

ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ORDER PAPER

First Sitting of the Fourteenth Meeting of Legislative Council

Thursday 30th November 2023 at 10am in the Council Chamber

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

SP 25/2023	(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development) St Helena Government - Currency Fund - Annual Financial Statements 2021/22
SP 26/2023	<i>(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)</i> St Helena Government - A Bill for an Ordinance - Supplementary Appropriation (2023/24) Bill, 2023
SP 27/2023	(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development) St Helena Government - Supplementary Estimates 2023/2024
SP 28/2023	(<i>Hon Chief Minister</i>) St Helena Government - Proceedings of Minister's Question Time – Tuesday, 25 th April, 2023 - Second Sitting
SP 29/2023	(<i>Hon Chief Minister</i>) St Helena Government - Proceedings of Minister's Question Time – Tuesday, 13 th June, 2023 - Third Sitting
SP 30/2023	(<i>Hon Chief Minister</i>) St Helena Government - Proceedings of Minister's Question Time – Tuesday, 18 th July, 2023 - Fourth Sitting

SP 31/2023 (Hon Robert Midwinter) Select Committee 1 - Report to Legislative Council on the First Meeting of Select Committee 1, published on 12 September 2023 - Fisheries: A Cross-Functional Review

SP 32/2023 (Hon Robert Midwinter) St Helena Legislative Council - Report by the Investigative Commission on the Investigation of the Appeal made by the Hon Jeffrey Ellick

SP 33/2023 (Hon Robert Midwinter) St Helena Legislative Council - Report by the Investigative Commission on the Investigation of the Appeal made by the Hon Christine Scipio

5. Questions

1. 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, if there has been, or will be, a formal inquiry into the matter regarding surgeries conducted by Dr Sergio?

2. The Hon Rosemary Bargo to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:

Can the Honourable Minister for Treasury & Economic Development, tell this House when will the Preferred Bidder for the Shipping Freight Service be approved and what is the expected start date of this service?

3. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:

Can the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development, in light of problems being experienced with interim shipping arrangements, ensure that the new shipping contract will be fit for purpose fulfilling the needs of St Helena?

4. The Hon Gillian Brooks to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House, what policy and strategy does SHG have in place for addressing the critical decline in population on St Helena?

5. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this House, when it is envisaged that the long awaited policy related to competition between St Helena Government and the private sector will be completed?

6. The Hon Andrew Turner to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, and Economic Development:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council, on what basis funding for cultural activities through Creative St Helena has been cut?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, what progress has the Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio made thus far in respect of the Primary School review that she announced earlier this year?

8. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:

Can the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development, state what measures are in place, or will be put in place, to grow the Island's economy?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House, what active steps are being taken by St Helena Government to fill front line positions in shortage occupation areas?

10. The Hon Andrew Turner to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, what steps she has taken to improve openness and transparency in her Government?

11. 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 applications for Saint Helena Status have been received by his Portfolio in the last two years and how many of these were successful?

12. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:

Can the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development inform this House, if the following entities have been wound up: Basil Read, St Helena Fisheries Corporation and Enterprise St Helena?

13. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this House, what is the projected remaining life span of the currently used bulk fuel facility in Rupert's Valley, and what progress has been made in determining how and where the Island's fuel supplies will be stored in the longer term?

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

Following the recent visit of the Energy Observer, will the Honourable Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning state if SHG have taken any inspiration from this vessel to inform their own renewable energy plans?

6. Motions

1. The Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:

That the Supplementary Appropriation (2023/24) Bill, 2023 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

2. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex:

That Rule 6 of Order 9 of the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council be amended to remove the limitation upon Members in respect of the number of supplementary questions it is permissible to ask during Ministers' Question Time.

3. The Hon Rosemary Bargo:

That this House resolves, that the Code of Conduct for Members of Legislative Council be amended to permit the Speaker to choose a third member from the Panel of Investigators, to perform the role of Chairperson.

7. Adjournment Debate

QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN RESPONSE

The Hon Robert Midwinter

- 1. Will the Honourable Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning tell this Council what progress has been made regarding the establishment of a recycling service, since the FCDO funded vehicle was received by her Portfolio?
- 2. Will the Honourable Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning tell this Council, if no progress has been made establishing a recycling service, can she identify what steps her Portfolio is taking to address this matter and within what timeframe?

Response:

The Environmental Risk Management Team who are responsible for waste management services have developed an island-wide recyclable waste collection service, to be implemented in stages and with options for increasing capacity (subject to further investment).

A limited collection service from the established communal recycling hubs (with more hubs pending) and some businesses, as detailed within the recent Press Release; *Waste Management Services Update – Aluminium Drink Cans recycling* dated 7th November, has commenced using existing resources which includes the FCDO funded vehicle.

Should approval be secured for an additional £28,000 to ENRP's recurrent budget from the next financial year, service capacity will increase further with a dedicated team for the collection and processing of recyclable wastes through the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at Horse Point Landfill Site (HPLS).