# DRAFT CRIMINAL JUSTICE (COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS) (JERSEY) LAW 2001 (APPOINTED DAY) ACT 200-

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## STATES OF JERSEY

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#### Report

The above Law was registered in the Royal Court on 2nd March 2001.

Community Service is performed by offenders as an alternative to a custodial sentence. A Community Service Scheme has been in operation in Jersey since 1982. The Community Service Scheme is administered by the equivalent of 3.35 full time staff. During the year 2000, 222 Probation Orders with conditions of Community Service were made by the Jersey Courts. Offenders on community service performed a total of 12,317 hours of unpaid work for the community over the year. Over 20 Jersey charities and other not for profit organisations have benefited from the Scheme over the last twelve months. Seventy-five per cent of Orders which finished during the year 2000 were completed satisfactorily. Only 6 per cent were terminated due to reoffending. 19 per cent were terminated early due to the offender being returned to Court for failure to comply with the terms of their Community Service. It can be seen therefore that Community Service provides a cost effective alternative to a prison sentence for suitable offenders.

As an interim measure, community service has been imposed as a condition of a Probation Order. However, whilst this was a suitable method of establishing the value of a Community Service Scheme, the use of Probation Orders for this purpose is unsatisfactory as a permanent arrangement.

The introduction of the Criminal Justice (Community Service Orders) (Jersey) Law 2001, will place this highly successful scheme within a sound legal framework which will allow for the more efficient administration and management of the scheme.

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States.

### **Explanatory Note**

The purpose of this Act is to appoint 1st June 2001 as the day for the commencement of the Criminal Justice (Community Service Orders) (Jersey) Law 2001 which was adopted by the States on 7th November 2000 (P.141/2000).

### Criminal Justice (Community Service Orders) (Jersey) Law 2001

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(Promulgated on the day of 200-)

#### **STATES OF JERSEY**

The day of 200-

**THE STATES,** in pursuance of Article 13 of the Criminal Justice (Community Service Orders) (Jersey) Law 2001, [11] have made the following Act -

- **1.** The Criminal Justice (Community Service Orders) (Jersey) Law 2001 shall come into force on the first day of June 2001.
- **2.** This Act may be cited as the Criminal Justice (Community Service Orders) (Jersey) Law 2001 (Appointed Day) Act 200-.

<sup>[1]</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 2001, page 50.