

**THE STATES assembled on Friday
21st September 2007, at 09.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of
Mr. Michael Nelson de la Haye,
Greffier of the States.**

All members were present at roll call with the exception of –

Senator Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf – excused attendance
Senator Terence John Le Main– en défaut
Connétable John Le Sueur Gallichan of Trinity – en défaut
Connétable Geoffrey William Fisher of St. Lawrence– en défaut
Connétable Graeme Frank Butcher of St. John– en défaut (défaut raised at 10.03 a.m.)
Deputy Peter Nicholas Troy of St. Brelade– en défaut (défaut raised at 11.12 a.m.)
Deputy Roy George Le Hérissier of St. Saviour– absent on States business
Deputy James Gordon Reed of St. Ouen– absent on States business
Deputy Shona Pitman of St. Helier– en défaut
Deputy Andrew David Lewis of St. John– en défaut
Deputy Juliette Gallichan of St. Mary– absent on States business

Prayers

Appointment of Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services

The Minister for Health and Social Services advised the Assembly that, in accordance with Article 25(1)(a) of the States of Jersey Law 2005, he had appointed Senator James Leslie Perchard as Assistant Minister for Health and Social Services.

Vacancy in the Public Accounts Committee

In accordance with Standing Order 123(2) the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, having thanked Senator James Leslie Perchard for his contribution, gave notice that there was a vacancy in the membership of the Public Accounts Committee.

Vacancy in the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

In accordance with Standing Order 125(1) the Chairman of the Corporate Services Panel, having thanked Senator James Leslie Perchard for his contribution, gave notice that there was a vacancy in the membership of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.

Draft Annual Business Plan 2008 – P.93/2007

THE STATES resumed consideration of paragraph (a) of an amendment of the Public Accounts Committee which sought to amend paragraph (b) of the draft Annual Business Plan 2008, and agreed that the Committee be permitted to withdraw the amendment.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 30

CONTRE: 6

ABSTAIN: 0

Senator F.H. Walker	Connétable of St. Helier
Senator T.A. Le Sueur	Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Senator P.F. Routier	Deputy A. Breckon (S)
Senator M.E. Vibert	Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)
Senator B.E. Shenton	Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Senator F.E. Cohen	Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Senator J.L. Perchard	
Connétable of St. Ouen	
Connétable of St. Clement	
Connétable of Grouville	
Connétable of St. Brelade	
Connétable of St. Martin	
Connétable of St. Saviour	
Deputy J.J. Huet (H)	
Deputy of St. Martin	
Deputy P.N. Troy (B)	
Deputy C.J. Scott Warren (S)	
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)	
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)	
Deputy of Grouville	
Deputy of St. Peter	
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)	
Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)	
Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H)	
Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)	
Deputy D.W. Mezbourian (L)	
Deputy of Trinity	
Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)	
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)	
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)	

Change of Presidency

THE STATES re-assembled after the lunch adjournment under the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff.

Draft Annual Business Plan 2008 – P.93/2007

THE STATES rejected paragraph (a) of an amendment of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, that in paragraph (b) of the draft Annual Business Plan 2008, after the words “set out in Summary Table C, page 45, there be inserted the following words –

“, except that the figure for total States net expenditure in 2008 shall be increased by £600,000, in 2009 by £1,519,000, in 2010 by £1,489,000 and in 2011 by £1,447,000 to extend opportunities for children aged three and four years to access free education, 20 hours per week, during term time, with this education being available to children after they reach their third birthday”.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 10

CONTRE: 25

ABSTAIN: 0

Senator S. Syvret
Senator W. Kinnard

Senator L. Norman
Senator F.H. Walker

Senator M.E. Vibert
Deputy A. Breckon (S)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H)
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator B.E. Shenton
Senator J.L. Perchard
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of St. Martin
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)
Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy A.J.D. Maclean (H)
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)

Deputies Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire of St. Helier and John Alexander Nicholas Le Fondré of St. Lawrence in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106(b), declared an interest in the matter raised by the amendment of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, but remained in the Chamber.

Deputy Deirdre Wendy Mezbourian of St. Lawrence in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106(c) declared an interest in the matter raised by the amendment of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, and withdrew from the Chamber prior to consideration of this item.

THE STATES rejected paragraph (a) of an amendment of Senator Ben Edward Shenton that in paragraph (b) of the draft Annual Business Plan 2008, after the words “set out in Summary Table C, page 45, there should be inserted the words –

“, except that the figure for total States net expenditure in 2009 shall be decreased by £150,000 and in 2010 by £250,000 by reducing the grant paid to the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority”.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 17

Senator B.E. Shenton
Senator J.L. Perchard
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. Brelade
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)

CONTRE: 20

Senator L. Norman
Senator F.H. Walker
Senator W. Kinnard
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. Saviour
Deputy A. Breckon (S)
Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
Deputy C.J. Scott Warren (S)

ABSTAIN: 0

Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H)
Deputy D.W. Mezbourian
(L)
Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)

Deputy of Grouville
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy A.J.D. Maclean (H)
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)

THE STATES, adopting paragraph (b) of the draft Annual Business Plan 2008, agreed that total States net expenditure for each of the years 2008 to 2012 would not exceed the amounts set out in Summary Table C page 45, and agreed to request the Chief Minister to present Annual Business Plans to the States within these amounts, with any additional growth in the net revenue expenditure of a States funded body being offset by compensatory savings elsewhere within the total amounts.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 29

Senator L. Norman
Senator F.H. Walker
Senator W. Kinnard
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator B.E. Shenton
Senator J.L. Perchard
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. Saviour
Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
Deputy C.J. Scott Warren (S)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)
Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)
Deputy D.W. Mezbourian
(L)
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy A.J.D. Maclean (H)
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)

CONTRE: 8

Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of Grouville
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy A. Breckon (S)
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H)

ABSTAIN: 0

Arrangement of Public Business for the present meeting

THE STATES rejected a proposition of Senator Terence Augustine Le Sueur that the Assembly should reconvene

on Monday 24th September 2007, in order to conclude consideration of the draft Annual Business Plan 2008 and the outstanding items of public business.

POUR: 8

Senator L. Norman
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator M.E. Vibert
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)

CONTRE: 29

Senator F.H. Walker
Senator W. Kinnard
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator B.E. Shenton
Senator J.L. Perchard
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of Grouville
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Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
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Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)
Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H)
Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)
Deputy D.W. Mezbourian
(L)
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy A.J.D. Maclean (H)
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)

ABSTAIN: 0

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to continue consideration of the draft Annual Business Plan 2008 and any outstanding items of public business at the beginning of the next meeting on 25th September 2007.

THE STATES rose at 5.47 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Assistant Greffier of the States