

STATES OF JERSEY



BUDGET 2006: FIFTH AMENDMENT (P.273/2005) – COMMENTS

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The Finance and Economics Committee is not opposed in principle to the free provision of TV licences to those aged 75 and over where funding is available and is properly allocated to address issues of hardship.

However the States have already agreed the cash limits of the Committees in approving the States Business Plan 2006-2010 and bringing forward a proposal in this fashion does not allow the States the opportunity to prioritise such a benefit against all other States benefits and services. The Finance and Economics Committee strongly believes that Members should consider expenditure priorities against each other in a properly researched and planned prioritisation and that this must be the correct approach to managing the States' budget and funding of projects.

The Committee notes that the financial implications of this amendment are neutral.