

SESSIONAL PAPER

Loan Balances recoverable by the Saint Helena Government as at 30 June 2019

The Financial Secretary submits to Legislative Council a listing of loan balances recoverable by the Saint Helena Government as at 30 June 2019.

This listing is presented in accordance with Section 112(4) of the Constitution which states:

“The Financial Secretary shall, at such times as the Legislative Council may determine, cause to be presented to the Council such information concerning any loan as is necessary to show –

- (a) the extent of the total indebtedness by way of principal and accumulated interest;*
- (b) the provision made for servicing or repayment of the loan; and*
- (c) compliance with the terms of the loan.”*

Loans (also referred to as Advances) are approved by the Financial Secretary under the authority of the Public Finance Ordinance 2010. Section 7 Advances states:

“7.(1) For the purposes of section 112 of the Constitution, the Financial Secretary may, subject to subsection (2), make disbursements of monies forming part of the Consolidated Fund or of other public monies, for the purposes of making advances—

- (a) on behalf of and recoverable from, other Governments, Administrations and Statutory Bodies; or*
 - (b) to public officers, for such purposes and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed in the Code of Management or in Financial Regulations; or*
 - (c) to, or on behalf of public bodies, institutions or individuals where such advances are, in the opinion of the Financial Secretary, in the public interest; or*
 - (d) for such other purposes and on such terms and conditions as the Governor, with the approval of Legislative Council, may determine.*
- (2) The total of the sums issued and disbursed for the purposes of making advances under subsection (1) shall not exceed in aggregate at any time, after deducting repayments, an amount of two million Pounds or such other sum as the Financial Secretary, with the approval of the Governor, may from time to time determine.*

Loans balances are listed individually with the exception of balances which are recoverable from individuals, these are summarised by loan type and disclosed at a total level.

SESSIONAL PAPER

Loan Balances recoverable by the Saint Helena Government as at 30 June 2019

NAME	NATURE OF LOAN	BALANCE £	REPAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS	COMPLIANCE WITH REPAYMENT TERMS
OTHER GOVERNMENTS, ADMINISTRATIONS AND STATUTORY BODIES - PFO 7.1(a)				
Tristan Da Cunha	Payments made by St Helena Government (SHG) on behalf of Tristan Da Cunha.	10,793	Repayment due within one month of claim for reimbursement from SHG. Interest free.	No – recovery arrangements have been initiated.
St Helena Fisheries Corporation	To support working capital requirements.	165,930	To be determined following consideration of the financial position of the Corporation in October 2019. Interest free.	Repayment terms are to be agreed.
Subtotal		176,723		
PUBLIC OFFICERS - PFO 7.1(b)				
Christmas Advance	Financial support during festive season up to a maximum of £300 per employee.	29,242	Deduction from salary over a maximum period of eight months. Interest free.	Yes.
Ex-Student Loans	Financial Support for further studies.	75,724	Repayment in accordance with bond agreement. Interest free.	Some ex-employees have not complied – recovery arrangements have been initiated.
Staff Loans	Financial Support for Travel expenses	26,014	Deduction from salary over a maximum period of two years. Interest payable at 8% per annum.	Some ex-employees have not complied – recovery arrangements have been initiated.
Salary Advance	Salary payments due whilst the officer is overseas leave.	6,822	Deduction from salary. Interest free.	Yes.

Loan Balances recoverable by the Saint Helena Government as at 30 June 2019

NAME	NATURE OF LOAN	BALANCE £	REPAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS	COMPLIANCE WITH REPAYMENT TERMS
Accountable Advance	Expenses whilst conducting official SHG business overseas.	1,327	Submission of expense claims and payment of unspent funds by the officer on return to SHG. Interest free.	Yes.
	Subtotal	139,129		
PUBLIC BODIES, INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS – PFO 7.1(c)				
St Helena Airport Limited	Working Capital	250,000	To be determined following formal agreement with DFID and the Company. Interest free.	Repayment terms are to be agreed.
Housing Loans to Individuals	Loan for housing improvements and new constructions.	188,377	Charge on Land. Interest payable 8% per annum.	Some borrowers have defaulted and recovery arrangements have been initiated.
Consulate Investments (St Helena) (Pty) (Ltd)	Customs Dues	68,379	Credit Agreement secured by legal mortgage of land. Interest free.	No – recovery arrangements have been initiated.
Ministry of Defence	Payment of expenses by SHG on behalf of the Meteorological Office on Saint Helena.	15,073	Repayment within one month of submission of quarterly claim for reimbursement by SHG. Interest free.	Yes.
UK Passage Loans to Individuals	Travel costs for St Helenians to take up employment in UK.	21,910	Repayment in accordance with agreed terms prior to departure. Interest free.	Some borrowers have defaulted and recovery arrangements have been initiated where practical to do so.
Medical Services Organisation (MSO)	Payments made by MSO on behalf of SHG for medical referral patients.	8,360	Submission of periodic expense claims evidencing utilisation of funds. Interest free.	Yes.
Consulate Investments (St Helena) (Pty) (Ltd)	Financial support to cover business expenses.	5,335	Repayment to be made in conjunction with the credit agreement for Customs Dues.	No – recovery arrangements have been initiated.

Loan Balances recoverable by the Saint Helena Government as at 30 June 2019

NAME	NATURE OF LOAN	BALANCE £	REPAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS	COMPLIANCE WITH REPAYMENT TERMS
Other Loans to Individuals	Financial support to address personal emergencies.	1,923	Repayment due within 2 years. Interest free.	Some borrowers have defaulted and recovery arrangements have been initiated.
Service Corporation (SERCO)	Payment of home allotments to employee's families.	615	Reimbursement by Corporation following payment by SHG.	No - recovery arrangements to be agreed.
	Subtotal	559,972		
	TOTAL	875,824		