



**ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

# **ORDER PAPER**

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

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**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10am  
in the Council Chamber**

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

- SP 11/2025 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – A Bill for an Ordinance – Third Supplementary  
Appropriation (2024/25) Bill, 2024
- SP 12/2025 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Third Supplementary Estimates 2024/25
- SP 13/2025 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Financial Statements 2023/2024
- SP 14/2025 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Audit St Helena Management Letter to  
Legislative Council – Financial Statements 2023/2024
- SP 15/2025 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Withdrawal Warrant 2024/25

- SP 16/2025 (*Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development*)  
St Helena Government – Special Warrant No 1 of 2024/25
- SP 17/2025 (*Hon Chief Minister*)  
St Helena Government – Proceedings of Legislative Council and Tenth Sitting of Minister's Question Time – Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- SP 18/2025 (*Hon Chief Minister*)  
St Helena Government – Proceedings of Minister's Question Time – Tuesday, 25 June 2024 – Twelfth Sitting
- SP 19/2025 (*Hon Chief Minister*)  
St Helena Government – Proceedings of Legislative Council – Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – First Sitting of the Twelfth Meeting
- SP 20/2025 (*Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development*)  
St Helena Government – Loan Balances recoverable by the Saint Helena Government as at 31 December 2024
- SP 21/2025 (*Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development*)  
Audit Saint Helena – Performance Audit: Fishing Operations Agreement, March 2025

## **5. Questions**

### **1. The Hon Elizabeth Knipe to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council what key work streams under the Tourism Development Programme are being undertaken, to assist in improving the number of eating places on the island particularly on weekends, for tourists and residents?

### **2. The Hon Gillian Brook to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister give an update on progress in regards to the new prison?

### **3. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Safety Security & Home Affairs tell this Council, who owns the Castle Gardens and what Portfolio is responsible for its maintenance, especially the roads network to ensure they are safe for pedestrians?

### **4. The Hon Karl Thrower to ask the Hon Minister for Environment Natural Resources & Planning:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Environment, Natural Resources & Planning tell this Council what is the current situation regarding the development of a new LDGP?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House why there is such a long period between the dissolution of Legislative Council and the upcoming General Election?

**6. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Health & Social Care:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care tell this Council if his portfolio will consider undertaking a Social Impact Assessment which focuses on the use of mobile phones by young children on the island, particularly from a safeguarding perspective, and if he will make a statement in this respect?

**7. The Hon Andrew Turner to ask the Hon Minister for Environment Natural Resources & Planning:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Environment, Natural Resources & Planning tell this Council, based on the recent attendance of Ministers at a number of climate change Conferences overseas, what initiatives have been discussed that could benefit St Helena and what are the plans to implement them?

**8. The Hon Gillian Brook to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister give this House an update on works at Rupert's Port, to include monies spent thus far?

**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, when St Helena experience rough seas, what is the cost to St Helena Government, if any, when there are delays in discharging cargo or fuel and if so how is this cost recovered?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Safety Security & Home Affairs outline to this Council the specific types of infractions the proposed fixed penalty notice system is intended to cover, and how the system will ensure fairness and consistency in its application?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House why the electrical cabling at the Rupert's cargo handling facility has had to be removed and replaced?

**12. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development provide this Council with an update on the sale of plots at the Bottomwoods CDA since the new Property Purchase and Disposal Policy was approved and implemented in January of this year?

**13. 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 were the reasons for the St Helena Government terminating the contract with Maestro and what was the cost to the British and St Helena Government, if any?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House what is St Helena Government's policy relating to employment of persons with disabilities?

**15. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development give consideration to ensuring that, when fees and charges are set or reviewed by SHG, these are rounded off to avoid the need for small denominations of change, as opposed to simply applying a percentage uplift across the board?

## **6. Motions**

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

That the Third Supplementary Appropriation (2024/25) Bill, 2024 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

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

In accordance with and subject to Section 102 of the Constitution, this House empowers the Financial Secretary to authorise the withdrawal of moneys from the Consolidated Fund in order to meet expenditure necessary to carry on the services or projects of the Government in the financial year commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, until the occurrence of either of the following, whichever is the earliest:

- a) The expiry of four months from the commencement of the 2025/2026 financial year: or
- b) The enactment of the Appropriation Ordinance for the financial year 2025/2026.

