



**St Helena
Government**

GOVERNMENT OF ST HELENA

**LOAN BALANCES RECOVERABLE BY THE
SAINT HELENA GOVERNMENT
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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The Financial Secretary submits to Legislative Council a listing of loan balances recoverable by the Saint Helena Government as at 31 December 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.

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NAME	NATURE OF LOAN	BALANCE £	REPAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS	COMPLIANCE WITH REPAYMENT TERMS
OTHER GOVERNMENTS, ADMINISTRATIONS AND STATUTORY BODIES - PFO 7.1(a)				
Tristan Da Cunha	Financial support for TDC Harbour Improvements under EDF 11 Financing Agreement	500,000	Repayment of the loan will be by way of deduction by SHG from the third tranche of EDF 11 funding. Interest Free	Yes – nil repayment due to date.
St Helena Fisheries Corporation	To support working capital requirements.	174,000	To be determined following windup of the Corporation in 2020. Interest free.	No repayment terms were agreed.
Subtotal		674,000		
PUBLIC OFFICERS - PFO 7.1(b)				
Christmas Advance	Financial support during festive season up to a maximum of £300 per employee.	132,132	Deduction from salary over a maximum period of eight months (January to August 2020). Interest free.	Repayments are due to commence in January 2020.
Ex-Student Loans	Financial Support for further studies.	80,724	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	42,567	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.

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NAME	NATURE OF LOAN	BALANCE £	REPAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS	COMPLIANCE WITH REPAYMENT TERMS
Salary Advance	Salary payments due whilst the officer is on overseas leave or training	4,315	Deduction from salary. Interest free.	Yes.
Accountable Advance	Expenses whilst conducting official SHG business overseas.	4,876	Submission of expense claims and payment of unspent funds by the officer on return to SHG. Interest free.	Yes.
Subtotal		264,614		
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.	187,825	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	77,408	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.	39,627	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.

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Commonwealth Parliamentary Association	Payment of expenses by SHG on behalf of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.	12,460	Repayment within one month of submission of claim for reimbursement by SHG. Interest free.	Yes.
Medical Services Organisation (MSO)	Payments made by MSO on behalf of SHG for medical referral patients.	8,594	Submission of periodic expense claims evidencing utilisation of funds. Interest free.	Yes.
Consulate Investments (St Helena) (Pty) (Ltd)	Financial support to cover business expenses.	1,860	Repayment to be made in conjunction with the credit agreement for Customs Dues.	No – recovery arrangements have been initiated.
Other Loans to Individuals	Financial support to address personal emergencies.	1,900	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	602,199		
	TOTAL	1,540,813		

