



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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Ninth Sitting for Ministers Question Time

Tuesday, 30th January 2024 at 10am
in the Council Chamber

1. Address by the Speaker
2. Questions

(Questions have been listed in alphabetical order but will be selected randomly for response at the meeting)

The Hon Rosemary Bargo:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council, when will the long awaited review of the Land and Building Disposal Policy be completed and what concessions will this contain to allow and assist economic growth?

The Hon Gillian Brooks:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development, following the closure of Enterprise St Helena, say what support mechanisms have been put in place by the SHG, that enable private sector development?

The Hon Ronald Coleman:

Can the Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council, what progress is being made with regard to growing the Island's working population and when it is likely that we should see some benefits?

The Hon Dr Corinda Essex:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development state, what are the current and proposed components of the development plan to establish an enabling environment for private sector development to which the Honourable Chief Minister alluded in her Christmas message?

The Hon Robert Midwinter:

In her Christmas Message, the Chief Minister stated that Immigration Reforms was one of her ministerial priorities for the coming year; as previous commitments made to achieve this within a specific timeframe have not materialized, can the Minister

for Treasury and Economic Development say, how he is going to ensure that a new Immigration Policy will be implemented by his colleagues by April 2024, and what impact this will have on creating an enabling environment if this is not achieved?

The Hon Karl Thrower:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council, considering that affordable housing is a key requirement when creating an enabling environment for economic development, how can the Government justify imposing fees of approximately £105,000 per acre for qualifying local residents and over £175,000 per acre for others interested in the housing plots at the Bottom Woods CDA?

The Hon Andrew Turner:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council, what steps is the Government taking to complete the St Helena Fibre Optic Network and allow the private sector to develop into the digital economy?

3. Closing Remarks by the Speaker