Olsson to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Can the Honourable Chief Secretary inform this House about what our "Partnership" with the UK means in context of the Island's self-determination?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this Council what appraisals have been made of the various reforms undertaken as a result of the Memorandum of Understanding signed more than five years ago by Britain and St Helena, particularly those that impact socially on the lives of the people of this Island?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this House what progress has been made towards achievement of the targets set within the Project Improvement Plan?

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

Will the Hon Chairperson of the Education Committee tell this House why employers are not allowed to pay work experience students when and if warranted?

9. The Hon Christine Scipio O'Dean to ask the Hon Chairman of the Economic Development Committee :

Can the Honourable Chairman of the Economic Development Committee highlight the initiatives that have been put in place to encourage Saints (local and abroad) to invest on the island, in view of the Airport Project report released by the UK National Audit Office, which states that the airport was financed subject to SHG implementing reforms to open the island to inward investment and given that current incentives for Foreign Direct Investment are yielding limited success?

10. The Hon Mike Olsson to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary thoroughly explain to this House what constitutes the St Helena Government?

7. MOTIONS:

1. Hon Lawson Henry

THAT the Ports Bill, 2016, be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

2. Hon Cyril George

THAT This House resolves, further to the practice of good governance, that Sessional Paper 35/16, namely the Public Accounts Committee Report to Legislative Council on the Formal Session held on 10 & 11 May 2016 and in camera session held on 22 March 2016, is adopted by this Council and requests the responsible member of Executive Council, in accordance with section 69(9) of the Constitution of St Helena, to advise Legislative Council of the action proposed to be taken by Government in respect of this report.

3. Hon Dr. Corinda Essex

That this House resolves that St Helena Government must take all appropriate actions at the earliest stage possible to establish the consequences for St Helena of Britain's exit from the European Union and to safeguard access to funding from the 11th European Development Fund and other European Union funding streams currently being targeted.

4. Hon Dr. Corinda Essex

That this House extends formal thanks to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) for its on-going support and resolves that Members of the St. Helena Branch attending CPA-funded activities will endeavour to ensure that St. Helena benefits directly from such exposure.

5. Hon Mike Olsson

That this House urges St Helena Government to urgently review further the possibility to abolish the St Helena Pound and reinstate the British Pound Sterling as St Helena currency.

6. Hon Mike Olsson

That St Helena Government should endorse, support and facilitate training for Elected Members to use social media, such as Facebook and Twitter in their work to enhance openness and transparency of St Helena Government and the St Helena Legislative Council.

7. Hon Lawson Henry

LATE MOTION

That this House resolves that St Helena Government should, in consultation with the Department for International Development, continue to give the highest priority to resolution of the issues relating to commercial use of the airport and the provision of scheduled passenger and freight access by sea in the interim, and ensure that all stakeholders are kept fully informed of developments in an open and timely manner.

8. Adjournment Debate