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**Pacific regional seminar on the implementation of the Fourth International
Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism:
innovative steps to ensure the attainment of the Sustainable Development**

**Madam Chairperson,
excellencies,
honourable delegates,
ladies and gentlemen.**

self-determination and ensuring that once made, that decision is

globally supported is essential in a world which is increasingly
moving towards tighter and tighter global economic and global

Constitutional Amendment Order was made by Order in Council and laid before the UK Parliament in July 2021. The order came into effect on 25 October 2021. The Order made provision for the

introduction of a ministerial system of government to replace the previous committee system.

On the 23nd of October 2021, a general election was held, and the

For the 2022/23 financial year, our recurrent budget & total financial

million, including £26.79 million for core budget support, £2.8 million for airport operations and £2.1 million for conditional contingency funding.

One of the largest overseas projects ever undertaken by the UK was the construction of St Helena's first airport, which opened in 2016. The UK provided funding for the airport project totalling over £246

for natural population change to remedy the situation in the foreseeable future. The small size of our community also makes it

difficult for local businesses across all sectors to realise any economies of scale.

These and other challenges threaten to hamper the Island's development gains and achievements made towards moving the