

Questions & Motions - Formal Legislative Council on 25 May 2023

Questions

- 1. 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 policy and/or guidance is in place regarding the use of Chief Secretary houses and equipment within them for commercial purposes?

- 2. 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 are the current situation and next steps regarding the Bulk Fuel Installation in Rupert's Valley constructed as a component of the Airport Project?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development tell this Council, in what ways does St Helena Government intend to utilise funding from the £500k within the aid settlement to enhance local capacity and skills?

- 4. The Hon Rosemary Bargo to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, what is the current staff complement at Prince Andrew School and how does this compare to the required staffing levels in order to operate effectively?

- 5. The Hon Rosemary Bargo to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, what immediate steps is Government taking to address the disciplinary problems at Prince Andrew School to ensure the safety of both the students and the staff?

- 6. 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, what developments have taken place regarding the disposal of the St Helena Government's interest in Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc, since their shares were publically advertised, and if he will make a statement regarding the future intent in respect of these shares?

7. 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, what plans or strategies are being put in place to ensure that the Island can continue to provide care for increasing numbers of elderly people, and in particular to assist those individuals who wish to remain in their own homes?

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, what plans are currently in place for visits by medical specialists during this financial year?

9. 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, give an update to this House on what is happening regarding the proposal to upgrade the drainage system in the Half Tree Hollow area so that people can get on with building their much needed houses?

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

Can the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development inform this House, that since we are desperately in need of additional Government Landlord Housing how is the Government intending to address or alleviate this situation?

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

Can the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development give an update to this House on any work which is being carried out thus far to improve International Banking and Insurance options to make St Helena more attractive to the outside world and particularly Inward Investors?

12. The Hon Andrew Turner to ask the Hon Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning:

Will the Honourable Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning tell this Council, what plans are in place to deal with the Island-wide issue of invasive plants and in particular "white-weed" which is taking over large areas on the Island?

Questions for Written Response

1. The Hon Karl Thrower 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 is the saving realised by means testing people's Basic Island Pension payments?

2. The Hon Karl Thrower to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development tell this Council, are there any plans to raise the Basic Island Pension and other benefits due to inflationary increases and in line with the +4% UK aid settlement?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, why establishment of a trust fund for students accepted for university studies has not proved possible to date, and if this is now going to be pursued further?

4. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council why, despite the commitment made to this House on the 25 August 2022 that “a Rolling Policy and Legislative Programme has now been finalised and will be shared with all Members within the coming week” we have still not had sight of such, and if it is still her intention to share such a programme with Elected Members?

Motions

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

That this House resolves that the excess expenditure for the financial year 2021/22 in the Statement of Expenditure in Excess 2021/22 laid as SP 6/2023 now stand charged to public funds in accordance with section 106(3) of the Constitution.