



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ORDER PAPER

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

**Wednesday, 8 July 2015 at 10 am
in the Court House**

1. Formal Entry of the President

2. Prayers

3. Address by the President

4. Elections:-

Elections to Chairman, Social and Community Development Committee

Elections to Executive Council

5. Papers:-

SP 12/15 A Bill for an Ordinance – Legislative Council (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2015
(Hon Chief Secretary)

SP 13/15 A Bill for an Ordinance – Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 2015
(Hon Brian Isaac)

SP 14/15 Public Accounts Committee, Report to Legislative Council on the Formal Session of the Public Accounts Committee held on 29th April 2015
(Hon Brian Isaac)

SP 15/15 Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council - Friday, 27th March, 2015 - First Sitting of the Eighth Session
(Hon Chief Secretary)

- SP 16/15 Government of St Helena – Proceedings of the Legislative Council - Monday, 30th March, 2015 - Second Sitting of the Eighth Session (Hon Chief Secretary)
- SP 17/15 A Bill for an Ordinance – Commission for Equality and Human Rights Bill, 2015 (Hon Brian Isaac)
- SP 18/15 Saint Helena Audit Service, St Helena Airport Project Overview Audit - Providing Assurance (Hon Financial Secretary)
- SP 19/15 Government of St Helena – Report to His Excellency the Governor – Applications for Development Permission 2014 (Hon Chief Secretary)
- SP 20/15 Government of St Helena - Report of Employment Rights Committee to the Governor in Council (Hon Brian Isaac)

6. Questions:-

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

Will the Hon Financial Secretary tell this House what is the current situation regarding programming of the territorial allocation for St Helena from the 11th European Development Fund?

2. The Hon Cyril George to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Hon Chief Secretary tell this Council when will work commence on the new prison at Sundale and what is the proposed completion date?

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

Will the Hon Deputy Chairman of the Social & Community Development Committee tell this House what action is being taken to tackle the issue of homelessness on St Helena?

4. The Hon Cyril George to ask the Hon Chief Secretary:

Will the Hon Chief Secretary tell this Council, what is the progress on the sewerage disposal for the HTH & Ladder Hill areas, which includes the CDA at Ladder Hill?

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

Will the Hon Financial Secretary tell this House the latest situation regarding the provision of cargo-related infrastructure at Rupert's Bay and recruitment of the Supervisory Engineer anticipated to be in post in July or August 2015?

7. Motions

1. (The Hon Brian Isaac)

THAT the Commission for Equality and Human Rights Bill, 2015 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

2. (The Hon Brian Isaac)

THAT the Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 2015 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

3. (The Hon Chief Secretary)

THAT the Legislative Council (Remuneration and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2015 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

4. (Hon Dr Corinda Essex)

THAT this Council recognises the importance of the fishing industry to St Helena and resolves to support the efforts of the St Helena Fisheries Corporation and Enterprise St Helena in developing this key primary production sector.

5. (Hon Dr Corinda Essex)

THAT this Council acknowledges the detrimental impact upon St Helena's economic development, resulting from increasing infestation of land by invasive weeds and recognises the importance of addressing this issue.

6. (Hon Derek Thomas)

THAT St Helena Government demonstrates its support for Sport by adopting it as a National Strategic Objective.

8. Adjournment Debate

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE

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

Will the Hon Financial Secretary tell this House what is the current situation regarding construction of the new Fire Station and what expenditure has been incurred on this project to date?

REPLY

Having established that the cost of the proposed building design would exceed the budget available, further design options are now being explored to ensure that the operational requirements and professional elements are met in the most cost effective way. . Details of the new design will be submitted to the Project Board for approval in July 2015.

The changes to the building design will be quite significant and therefore a new development application will also have to be submitted to the Land Development Control Authority. The procurement process to appoint a contractor will then follow and the aim is to complete all the works by September 2016.

Total expenditure incurred to date on the new Fire Station amounts to £37,149.44, broken down as follows:

| | £ |
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| Ground works | 13,200.00 |
| Design services | 6,622.20 |
| Project Management | 14,128.12 |
| Technical Services Charges | 2,135.37 |
| Planning Fees | 850.00 |
| Other payments + advertising + banking charges | 213.75 |
| TOTAL | £37,149.44 |

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

Will the Hon Financial Secretary tell this House what progress has been made regarding the additional work that he stated in his Budget Speech, was necessary to determine the most appropriate support for farmers?

REPLY

Work has been ongoing on this matter and a paper has been prepared for discussion at the next meeting of the Executive Council which is scheduled for 14 July 2015.

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

Will the Hon Chief Secretary tell this House why the Police Directorate decided not to relocate to the former AVEC centre after the buildings were vacated for this purpose and what is now the intended use for these premises?

REPLY

The Police Directorate (Police Station and Ogborn House) are not relocating to the former Adult and Vocational Education Centre (AVEC) as it is now clear that part of the premises that are currently occupied by the Directorate are no longer required for tourism related development. The current premises are operationally preferable given its location in Jamestown and renovation of these premises to meet the needs of the Directorate will cost approximately 50% less than the cost of relocation.

No decision has yet been taken as to the future use of the former AVEC premises.