



**ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

# **ORDER PAPER**

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

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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 10am  
in the Council Chamber**

**1. Formal Entry of the President**

**2. Prayers**

**3. Address by the President**

**4. Papers**

SP 27/2024 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Supplementary Appropriation (2024/25)  
Rectification Order 2024

SP 28/2024 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – A Bill for an Ordinance – Second  
Supplementary Appropriation (2024/25) Bill, 2024

SP 29/2024 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Second Supplementary Estimates 2024/25

SP 30/2024 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Financial Statements 2022/2023

SP 31/2024 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
Audit Saint Helena – Management Letter to the Legislative Council of St  
Helena – SHG Financial Statements 2022-2023

- SP 32/2024 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – St Helena National Trust, Financial Statements and Annual Report for Year Ended 31 March 2024
- SP 33/2024 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – A Bill for an Ordinance – Companies (Amendment) Bill 2024
- SP 34/2024 *(Hon Minister for Safety Security & Home Affairs)*  
St Helena Government – A Bill for an Ordinance – Immigration (Amendment) Bill, 2024
- SP 35/2024 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Equality & Human Rights Commission, Financial Statements and Management Letter for Year Ended 31 March 2024
- SP 36/2024 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Equality & Human Rights Commission, Annual Report 2023-24
- SP 37/2024 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Procurement Regulations, V2 November 2024
- SP 38/2024 *(Hon Gillian Brooks)*  
St Helena Legislative Council – Report by the Investigative Commission on the Investigation of a Complaint Made by the Chief Minister, Hon Julie Thomas
- SP 39/2024 *(Hon Robert Midwinter)*  
St Helena Legislative Council – Report to Legislative Council on the Second Meeting of Select Committee 1, published on 2 July 2024 – Farming Support, Land Use Review and Poultry Production (Day old chicks/incubation unit)
- SP 40/2024 *(Hon Robert Midwinter)*  
St Helena Legislative Council – Select Committee 1 – Environment Natural Resources & Planning and Health & Social Care progress reports to implement Fisheries recommendations (Progress at September 2024)
- SP 41/2024 *(Hon Robert Midwinter)*  
St Helena Legislative Council – Select Committee 1 - Environment Natural Resources & Planning Portfolio progress report to implement Farming recommendations (Progress at September 2024)
- SP 42/2024 *(Hon Dr Corinda Essex)*  
St Helena Public Accounts Committee – Report to Legislative Council on the Formal Session of the Public Accounts Committee held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023
- SP 43/2024 *(Hon Chief Minister)*

St Helena Government - Proceedings of Minister's Question Time –  
Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 - Seventh Sitting

SP 44/2024 (*Hon Chief Minister*)

St Helena Government – Proceedings of Minister's Question Time –  
Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Eighth Sitting

SP 45/2024 (*Hon Chief Minister*)

St Helena Government – Proceedings of Legislative Council – Friday,  
17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – First Sitting of the Tenth Meeting

SP 46/2024 (*Hon Chief Minister*)

St Helena Government – Proceedings of Legislative Council –  
Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – First Sitting of the Eleventh Meeting

## 5. Questions

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister provide this House with details of the meetings that she had with HMG counterparts whilst in the UK for JMC this year.

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House, what action has been taken during the past six months regarding development of a casual work scheme for those unemployed persons medically fit to work?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council, what is the stock of Government Landlord Houses and Flats on St Helena and are they all up to the acceptable standards for living accommodation, including electricity, sanitation and fire safety requirements?

### 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, if there has been any development with reintroducing the Nurse Training programme on the Island?

### 5. **The Hon Elizabeth Knipe to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, what aspects of this Government's Fit for the Future program resulted in success and which did not?

### 6. **The Hon Karl Thrower to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council, has the government considered raising with the Governor a review of pension payments under section 17 of the Pensions Ordinance?