## **7. Adjournment Debate**

### **Written Question**

#### **The Hon Karl Thrower to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister provide a written report detailing the total expenses claimed by all Elected members since the last General Election, along with a full breakdown of all costs associated with the functioning of the Legislative Council during this period?



### 1) For Written reply

The Hon Karl Thrower

Will the Honourable Chief Minister provide a written report detailing the total expenses claimed by all Elected members since the last General Election, along with a full breakdown of all costs associated with the functioning of the Legislative Council during this period?

#### Response

Please see below the information requested:

### **EXPENSES - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OFFICE**

	<b>OCTOBER 21- MARCH 2022</b>	<b>2022-23 FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>2023-24 FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>APRIL 2024- FEBRUARY 2025</b>
STAFF SALARIES*	£14,250.55	£37,745.00	£37,201.00	£38,255.00
STAFF MILEAGE ALLOWANCE	£0.00	£44.00	£26.00	£72.00
STAFF ACTING ALLOWANCES	£181.51	£373.00	£1,354.00	£0.00
PUBLIC SECTOR PENSIONS	£18,814.60	£54,275.00	£53,400.00	£47,485.00
COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	£705.12	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
COMPUTER CONSUMABLES	£1,142.50	£968.00	£435.00	£0.00
PUBLICITY & PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES	£1,741.00	£2,570.00	£4,066.00	£3,943.00
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	£2,791.40	£167.00	£0.00	
OTHER ADMINISTRATION COSTS	£1,913.46	£2,424.00	£2,488.00	£1,460.00
ADVERTISING	£940.00	£1,559.00	£2,114.00	£1,051.00
STATIONARY	£124.05	£27.00	£15.00	£66.00
TELEPHONE & INTERNET CHARGES	£757.95	£1,689.00	£2,172.00	£1,179.00
BANK CHARGES	£45.00	£30.00	£57.00	£135.00
COUNCILLOR EXPENSES*	£174,580.33	£369,244.00	£390,171.00	£344,427.00
ELECTION EXPENSES	£4,799.31	£950.00	£850.00	£2,448.00

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION	£3,933.03	£10,000.00	£25,477.00	£37,097.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PROFESSIONAL BODIES	£180.00	£60.00	£0.00	£135.00
SERVICE TAX	£75.80	£169.00	£217.00	£118.00
OTHER RECHARGES	£11,024.42	£340.00	£0.00	
CUSTOMS RECHARGE	£0.00	£283.00	£66.00	£49.00
TRANSPORT RECHARGE	£0.00	£32.00	£0.00	
IT RECHARGE	£5,357.42	£7,525.00	£11,535.00	£11,413.00
TOTAL	£243,357.45	£490,474.00	£531,644.00	£489,333.00

\* Includes salary for Secretary to Executive Council

\* Includes mileage claims (total claims also shown separately below)

#### **MLCS MILEAGE CLAIMS**

##### **2021-22**

Feb-22            £157.95

##### **2022-23**

May-22           £81.90

Jul-22            £13.65

Aug-22           £482.87

Nov-22           £218.68

Dec-22           £95.12

##### **2023-24**

Apr-23           £146.30

Jul-23            £308.62

Aug-23           £197.38

Sep-23           £116.27

**2024-25**

Apr-24	£115.50
May-24	£81.80
Sep-24	£20.00
Mar-25	£7.00

**TOTAL**                    **£2,043.04**

**COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION EVENTS**

	<b>OCTOBER 2021 - MARCH 2022</b>	<b>2022-23 FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>2023-24 FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>APRIL 2024 - FEBRUARY 2025</b>
Travel	£0.00	£0.00	£885.94	£0.00
Visa Costs	£0.00	£43.00	£123.00	£195.35
Insurance cover	£116.06	£153.92	£224.85	£37.54
Hotel Accommodation	£1,690.00	£3,252.13	£2,187.25	£1,655.91
Subsistence	£1,875.35	£4,623.67	£2,816.84	£662.69
Transport	£377.24	£527.18	£84.51	£105.05
Other eg COVID tests	£138.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Broadband for Deputy Speaker	190.88	193.62	£0.00	£0.00
Refreshments for CPA Events	280.33	98.33	121.73	£0.00
Training expenses from CPA UK	£0.00	1662.5	1066.84	£0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,667.86</b>	<b>£10,554.35</b>	<b>£7,510.96</b>	<b>£2,656.54</b>