

STATES OF JERSEY



PROVISION OF STATES MEMBERS' LUNCHEAS AT CERTAIN MEETINGS AND CAR PARKING

Lodged au Greffe on 7th October 2009
by Senator S.C. Ferguson

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PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

- (a) to refer to their Act dated 24th September 2009 in which they agreed that the provision of free lunches for members on States meeting days and during scrutiny panel, PAC and PPC meetings should be ceased from 1st January 2010, and to vary that decision and agree that the provision of free lunches should continue for scrutiny panels, PAC and PPC with the cost being met from the budget of the States Assembly and its services as agreed in the Annual Business Plan 2010;
- (b) to agree that the provision of free parking for States members should cease from 1st January 2010 and that any member wishing to use a parking space set aside for members after that date should be required to pay for parking at the normal public parking charge rate.

SENATOR S.C. FERGUSON

REPORT

The concept of removing the sandwich and fruit lunches when these are part of a working Scrutiny or Public Accounts Committee lunch was, as one of the proponents said in the coffee room, a mistake.

This proposition amends that mistake.

The second part of the proposition deals with a matter which has been more of a concern to the public. When you have been waiting in a queue for some time to gain entry to a car park and a States member sweeps in to a reserved space, it is incredibly infuriating. Even more so when you consider that they do not pay for the privilege.

My amendment is quite simple. States members retain their reserved spaces but they pay the standard monthly parking charge for the privilege. This means they retain the convenience of being able to get to meetings. At the moment members have the double privilege of free parking and a reserved space. There will still be the privilege of a reserved space but there will be a fair payment for that privilege.

Financial and manpower implications

No additional manpower requirements are envisaged and the cost of parking, to be deducted from each States members' salary, is about £1,140 a year or £94.75 a month at current rates.