

Hon. Dr Corinda Essex Biography

Hon. Dr Corinda Essex has served as a Member of Legislative Council since March 2014, and previously from 1992 -1995 when she resigned her seat to take up the role of St Helena Government UK Representative.

On her return to St Helena in 1997, she held the post of Education Officer for two years before being promoted to the role of Chief Development Officer (later re-designated as Director of Corporate Procurement) which she held until retirement from the public service in 2013.

During this period, she acted as Chief Secretary on several occasions.

She has been a Member of the Public Accounts Committee for eight years and Chairs the Select Committee established to scrutinise the Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Portfolio and the Safety Security and Home Affairs Portfolio.

She is also the representative for Alarm Forest electoral area. Before the change to Ministerial governance, Dr Essex was Deputy Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and a Member of the Education Committee. She has also served as a non-Executive Director on a number of Statutory Boards and as a Member of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority.

Dr Essex owns a retail business and is the President of the St Helena Chamber of Commerce.

She holds Degrees awarded by the University of Bristol at Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral level, and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Management and a Member of the British Psychological Society.

She also completed programme management training delivered by UNDP and the EU which supported her roles as National Director for UNDP and as EU Territorial Authorising Officer for St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

Dr Essex believes that "Saints" are the Island's most valuable asset and that sustainable development cannot be achieved without their input, skills and commitment.

Dr Essex is the Chair of Select Committee 2 and the Public Accounts Committee.

CORINDA S.S. ESSEX

After your election you must submit a completed registration form to the Clerk of Councils within 7 days. After that you must register any changes or additions to your interests within 7 days.

The Register provides information about any financial interest or other material benefit which others might reasonably consider to influence what you say or do as an Elected Member. This form summarises the requirements, but it is recommend that you seek further information if in doubt.

Sources of further information:

- Section 53 of the Constitution of St Helena and Section 6.1 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Legislative Council dated 18 March 2016.
- Corporate Support and the Attorney General's Chambers.

Please score through any unused pages and complete the declaration at the end of this form. To add additional information, preferably photocopy the relevant page and attach an extra sheet of information bearing your name and the date.

(If more sheets are required please write on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form)

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

REGISTRATION OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS BY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

I, CORINDA S.S. ESSEX.....being a Member of Legislative Council give notice that I have set out below under the appropriate headings the interests which I am required to declare under the Legislative Council Code of Conduct as adopted by the Legislative Council in March 2010. I have put "none" where I have no such interests under any heading.

Signature.....

Date.. 20/10/2021 ..

CATEGORY 1: EMPLOYMENT and Any other relevant information.

(See Guide to Assist Members in Completing the Registration Form)

Use Section 1.1 to register any payment, in money or in kind, or other taxable benefit (for employment or directorships outside the Legislative Council), if it has a value of more than [£100]. This includes payments for work done either before or after your election, including redundancy and ex gratia payments.

Use this section also to register any payments, taxable benefits etc with a value of [£100] or less, once the same source has paid you over [£300] in the same calendar year (eg 2017).

You must register, within 7 days, any payment, benefit in kind or other taxable benefit, for a directorship or outside employment in any form if it has a value of more than £100. You must register smaller payments within 7 days of receiving more than £300 from the same source in a calendar year.

You may use Section 1.2 to register a contract for employment or services if it exceeds the financial thresholds and will run for one year or more. You will then not need to register individual payments under this contract unless the sum or the arrangement changes.

Section 1.1: Salaries, fees, payments in kind and other taxable benefits

I wish to register payment(s) of £ _____ and/or taxable benefits or payments in kind, with a value of £ _____ for hours _____ of the following work: [please describe]

NONE

If the work was done before you were elected, please add "No hours since my election".

I received payment on _____ [date], or, if payment not yet received:

These services were performed on _____ [date(s)]

The payer is: [give their name and address, and nature of their business if not self evident]: _____

N.B.

Due to the winding-up of Entrepouse St. Helena taking longer than anticipated, I received £900.00 in respect of Directorship for 2022/23.
This is not a new interest, but an extension to a previous interest declared under the previous Government.

CATEGORY 2: DONATIONS AND OTHER SUPPORT (INCLUDING LOANS) FOR ACTIVITIES AS AN ELECTED MEMBER

(See Guide to Assist Members in Completing the Registration Form)

You must register any qualifying donation or support received (eg a loan) on or after your election, including any received while the Legislative Council was dissolved.

