

STATES OF JERSEY



FUNDING FOR WOMEN'S REFUGE (P.124/2014): COMMENTS

Presented to the States on 8th September 2014
by the Minister for Treasury and Resources

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COMMENTS

All States Departments have placed a very high priority on addressing the serious issues of understanding the scale, dealing with the causes, dealing with the perpetrators and, most importantly, giving help to victims of domestic violence. Domestic violence affects the lives of too many. The Minister for Treasury and Resources strongly supports this agenda.

Whilst recognising the vital work carried out by the Jersey Women's Refuge (JWR), the Minister supports the comments of the Minister for Health and Social Services, and notes in particular the previous discussions held by Ministers and Officers of the Children's Policy Group with the JWR on funding matters.

The Minister wishes to clarify the financial and manpower implications statement accompanying P.124/2014 for the benefit of States Members.

Firstly, in effect the proposition *is* seeking additional funding in that the portion of the JWR grant under discussion has already been redeployed to meet an essential and related service need. There would therefore be an additional cost for the Health and Social Services Department.

Secondly, the cost of supporting this proposition is £50,000 from 2015 onwards. £20,000 relates only to the part-year effect of the change in 2014.

The Minister wishes to make clear that no contingency or other funding is available to meet these additional costs. Should the Assembly support the proposition, the Health and Social Services Department will therefore need to make compensating savings from elsewhere within its cash limit.

Statement under Standing Order 37A [Presentation of comment relating to a proposition]

These comments were delivered to the States Greffe after the deadline set out in Standing Order 37A due to the necessity of seeking views during the holiday period.