

**THE STATES assembled on Wednesday,  
1st December 1999 at 9.30 a.m. under  
the Presidency of the Bailiff,  
Sir Philip Bailhache.**

All members were present with the exception of-

Senator John Stephen Rothwell - out of the Island  
Senator Jean Amy Le Maistre - excused  
Senator Wendy Kinnard - ill  
Kenneth Priaulx Vibert, Connétable of St. Ouen - ill  
Imogen Stephanie Nicholls, Deputy of Grouville - ill  
Philip John Rondel, Deputy of St. John - out of the Island  
Graeme Ernest Rabet, Deputy of St. Helier - out of the Island

Prayers

**Use of a private security firm in Morier House St. Helier - question and answer** (Tape No. 560)

Deputy Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire of St. Helier asked the Connétable of St. John, President of the Public Services Committee, the following question -

“Would the President inform members -

- (a) of the reasons why employees of a private security firm are now being stationed at the Security Desk at Morier House instead of the States’ employees who were employed when the building opened last year?
- (b) of the cost savings and other benefits of holding a contract with a private security firm compared to using States’ employees for these duties?
- (c) whether or not the States of Jersey Police have been asked for their professional opinion of the current security arrangements and future changes to present arrangements?”

The President of the Public Services Committee replied as follows -

“(a) When Morier House was nearing completion, the Public Services Committee was requested to provide a full “facilities management” service for the new building and its occupants. This package provides for all maintenance services within the building including office cleaning, exterior and window cleaning and all building maintenance works. It also includes the provision of front of house reception facilities.

When the building opened it was agreed that front of house reception staff would not be permanently recruited until the States debate on outsourcing had taken place. Initially, two staff were recruited on short-term contracts, but when one left the service it proved extremely difficult to recruit suitable staff for this service. For a number of months the department had considerable difficulties in providing the front of house service to Morier House. In view of this difficulty it was decided to employ a contractor in order to fill the vacant position.

Officers of my Department and the States Personnel Department consulted with the Civil Service Staff Side and agreed the proposed arrangements.

- (b) The costs associated with employing a private firm to provide front of house reception facilities is approximately £9,000 higher than the cost of employing two members of staff on a permanent basis, including provisions for holidays and sickness.

It should nevertheless be noted that posts do not exist for this service within the Public Services Department and if they were to be provided from within the existing head count, other services would have to be reduced.

The benefit of using a private contractor that specialises in this work is that he will have the necessary resources to deploy when staff are on annual leave or sick leave.

- (c) When the building was nearing completion, the States of Jersey Police Crime Prevention Section were asked to give advice on security aspects of the building to the developers, the Property Services Department.

Arising from those discussions was the requirement for a front of house reception facility to ensure that all visitors to the building were given a point of contact so that they could be directed to the appropriate section.”

#### **Draft Public Finances (Administration) (Amendment No. 9) (Jersey) Law 199 - P.165/99**

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law entitled the Public Finances (Administration) (Amendment No. 9) (Jersey) Law 199 .

#### **Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974, as amended: 7th category (entertainment) licences - P.151/99**

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Tourism Committee concerning the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974, as amended: 7th category (entertainment) licences. After discussion the Deputy of St. Martin, Vice-President of the Tourism Committee, withdrew the proposition.

#### **Draft Hire Cars (No. 9) (Jersey) Regulations 199 - P.170/99**

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 22A of the Hire Cars (Jersey) Law 1964, as amended, made Regulations entitled the Hire Cars (No. 9) (Jersey) Regulations 1999.

#### **Draft Public Service Vehicles (Fees) (Amendment No. 10) (Jersey) Regulations 199 - P.171/99**

THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 49A and 54 of the Motor Traffic (Jersey) Law 1935, as amended, made Regulations entitled the Public Service Vehicles (Fees) (Amendment No. 10) (Jersey) Regulations 1999.

#### **Establishment of a Home Affairs Committee - P.174/99**

#### **Amendment P.182/99. Comments P.174/99 Com.**

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee on the establishment of a Home Affairs Committee and rejected an amendment of the Prison Board that clause (ii) of sub-paragraph (c) should be deleted.

Members present voted as follows -

**Connétables**

St. John, Trinity, St. Saviour, St. Clement.

**Deputies**

H. Baudains(C), Coutanche(L), S. Baudains(H), Duhamel(S), St. Martin, Le Main(H), G. Baudains(C)

**“Contre” (27)**

**Senators**

Horsfall, Stein, Quérée, Bailhache, Syvret, Norman, Walker.

**Connétables**

St. Lawrence, Grouville, St. Helier, St. Martin, St. Brelade.

## Deputies

Wavell(S), Le Sueur(H), St. Mary, Trinity, Pullin(S), Johns(H), Routier(H), Layzell(B), Breckon(S), Huet (H), Crowcroft(H), Vibert(B), St. Peter, Dubras(L), Le Claire(H).

