



**ST HELENA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

# **ORDER PAPER**

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

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**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 10am  
at the St Helena Community College**

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

- SP 22/2025 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Companies (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025  
Rectification Order 2025
- SP 23/2025 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – A Bill for an Ordinance – Appropriation Bill,  
2025
- SP 24/2025 *(Hon Minister for Treasury & Economic Development)*  
St Helena Government – Estimates of Recurrent and Capital  
Expenditure and Revenue 2025/26 - 2027/28
- SP 25/2025 *(Hon Robert Midwinter)*  
St Helena Legislative Council – Select Committee 1 – Environment  
Natural Resources & Planning Report to Implement Fisheries  
Recommendations (6 Month Progress at April 2025)

- SP 26/2025 (*Hon Robert Midwinter*)  
St Helena Legislative Council – Select Committee 1 – Environment  
Natural Resources & Planning Report to Implement Agriculture  
Recommendations (6 month Progress Report - April 2025)
- SP 27/2025 (*Hon Chief Minister*)  
St Helena Government – Proceedings of Legislative Council – Friday,  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Second Sitting of the Thirteenth Meeting
- SP 28/2025 (*Hon Chief Minister*)  
St Helena Government – Proceedings of Legislative Council –  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – First Sitting of the Eighteenth Meeting
- SP 29/2025 (*Hon Chief Minister*)  
St Helena Government – Proceedings of Legislative Council – Friday  
6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – Second Sitting of the Eighteenth Meeting

## **5. Questions**

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, what impact this year's budgetary aid settlement will have on plans to reform the Island's Primary School Provision, and if she will make a statement in this respect?

### **2. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Minister for Health and Social Care:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care tell this House what measures are in place – including provision of suitable accommodation – to meet the needs of persons with mental health issues who require placement in a secure facility for longer than 72 hours?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development provide an update on the progress of attracting Blockchain development to St Helena; specifically how much funding is being allocated to this initiative, what benefits can we expect, and when are these benefits likely to materialise?

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

Can the Honourable Minister for Environment, Natural Resources & Planning outline what St Helena Government is doing to address the spread of invasive White Weed across the island?

**5. 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 why the Loan Balances Recoverable by St Helena Government at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, does not contain loans previously given by Enterprise St Helena that were handed over to St Helena Government when the Organisation closed in March 2021?

**6. The Hon Gillian Brooks to ask the Hon Chief Minister:**

Will the Honourable Chief Minister inform this House of the number of reported incidents of either smoking or vaping that has occurred at the islands Secondary School over the last three years and what is in place to address this?

**7. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs tell this Council, when the last general review of the Island's speed limits was undertaken and, noting in particular how vehicle usage and populated areas have changed and developed in recent years, if his Portfolio will consider undertaking a general review of speed limits?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House why participation by Secondary School students was so limited in the recent Careers Fair, and what lessons have been learned from this event?

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

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care inform this House, how is the cost incurred to St Helena for incidents under the Safety of Life at Sea International obligation, fully recovered?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, what progress has been made regarding the unfreezing of UK State Pensions that are paid in St Helena since the signing of the BIOT Partnership Agreement with HM Government in October of last year?

**11. The Hon Gillian Brooks to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:**

Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this House, if and what consideration he is giving to annual indexation of Public Service Pensions,

particularly now that His Majesty's Government has agreed to extend indexation of UK pensions to St Helena?

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

Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House why a decision was taken at a late stage in project implementation to concrete the break bulk yard at Rupert's, and what additional cost has been incurred as the result?

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

As stated by UK Ministers, can the Honourable Minister for Treasury and Economic Development inform this House why the Income Tax levied on St Helena is the highest rates compared to other British Overseas Territories and the reason for this?

**6. Motions**

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

That the Appropriation Bill, 2025 be approved in principle and referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.

**7. Adjournment Debate**

## Written Question

### 1. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury and Economic Development:

To tell this Council, further to the written question raised in this House on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025, if he will provide this Council with the following additional information:

Total number of businesses registered with the Tax Office which paid tax during:

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/2020	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
62	67	74	79	81	93	94	105	111	119

Total number of individuals registered as Self Employed with the Tax Office who paid during:

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/2020	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
401	416	442	463	474	494	496	484	473	478

### Response:

The total number of businesses registered with the Tax Office during these tax years which were liable for payment of taxes are as follows:

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
16	12	22	18	22	21	18	26	19	24

The total number of individuals registered as Self Employed with the Tax Office during these tax years which were liable for payment of taxes are as follows:

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
216	271	231	248	226	217	184	172	181	174