



ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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**Sixteenth Sitting
for
Ministers Question Time**

**Tuesday, 26th November 2024 at 10:00am
in the Council Chamber, The Castle**

1. Urgent Question

The Hon Karl Thrower:

Due to significant recent changes in the landscape of on-island media provision and the conclusion of the 2016 Media Review that local media is vital to democracy, informing the community of news and events as well as playing an important part when the Island needs support if and when unforeseen events occur, will the Government establish an independent review of the current provision of media services on St Helena, assessing the market, viability, technological changes and the long-term sustainability of the current offering?

2. Questions

The Hon Gillian Brooks:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council what in the Procurement Regulations, ensures that the accuracy of the Tender Process is followed correctly?

The Hon Ronald Coleman:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council what is his and SHG's understanding when contracts are advertised, which sometimes also states that interested parties should note that this opportunity is not being advertised overseas?

The Hon Dr Corinda Essex:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council what action has been taken to ensure that the Procurement Regulations are fully aligned with both the Public Finance Ordinance and Financial Regulations, particularly with regard to asset disposal?

The Hon Elizabeth Knipe:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council what are the benefits of increasing the discretionary amounts from £5000 to £30000 that the Accounting Officer can spend?

The Hon Robert Midwinter:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council whether or not the St Helena Government "Buy Local" Policy is still in operation?

The Hon Karl Thrower:

To ensure that smaller contractors, particularly those who may lack the necessary IT Skills or resources, are not excluded from tending opportunities and would possibly deliver better value for money for the public purse, will the Honorable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council, has consideration been given to allow tenders for smaller contract values to be processed outside of the e-tending portal procurement system?

The Hon Andrew Turner:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council how the new Procurement Regulations have been aligned to the Public Finance Ordinance?