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee referred to their Act dated 8th September 1998, in which they agreed to charge the Policy and Resources Committee to develop further the work so far undertaken on the formation, organisation and responsibilities of the Home Affairs Committee; and

- (a) approved, in principle, the renaming of the Defence Committee as the Home Affairs Committee with effect from 9th December 1999;
- (b) agreed that a Chief Executive Officer of the Home Affairs Committee should be appointed as soon as possible following the date of its establishment;
- (c) approved in principle the transfer to the Home Affairs Committee, as soon as possible following the date of its establishment, of -
  - (i) the functions of the Defence Committee;
  - (ii) the functions of the Prison Board;
  - (iii) the responsibility for the Crime and Drugs Strategy Unit;
  - (iv) financial responsibility for the Probation Department from the Finance and Economics Committee;
  - (v) responsibility for the functions of the Customs and Excise Department relating to administration and drug enforcement from the Finance and Economics Committee;
- (d) charged the Home Affairs Committee from the time of its establishment to take the necessary steps to amend the relevant legislation to enable it to discharge all its responsibilities, but in particular those responsibilities relevant for the development and implementation of a strategy to bear upon all matters relating to the level and consequences of crime in Jersey.

Members present voted as follows -

**“Pour” (38)**

## Senators

Horsfall, Stein, Quérée, Bailhache, Syvret, Norman.

## Connétables

St. Lawrence, St. Mary, Grouville, St. Helier, St. Martin, St. John, Trinity, St. Clement, St. Brelade.

## Deputies

Wavell(S), H. Baudains(C), Le Sueur(H), Coutanche(L), St. Mary, S. Baudains(H), Trinity, Pullin(S), Johns(H), Duhamel(S), Routier(H), Layzell(B), Breckon(S), Huet(H), St. Martin, Le Main(H), Crowcroft (H), Vibert(B), St. Peter, Dubras(L), St. Ouen, G. Baudains(C), Le Claire(H).

**“Contre” (0)**

**Senator Jean Amy Le Maistre - attendance**

Senator Jean Amy Le Maistre was present following the luncheon adjournment.

**Draft Defence Committee (Change of Name) (Jersey) Act 199 - P.183/99**

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 29 of the States of Jersey Law 1966, as amended, made an Act entitled the Defence Committee (Change of Name) (Jersey) Act 1999.

**Draft Community Provisions (Ban on supply to Indonesia of equipment for internal repression or terrorism) (Jersey) Regulations 199 - P188/99**

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 2 of the European Communities Legislation (Implementation) (Jersey) Law 1996 made Regulations entitled the Community Provisions (Ban on supply to Indonesia of equipment for internal repression or terrorism) (Jersey) Regulations 1999.

**Draft Community Provisions (Prohibiting the sale and supply of petroleum and certain petroleum products to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) (No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 199 - P.189/99**

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 2 of the European Communities (Implementation) (Jersey) Law 1996, made Regulations entitled the Community Provisions (Prohibiting the sale and supply of petroleum and certain petroleum products to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia) (No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 1999.

**Strategic Planning - population ceiling - P.110/99  
Comments - P.110/99 Com**

THE STATES commenced consideration a proposition of Deputy James Thomas Johns of St. Helier requesting them to refer to their Act dated 28th September 1995, in which they approved strategic policies to the year 2000 and beyond, and which included an objective that “the resident population be the same as, or less than, the current level” and -

- (a) to agree to adopt the objective of maintaining the Island’s resident population at the level current in September 1995 as their overriding strategic objective to which all policy objectives of Committees would be subordinated, until the States decided otherwise;
- (b) to charge the Policy and Resources Committee to put in place all the operational and support structures necessary -
  - (i) to implement the objective in sub-paragraph (a);
  - (ii) to monitor continuously the Island’s population numbers, both resident and non-resident;

and to report back to the States by the end of March 2000 on its progress in implementing sub-paragraphs (b)(i) and (b)(ii).

THE STATES rejected sub-paragraph (a) and accordingly sub-paragraph (b) was not considered.

Members present voted on sub-paragraph (a) as follows -

**“Pour” (15)**

**Senators**

Le Maistre, Quérée, Bailhache, Syvret.

**Connétables**

Grouville, St. Helier, St. Martin, Trinity.

**Deputies**

S. Baudains(H), Johns(H), Breckon(S), Huet(H), St. Ouen, G. Baudains(C), Le Claire(H).

**“Contre” (21)**

**Senators**

Horsfall, Stein, Walker.

**Connétables**

St. Lawrence, St. Mary, St. Peter, St. Saviour, St. Clement.

**Deputies**

H. Baudains(C), Le Sueur(H), Coutanche(L), St. Mary, Trinity, Pullin(S), Routier(H), St. Martin, Le Main(H), Crowcroft(H), Vibert(B), St. Peter, Dubras(L).

**Change in Presidency**

The Bailiff retired from the Chamber during consideration of the proposition of Deputy James Thomas Johns of St. Helier on strategic planning population ceiling (P.110/99 - lodged “au Greffe” on 27th July 1999) and the meeting continued under the Presidency of the Greffier of the States, Geoffrey Henry Charles Coppock, Esquire.

THE STATES rose at 6.13 p.m.

**G.H.C. COPPOCK**

*Greffier of the States.*