



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

# ORDER PAPER

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

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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 10am  
in the Court House**

**1. Formal Entry of the President**

**2. Prayers**

**3. Address by the President**

**4. Papers**

SP 14/2022 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
Appropriation Bill, 2022

SP 15/2022 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
St Helena Government Currency Fund, Annual Financial Statements  
2020/21

SP 16/2022 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
Estimates of Recurrent and Capital Expenditure and Revenue  
2022/2023 – 2024/2025

**5. Questions**

**1. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council what action is being taken in response to the Petition submitted to Executive Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022?

**2. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask Hon Minister for Safety, Security, and Home Affairs:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Safety, Security, and Home Affairs tell this Council, will the St Helena Government consider improving the St Helena Drivers licence to include information so that the licence can be used for identification purposes?

**3. The Hon Gillian Brooks to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House when the Ministerial Code of Conduct will be made public?

**4. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Safety, Security, and Home Affairs:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Safety, Security, and Home Affairs tell this Council how many individuals have attained Saint Helenian Status over the past twenty years and, of those who have attained such status, how many of these remain resident in Saint Helena?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development tell this Council when it is envisaged that review of the current eligibility criteria for receipt of the Basic Island Pension will be concluded and any recommendations implemented?

**6. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Health and Social Care:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care tell this Council, has the St Helena Government any plans to assist the retired people of the Island with essential repairs such as leaking roofs to their homes to allow them to live in their homes longer especially those who are living on Social Benefits and small pensions?

**7. The Hon Gillian Brooks to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development provide an update regarding the proposed design changes to the R2 Project?

**8. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Health and Social Care:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care tell this Council how many individuals have tested positive for Covid-19 in Saint Helena since the outbreak of the pandemic, and of those who have tested positive, how many have required hospital attention as a direct result of having Covid-19?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development tell this House if the St Helena Government have considered any plans to enable the Bank of St Helena to introduce International Banking for use in St Helena for its people using other international banks overseas and to assist and encourage Inward Investors?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Environment, Natural Resources, and Planning tell this Council how much funding has been received by the St Helena Government through the UK Government's Blue Belt Programme for each of the past three financial years, and how much of this funding has been paid to local vessel owners for services rendered in support of this programme?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development state precisely what actions are planned to build new units or convert existing properties to address the need for Government Landlord Housing?

**12. The Hon Gillian Brooks to ask the Hon Minister for Environment, Natural Resources, and Planning:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Environment, Natural Resources, and Planning tell this Council why SHG believe that it is necessary to procure a consultancy to develop a Water Resources Management Plan?

**6. Motions**

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

That the Appropriation Bill, 2022 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

**2. The Hon Robert Midwinter:**

That this House resolves to recommend that the Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning considers using Catch Per Unit Effort (CPUE) as a valid means of determining Total Allowable Catch (TAC) limits, and that these should be reviewed and adjusted accordingly where already set without using this method.

**7. Adjournment Debate**

## **Questions for Written Response**

### **1. The Hon Karl Thrower to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council what Bills were passed by this House since January 2015 which have not been brought into force?

#### **Response:**

The following Ordinances have not yet been brought into force:

- Protection of Animals (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (Ord 12/2021) – Enacted 03/08/2021
- Control of Tobacco and Related Products (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (Ord 7/2021) – Enacted 24/06/2021
- Public Access to Government Information Ordinance, 2021 (Ord 6/2021) – Enacted 24/06/2021
- Environmental Protection (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (Ord 5/2021) – Enacted 24/06/2021
- Control of Tobacco and Related Products Ordinance, 2020 (Ord 14/2020) – Enacted 07/07/2020
- Police and Criminal Evidence (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 (Ord 9/2019) – Enacted 13/12/2019
- Road Traffic Ordinance, 2016 (Ord 16/2016) – Enacted 15/12/2016

### **2. The Hon Karl Thrower to ask the Hon Minister for Safety Security and Home Affairs:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Safety Security and Home Affairs tell this Council what is the difference between a public and private road?

#### **Response:**

Public Roads are those stipulated under the Road Traffic Ordinance and Roads Policy. These roads allow the general public access. Private roads are those that do not allow access to the Public.

### **3. The Hon Karl Thrower to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development tell this Council what financial contributions, if any are the Government making to try and keep the cost of shipping down for private sector businesses and the general public?

#### **Response:**

The St Helena Government currently makes a contribution to the cost of each container in order to reduce the impacts on businesses and the general public. On average SHG contributes around £500 per twenty foot container for the cost of transporting containers from Rupert's into Jamestown. These costs are not passed on to importers.

In addition there are two additional charges which are funded by SHG, these are levied by the larger carriers of transshipment cargo from Europe such as MSC. The

first is a 'peak season surcharge' which is \$300 for a twenty foot container and \$600 for a forty foot container. On average over the past 3 months this is around £225 per twenty foot container.

The other is an 'emergency container relocation charge' this is charged at a rate of £165 per container which is levied to ensure that those twenty foot containers which are leased by AWSML are returned back to Europe in a timely manner to be used for future shipments.

In total this equates to circa £900 per container for those transhipped from Europe and circa £500 per container for those originating from South Africa.