You must register any donation or loan of more than [£1500], whether given as a single sum or as or multiple donations in the calendar year, if its purpose is to support your activities as an Elected Member.

Once you have received over [£1500] from one source in a calendar year (eg 2017), you must register any further support of over [£500] from that source in the same calendar year. You must do so within 7 days of accepting the latest donation.

I wish to register the following support for my activities as an Elected Member. The value of this support exceeds [£1500], either by itself or together with other donations (each of more than [£500]) from the same source in the same calendar year.

Name of donor: **NONE**

Address of donor [*The addresses of individuals will not be published*]:

If monetary benefit, its value in £:

If benefit in kind, its nature:

and its value in £:

Date when this donation was received:

[If the donation was given over a period of time, eg ongoing secretarial or support services, or a loan, please provide both start dates and expected end dates.]

Date when this donation was accepted: *[which cannot be earlier than the date of receipt]*

Status of person, organisation or company providing the benefit:

Individual Trade union

Unincorporated association

Company (Please supply registration number)

Limited liability partnership

Company registration number:

Other (Please seek advice if the benefit is received from a trust or bequest)

CATEGORY 3: GIFTS, BENEFITS AND HOSPITALITY

(See Guide to Assist Members in Completing the Registration Form)

I wish to register a gift, benefit or hospitality received in the last 12 months, and which

- a) was given to me and/or another person or organisation, and
- b) relates to my membership of the Legislative Council or to my political activities, and
- c) has a value greater than [£300], or the same donor has given benefits whose value adds up to over [£300] in this calendar year.

You must in future register, within 7 days of acceptance, any gift, benefit or hospitality (including a discount) falling within this category if its value is more than £300, or if the total value of all benefits received from that donor in the same calendar year exceeds £300.

CATEGORIES 3: GIFTS, BENEFITS AND HOSPITALITY

(See Guide to Assist Members in Completing the Registration Form)

Name of donor: NONE

Address of donor [The addresses of individuals will not be published]:

Tick here if the benefit is from a source outside St Helena

If monetary benefit, its value in £: _____

If benefit in kind, its nature: _____

and its value in £: _____

Date when this benefit was received: _____

Date when this benefit was accepted (which cannot be earlier than the date of receipt):

Individual

Unincorporated association

Company (Please supply registration number)

Limited liability partnership

Company registration number:

Other (Please seek advice if the benefit is received from a trust or bequest)

CATEGORY 4: VISITS OUTSIDE ST HELENA

(See Guide to Assist Members in Completing the Registration Form)

I wish to register the following visit outside St Helena which was made by me and/or another person/s, and whose costs were not wholly borne by me or by St Helenian public funds.

This visit

a) related to my membership of the Legislative Council and

b) had a total value of more than [£300]; or the same source had paid for visits with a total value of more than [£300] in the same calendar year (eg 2017).

You must register, within 7 days of your return, any qualifying visit if its total value exceeds £300, or if the same source has paid for visits with a total value of more than £300 in the same calendar year.

Do not register visits funded by St Helena Government, by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, by HMG, by a UK public body, or an international organisation to which the United Kingdom Government belongs, such as the EU.

NB If the visit is funded by more than one donor, you must take account of any contributions from exempted sources when calculating whether the value of the visit exceeds £300.

CATEGORY 4: VISITS OUTSIDE ST HELENA

(See Guide to Assist Members in Completing the Registration Form)

Name of donor(s): NONIE

Address of donor(s) *[The addresses of individuals will not be published]*:

If monetary benefit, its value in £: _____

If benefit in kind, its nature: _____

and its value in £: _____

(eg flights and accommodation: value £500)

If the visit was undertaken by someone else, or included any benefit or hospitality given to another person, please explain here.

Destination of visit: _____

Date(s) of visit: _____

Purpose of visit: _____

CATEGORY 5: LAND AND PROPERTY (within or outside St Helena)

(See Guide to Assist Members in Completing the Registration Form)

I wish to register the following land or property which I own, either by myself or with or on behalf of my spouse, partner or dependent child(ren). **It is not used wholly for my own residential purposes, or those of my spouse, partner or dependent child(ren).**

Tick as appropriate:

- (i) This land or property (or my total portfolio) has a total value of over [£40,000]; and/or
- (ii) This land or property (or my total portfolio) provides rental income of over [£4,000] in a calendar year.