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

In September 2016, the St Helena Government issued a Press Release stating that it would “*Review current policy and legislation to become more disabled friendly*” therefore will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House what progress has been made by the St Helena Government in this respect, and provide details of what policies and legislation it currently has in place that support disabled people?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House, why persons aged 75 years and above will not be allowed to travel free, or at least be charged a discounted fee, on the St Helena Government public transport service?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council, because a great number of people are facing difficulties with increasing cost of living on St Helena, what is this Government doing to support low incomes and benefits, to help alleviate any hardships?

**10. The Hon Gillian Brook to ask the Hon Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs tell this House, what progress was made towards enhancing border security during the recent Home Office visit?

**11. The Hon Elizabeth Knipe to ask the Hon Minister for Health and Social Care:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care tell this Council, since the National Health Insurance Scheme was raised in the House in March 2022, what if any, developments have been made to introduce a National Health Insurance Scheme on St Helena?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House how many 6<sup>th</sup> Form Students are currently on each of the four pathways, the rate of allowance that is paid to each of these pathways, and what the minimum number of hours’ attendance is in order to qualify for this allowance?

**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 action is being taken to restore, or replace, the fountain in Castle Gardens?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care tell this Council, since the WASS Report and the setting up of what was known as the Safeguarding Department, are the policies and quality standards which were set then, still being maintained by SHG to provide our people with a good or reasonable quality of life?

**15. The Hon Gillian Brook to ask the Hon Minister for Environment and Natural Resources:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Environment and Natural Resources give an update to the house on progress made towards establishing a viable off-shore fishery?

**16. The Hon Elizabeth Knipe to ask the Hon Minister for Health and Social Care:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care tell this Council, what improvements are planned or has been made regarding the Consolidated Meal Preparation Plan that is in place for the Hospital and CCC?

**6. Motions**

**1. The Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development**

That the Second Supplementary Appropriation (2024/2025) Bill, 2024 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

**2. The Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development**

That the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2024 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

**3. The Hon Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs**

That the Immigration (Amendment) Bill, 2024 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the whole Council.

**4. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex**

That this Honourable House resolves that a comprehensive review of the Benefits system is now due, and should be undertaken as soon as practicable.

**7. Adjournment Debate**

## 8. Written Questions

### 1. The Hon Karl Thrower to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this House, for the financial year 2023/24, how much did each department pay for their IT resource, including Internet provision?

#### **Response:**

I would like to thank the honourable member for his question.

The IT and Internet recharges for 2023/2024 financial year are as follows:

<b>Portfolio</b>	<b>IT</b>	<b>Internet</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Recharges</b>		
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
12: Central Support Service	97,000	3,000	<b>100,000</b>
14: Attorney General's Chambers	23,000	1,000	<b>24,000</b>
15: Safety, Security and Home Affairs	164,000	70,000	<b>234,000</b>
16: Judicial Services	13,000	1,000	<b>14,000</b>
17: Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development	163,000	5,000	<b>168,000</b>
22: Education, Skills and Employment	356,000	416,000	<b>772,000</b>
23: Health and Social Care	300,000	171,000	<b>471,000</b>
26: Environment, Natural Resources and Planning	92,000	3,000	<b>95,000</b>
	<b>1,208,000</b>	<b>670,000</b>	<b>1,878,000</b>
<b>Trading Account</b>			
6003: Transport	5,000	4,000	<b>9,000</b>
6004: St Helena Audit Service	24,000	2,000	<b>26,000</b>
6005: Housing	5,000	0	<b>5,000</b>
6009: Internal Audit	6,000	0	<b>6,000</b>
	<b>40,000</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>46,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,248,000</b>	<b>676,000</b>	<b>1,924,000</b>

### 2. The Hon Karl Thrower to ask the Hon Chief Minister:

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council the details of all the advice the Executive Council has given to the Governor since the 2021 election.

#### **Response:**

A total of one hundred and twenty five memoranda/decision papers including development applications have been considered by Executive Council since the 2021 General Election. However, it is not possible to provide the details of all the advice

given to the Governor as to do so would compromise confidentiality and result in potential legal ramifications for the SHG.

