



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

# ORDER PAPER

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

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**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 10am  
in the Court House**

- 1. Formal Entry of the President**
- 2. Prayers**
- 3. Address by the President**
- 4. Papers**

- SP 4/2022 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
Government of St Helena - Statement of Expenditure in Excess,  
2020/21
- SP 5/2022 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
Government of St Helena - St Helena Government's Response to the  
Report of the Public Accounts Committee, SP 30-21
- SP 6/2022 *(Hon Dr Corinda Essex)*  
Audit St Helena - Strategy and Delivery Plan April 2022 - March 2025
- SP 7/2022 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
Withdrawal Warrant 2020/21
- SP 8/2022 *(Hon Robert Midwinter)*  
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association - St Helena Legislative  
Council Benchmark Assessment Report, August 2021
- SP 9/2022 *(Hon Robert Midwinter)*  
St Helena Legislative Council's Response to the St Helena Legislative  
Council Benchmark Assessment Report, August 2021

- SP 10/2022 *(Hon Chief Minister)*  
Government of St Helena - Proceedings of the Legislative Council -  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - Inaugural Meeting
- SP 11/2022 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
St Helena Fisheries Corporation - Administrator's Report and  
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019
- SP 12/2022 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
Equality & Human Rights Commission - Annual Report 2020-21
- SP 13/2022 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
Equality & Human Rights Commission - Financial Statements for the  
year ended 31 March 2021

## **5. Questions**

### **1. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Minister for Education, Skills and Employment:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Education, Skills and Employment tell this Council what is the situation with regard to suitably qualified Prince Andrew School students being able to obtain access to Degree courses in Britain this year and in 2023?

### **2. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development tell this Council, what plans or programs are in place for maintaining our roads networks and the fabric of our state owned buildings?

### **3. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development tell this Council, whether any policy is in place or whether the Government intends to settle a policy to implement a National Insurance system for the island and if so what is the timeline for doing so?

### **4. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development state what progress has been made regarding the erection of the two bus shelters that were purchased and not yet installed?

### **5. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, are there any plans to make the Castle accessible to all, making it easier for those who would like to visit and work there and, when is it likely this work will be carried out?

**6. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development tell this Council what action is being taken to establish what European Union funding streams are potentially available to St Helena in 2022/23 and beyond?

**7. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council what were the main objectives of the Fit for Future reforms, and what aspects of this have achieved tangible results to date?

**8. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development tell this Council if the St Helena Government is exploring any other pension systems for the population of St Helena, so that the workforce do not have to depend on the Social Benefits System when they retire?

**6. Motions**

**1. The Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development:**

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 2022, until the occurrence of either of the following, whichever is the earliest:

- a) The Expiry of four months from the commencement of the 2022/2023 financial year: or
- b) The enactment of the Appropriation Ordinance for the financial year 2022/2023.

**2. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex:**

That this Honourable House resolves to strongly recommend that in order to support and encourage productivity and personal development of those in receipt of Income Related Benefits and/or registered as unemployed who are able to work, St Helena Government should actively pursue development of a scheme to provide such persons with temporary meaningful work placements on a full time or part time basis.

**3. The Hon Karl Thrower**

That this Honourable House resolves that a working group should be established to investigate how the Island's electricity generation and distribution systems can be improved. This House will then, as a result of the findings of the working group, make a recommendation to the St Helena Government.

#### **4. The Hon Robert Midwinter**

That this Honourable House resolves that the St Helena Legislative Council Benchmark Assessment Report, August 2021 be endorsed.

#### **7. Adjournment Debate**

##### **Question for Written Response**

##### **1. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Environment, Natural Resources & Planning tell this Council what is the current quota for the island as set by the International Convention of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT) against each pelagic species of fish and by direct comparison, what is the total allowable catch limit currently being self-imposed by the St Helena Government against each of these species?

##### **Response:**

Of the six ICCAT species, there is only one species with a quota set by ICCAT for St Helena and this is the Albacore tuna (Longfin) which is set at 100 mt per annum.

Four of the other five species have limits set, three of which have limits set for the UK Overseas Territories, including St Helena (a shared quota) and the Yellowfin tuna has only a catch limit set regionally. The Skipjack tuna is the only species with no quota limit imposed by ICCAT.

St Helena has local catch limits set for five of the six species, with the quota for Albacore tuna set by ICCAT for St Helena.

A copy of the ICCAT related species and their ICCAT and St Helena catch limits is shown below.

The introduction of quotas and Total Allowable Catch (TACs) limits as a management tool within our local fisheries management system is aligned with one of the Principles of the 2020 St Helena Fisheries Management Policy Statement, which states as below:

- *Total allowable catch and species based fisheries management: we will manage the harvest of fish resources through the use of a combination of management tools to include total allowable catch (TAC), size, seasonal and geographic restrictions for fishing activities. For ICCAT managed species we will introduce measures over and above ICCAT provisions to provide enhanced protection and more robust local management (if the science suggests these are necessary).*

## ICCAT Species and Quotas with Relevance to St Helena

Species	ICCAT Regional Limit (metric tonnes)	ICCAT UKOT Limit (metric tonnes)	Local Catch Limit (metric tonnes)	Comments
Yellowfin tuna	110,000 mt (2022)	No limit	300 mt	
Bigeye tuna	62,000 mt (2022)	<1000 mt	600 mt	UKOT limit allocation for all UKOT's
Albacore tuna	24,000 mt (2022)	100 mt		Quota set specifically to St Helena
Skipjack tuna	No limit	No limit	750 mt	
Southern Swordfish	14,000 mt (2022)	25 mt	No Take	UKOT limit allocation for all UKOT's
Marlin	1670 mt Blue Marlin 355 mt White Marlin (2020)	10 mt (Blue Marlin) 2 mt (White Marlin/Roundscale Spearfish combined)	No Take	UKOT limit allocation for all UKOT's