



**ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

# **ORDER PAPER**

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

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**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 10am  
in the St Helena Community College**

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

- SP 16/2023 *(Hon Robert Midwinter)*  
St Helena Legislative Council - Panel of Investigators
- SP 17/2023 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
St Helena Government - A Bill for an Ordinance - Appropriation Bill,  
2023
- SP 18/2023 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
St Helena Government - A Bill for an Ordinance - Telecommunications  
(Amendment) Bill, 2023
- SP 19/2023 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
St Helena Government - St Helena Government Financial Statements  
2021/2022
- SP 20/2023 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
St Helena Government - Management Letter, SHG Financial  
Statements 2021-22
- SP 21/2023 *(Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development)*  
St Helena Government - Estimates of Recurrent and Capital  
Expenditure and Revenue 2023/2024 – 2025/2026

SP 22/2023 (*Hon Chief Minister*)

St Helena Government - Proceedings of Minister's Question Time –  
Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 - First Sitting

SP 23/2023 (*Hon Chief Minister*)

St Helena Government - Proceedings of the Legislative Council –  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 - First Sitting of the Eighth Meeting

## 5. Questions

**1. 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, what progress has been made towards bringing amended Immigration legislation and associated Regulations to this House, and when such amendments may be expected?

**2. The Hon Andrew Turner 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 progress has been made to introduce fire hydrants and improve fire safety in the Blue Hill area?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, what recent progress has been made relating to development of a casual work scheme for unemployed persons?

**4. The Hon Gillian Brooks to ask the Hon Minister for Health and Social Care:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care tell this House, what is the current number of staff in the three care facilities, that is the CCC, Cape Villa and Deason's Centre and is this number adequate?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care inform this House when the re-introduction of respite care will be re-instated to offer support to parents with disabled children and elderly folk who are living in private homes?

**6. The Hon Rosemary Bargo 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 progress is being made since the undertaking was given in this House in June 2022, by the Chief Minister, that a review to all sexual offences will be undertaken within the year?

**7. 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, what progress has been made towards bringing amended Road Traffic legislation and associated Regulations to this House, and when such amendments may be expected?

**8. 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 give an update on the status of the plant pathogen which has led to the closure of Diana's peak?

**9. 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, whether there is still a quarterly indicative work programme in place for the Roads Section?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development give this House an update on the Field Road Project, noting it was due to commence in April this year?

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

Can the Honourable Chief Minister inform this House, why the Maestro project was delayed on St Helena after the signing of the contract with SHG and will the works be completed as anticipated now that the sub-sea cable has already been lit?

**12. The Hon Andrew Turner 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 policies have been put in place to deal with the increasing rat population in Sandy Bay and its subsequent risk to public health?

**13. 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 House, why a Contract Register has not been published for almost two years and when it is anticipated that an up to date version will be available?

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

Can the Honourable Chief Minister inform this House what policies the St Helena Government are working on or hoping to introduce to attract, grow and retain our working population?

## **6. Motions**

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

That the Telecommunications Amendment Bill, 2023 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

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

That the Appropriation Bill, 2023 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

## **7. Adjournment Debate**

## **QUESTIONS DAY 2**

### **1. 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, what steps his portfolio is taking to reduce anti-social behaviour?

### **2. 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 inform this Council what steps are being taken by SHG, to ensure that the conditions of the Agreement, for the establishment of fishing operations in St Helena, with STC, in relation to exploratory fishing and data gathering are being met?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister inform this Council, as to what discussions she had while in London regarding funding for St Helena's students eligible to access tertiary education in Britain, and what are the next steps?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister inform this House, how will the increase for the minimum wage for SHG employees be funded?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House what progress has been made with regards to the Primary School review?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, how many overseas trips/visits were undertaken by public service staff in relation to their work in the financial year 2021/22 and how much did it cost the public purse?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, what discussions she has had with colleagues within His Majesty's Government regarding the payment of UK pensions in St Helena, and if she will make a statement on this matter?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development provide this Council with an update regarding the National Health Insurance Scheme?

**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 tell this Council how long the Cost of Living measures are intended to remain in force in light of these critical times?

**10. The Hon Rosemary Bargo 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 is the progress on the long awaited Land Development Control Plan?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, how much did SHG spend on electricity per year between 2017 to 2022?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning inform this House if, under 'Food Security' in the Ministers' Vision, there is a program or procedure for SHG to monitor the growing and production of potatoes?

**13. 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 percentage of adults currently receive any form of direct financial assistance such as but not limited to IRB, BIP payments, cost of living assistance from SHG and what was the total amount paid-out in the financial year 2021/22?