Deliberations in Council and advice given to the Governor, have nevertheless resulted in the publication of Bills for Ordinances for presentation to Legislative Council, as well as approval of various Policies, Regulations and Projects including the following:

#### Bills

Supplementary Appropriation Bill, 2022  
Bill for an Ordinance to amend the Legislative Council (Remuneration and Allowances) Bill, 2010, 2022  
Appropriation Bill, 2022 for the financial year 2022/23  
Sexual Offences (Communication with a Child) Bill, 2022  
Health and Safety (Amendment) Bill, 2022  
Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2022  
Prison (Amendment) Bill, 2022  
Second Supplementary Appropriation (2022/23) Bill, 2022  
Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) (Amendment) Bill, 2022  
Third Supplementary Appropriation (2022/23) Bill, 2023  
Forestry (Amendment) Bill, 2023  
Environment Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2023  
Appropriation Bill 2023 for the financial year 2023/24  
Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill, 2023  
Public Holidays (Amendment) Bill, 2023  
Supplementary Appropriation (2023/24) Bill, 2023  
Appropriation Bill, 2024 for the financial year 2024/25  
Second Supplementary Appropriation (2023/24) Bill, 2024  
First Supplementary Appropriation (2024/25) Bill, 2024  
Immigration (Amendment) Bill, 2024

#### Policies/Strategies/Plans

Increase of 12p per hour in minimum wage from August 2022  
SHG Vision and Strategy 2022 - 2025  
New Marine Management Plan 2023 – 2027  
Increase of 28p per hour for Minimum Wage from July 2023  
Draft St Helena Renewable Energy Policy 2023 – 2030  
4% increase on Basic Island Pension and Income Related Benefits from October 2023  
St Helena Biosecurity Policy 2023 – 2030  
Sustainable Economic Strategy 2023 – 2033 and Delivery Plan 2024 - 2027  
Increase of 35p per hour for Minimum Wage from July 2024  
Communication and Network Service Policy 2020, re- approved  
Property Disposal and Purchase Policy, 2024  
Data Protection Policy, 2024  
Ship Registry Policy, 2024  
Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2024  
Public Transport Service Policy  
Immigration Policy

#### Regulations

Covid Amendment Regulations, 2022  
Customs and Excise (Approved Investment) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022

Patents (Registration Fees) Regulations, 2022  
Trade Marks (Regulation) (Amendment) Rules, 2022  
Customs (Export and Import Control) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023  
Customs and Excise (Tariffs and Exemptions) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

#### Orders

Select Committee (Establishment) Order, 2022  
Poisons List (Amendment) Order, 2023

#### EDIP Projects

Second Phase of the EDIP pipeline projects  
Increased Agricultural Production project on SHG Estate

#### Other

Development Agreement – Bunkers Hill  
Grant of Approved Investor Status to the Green Fish Company  
Cost of Living Relief Package  
Prohibition on the importation and landing of poultry and poultry products from SA from 14 October 2023  
Extension of Airport Operating Agreement with St Helena Airport Ltd from June 2026 – 2031  
Award of an initial 5 year shipping contract with MACS Maritime Carrier Shipping GmbH & Co. (MACS) with option for a further 5 years  
3 year rolling commercial air service agreement with Airlink  
Development Applications

All of the above, have been placed in the public domain via different forms of media. All policies and projects when approved at Executive Council level is disseminated into the public arena in the form of Press Releases, updates via radio interviews, where available, via the weekly In-Scope Programmes hosted on SAMS Radio 1 and followed up weekly in their weekly Newspaper – The Sentinel. In addition, we have commenced utilising social media platforms to disperse information pertaining to policies, projects etc. There is room for development in this area, which is being addressed now that the Communications Hub is now nearing full complement of staff and the SHG Communications Strategy is under review. Finally, the other means of communication with the community is undertaken via consultation on key policies and projects of national importance, where applicable.

Policies or projects that are still being developed and being considered using a stepped approach have not been included. This is primarily due to the fact that a final decision on how such policies/projects should be taken forward has not been reached. Such policies/projects are still being worked upon or data being collected prior to Ministers being in a position to advise the Governor on the best way forward. Likewise, policies that have been approved at Portfolio Advisory Board level have also not been included, as these do not require the endorsement of Executive Council.