



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ORDER PAPER

**First Sitting
of the
Twenty-Second Meeting
of Legislative Council**

**Friday 26th March 2021 at 10am
in the Council Chamber**

1. Formal Entry of the President

2. Prayers

3. Address by the President

4. Papers

- SP 9/2021 *(Hon Financial Secretary)*
Second Supplementary Appropriation (2020/21) Bill, 2021
- SP 10/2021 *(Hon Financial Secretary)*
Second Supplementary Appropriation (2020/21) Estimates, 2021
- SP 11/2021 *(Hon Financial Secretary)*
Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2021
- SP 12/2021 *(Hon Financial Secretary)*
St Helena Currency Fund Financial Statements 2019-20
- SP 13/2021 *(Hon Jeffrey Ellick)*
Report to Legislative Council on the Formal Session of the Public
Accounts Committee held on 1st February 2021
- SP 14/2021 *(Hon Dr Corinda Essex)*
Audit St Helena - Strategy and Delivery Plan - April 2021 - March
2024

- SP 15/2021 *(Hon Financial Secretary)*
Enterprise St Helena - Annual Report 2019 – 2020
- SP 16/2021 *(Hon Financial Secretary)*
Enterprise St Helena – Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020
- SP 17/2021 *(Hon Chief Secretary)*
Government of St Helena - Proceedings of the Legislative Council - Friday 16th October 2020 - First Sitting of the Eighteenth Meeting
- SP 18/2021 *(Hon Anthony Green)*
Report on Consultative Poll

5. Questions

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

Will the Honourable Chairman, Economic Development Committee, tell this Council what progress has been made with regard to implementation of the Labour Market Strategy, and when it is expected that the Strategy will be able to be implemented in its entirety?

2. The Hon Cyril Leo to ask the Hon Financial Secretary:

Will the Honourable Financial Secretary tell this Council how much funding has been allocated by the European Union to the people of St Helena to enhance Internet connectivity and purposely provide faster and cheaper Internet service for the local community?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Secretary tell this Council what are the current situation and next steps regarding the upgrading of the fish processing facility at Rupert's Bay in order to enable it to meet existing needs?

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

Will the Honourable Financial Secretary provide this Council with an update regarding the Fibre Optic Cable project?

6. Motions

1. The Hon Financial Secretary:

That the Second Supplementary Appropriation (2020/21), Bill 2021 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

2. The Hon Financial Secretary:

That the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2021 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council

3. The Hon Financial Secretary:

That in accordance with and subject to Section 102 of the Constitution, this House empowers the Financial Secretary to authorise the withdrawal of moneys from the Consolidated Fund in order to meet expenditure necessary to carry on the services or projects of the Government in the financial year commencing on the 1st April 2021, until the occurrence of either of the following, whichever is the earliest:

- a) The expiry of four months from the commencement of the 2021/2022 financial year; or
- b) The enactment of the Appropriation Ordinance for the financial year 2021/2022.

4. The Hon Jeffrey Ellick:

That this House resolves, in accordance with section 69(9) of the Constitution of St Helena, that Sessional Paper No 13/21 namely the Public Accounts Committee Report to Legislative Council on the Formal Session held on 1st February 2021, is adopted by this Council and requests that the responsible member of Executive Council, not later than the first sitting day following the expiration of six weeks after today, 26th March 2021, advises Legislative Council of the action proposed to be taken by Government in respect of this report.

5. The Hon Financial Secretary:

That this House resolves that the excess expenditure for the financial year 2019/20 in the Statement of Expenditure in Excess 2019/20 laid as SP 36/2020 now stand charged to public funds in accordance with section 106(3) of the Constitution.

6. The Hon Anthony Green:

That this House resolves to endorse the results of the consultative poll conducted in St Helena on 17th March, 2021 and that the Constitution of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha be amended to change the governance system of St Helena to a ministerial system of government.

7. The Hon Cyril Leo:

That the relevant Council Committee consider prioritising the following matters:

- (a) establish what additional financial aid streams and level of funding will be provided by the United Kingdom to make up for the financial support St Helena will not now receive from the European Union to support major local development, and
- (b) to establish communication links with other countries throughout the world, in particular our nearest neighbours Angola and Namibia, to develop partnerships for economic business ventures.

8. The Hon Jeffrey Ellick:

That this house resolves that the policy regarding the manner in which persons are prioritised for travel to St Helena is applied fairly so as to ensure that St Helenians are given the same consideration as non St Helenians when being prioritised for travel to and from St. Helena.

7. Adjournment Debate