You must in future register, within 7 days of it becoming registrable, any qualifying land or property you own, either by yourself or jointly, if that property, or your total property portfolio: is worth more £100,000, and/or yields rental income of more than £10,000 a year.

Type of property (eg whether house or flat, shop or office, agricultural land or forest):

1. VILLA AJACCIO, NAPOLEON STREET, JERMISTOWN. STORAGE / RESIDENTIAL
2. LONDON CHOC SHOP, MARKET STREET, UTILISED FOR RETAILING
3. 108 CRAWBROOK ROAD, UK

Location: 1 AS ABOVE

2. AS ABOVE

3. REDLAND, BRISTOL, BS6 7DB - RENTED TO TENANTS

[Delete what is not applicable] I acquired this property/it became of registrable value on _____ [date, if on or after your election]

[Delete what is not applicable] The income from this property began/became of registrable value on _____ [date, if on or after your election]

If the rental income is paid to someone else, or if you are not the sole owner of this land or property, please explain these arrangements below:

CATEGORY 6: SHAREHOLDINGS

(See Guide to Assist Members in Completing the Registration Form)

I wish to register the following shareholdings, share options or interests in partnerships which I hold, either by myself or with or on behalf of my spouse, partner or dependent child(ren), or through a trust which is not a blind trust.

Tick either (i) or (ii) as appropriate:

(i) I hold more than 15% of the issued share capital of this organisation (or more than an equivalent interest in the partnership) or

(ii) My interest in this company/organisation amounts to 15% or less of the issued share capital (or equivalent) but is worth more than [£70,000].

If in doubt about your holding you are recommended to consult the records held by the organisation concerned or by Companies Registry on St Helena

You must in future register, within 7 days of acquiring the interest or of its attaining registrable value:

any shareholding, share option or interests in partnerships, which you hold either by yourself or with or on behalf of your spouse, partner or dependent child(ren), or through a trust which is not a blind trust, if it

(i) amounts to more than 15% of the issue share capital of this organisation (or more than a 15% interest in the partnership) or

(ii) is worth more than £70,000, but does not meet the conditions for (i) above.

Name of company or organisation: None

Nature of its business: _____

I acquired the above interest/it became registrable on [date, if on or after your election]

CATEGORY 7: MISCELLANEOUS

(See Guide to Assist Members in Completing the Registration Form)

Section 7.1: Other Interests and Benefits

I wish to register an interest or benefit which does not clearly fall into one of the other categories of the Register. I consider that this interest meets the test of relevance; in other words, that others might reasonably consider it to influence my actions or words as a Member.

[This might be for example a shareholding which falls below the threshold, or any other financial asset, including an asset held in trust, or an unpaid role as (for example) director, trustee or company secretary; or a non-financial interest.]

You must in future register, within 7 days of acquiring the interest or of its attaining registrable value, any interest or benefit which meets the test of relevance [see above] but which does not clearly fall into one of the other categories.

I wish to register the following interest: *[Please provide below a brief description of the interest and, where relevant, the name of any donor.]*

INDEPENDIENT RETAILER + IMPORTER

This interest arose/became registrable on *[date, if on or after your election]*

Section 7.2: Names of Household Members

I wish to register the names of those Members who are 18 years of age and over, who currently reside within my Household.

NONE.

CATEGORY 8: NON FINANCIAL INTERESTS

(See Guide to Assist Members in Completing the Registration Form)

I wish to register an interest or benefit which is not considered financial but I consider that this interest meets the test of relevance; in other words, that others might reasonably consider it to influence my actions or words as a Member of Legislative Council.

(List all interests you have in organisations, i.e. community centre committees, charities, sport associations, etc. Interests should include your position and duration which would give an indication of the history and knowledge you have of this particular organisation, etc. Include also any remuneration you receive.)

I have an interest in ST HELENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
and hold the position of PRESIDENT
I have had an interest in this body for 8 YEARS
ST. HELENA ASSOCIATION (UK) PATRON. 15 YEARS
To hold this position I am paid £ 0.00 a year. (if applicable) BOTH POSITIONS
ARE UNPAID

(If more sheets are required please write on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form)

Any other relevant information. Use the space below to provide details if you have personal interests that you feel could be seen to influence your actions as an elected Member

Declaration

I confirm that the facts above are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I have received and read the Code of Conduct and the Guide to Assist Members in Completing the Registration Form.

Signature:

Date: 12/6/2023