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**Lodged au Greffe on 23rd October 2017
by the Minister for Infrastructure**

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For the words “parishes by way of *ex gratia* payments” substitute the words “Department for Infrastructure to be spent on infrastructure projects in each of the parishes”.

MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

REPORT

Members will recall that we were due to debate the Connétable of St. Helier's proposition, P.61/2017, which I supported, at our first Sitting in September. However, after taking advice from H.M. Attorney General, he withdrew [P.61/2017](#) and replaced it with [P.81/2017](#).

As stated in his report to P.81/2017, I have repeatedly voiced that I would like to use the £900k for 2017 on infrastructure projects for each Parish, naturally after consultation with each Connétable. I would do this in the same ratio as if the States had paid rates this year.

The relevant sums are listed below –

Parish	£
Grouville:	3,386.78
St. Brelade:	41,897.48
St. Clement:	25,628.54
St. Helier:	642,130.47
St. John:	3,339.46
St. Lawrence:	4,212.38
St. Martin:	6,526.17
St. Mary:	2,756.95
St. Ouen:	5,027.93
St. Peter:	8,926.62
St. Saviour:	148,390.24
Trinity:	7,737.46
Total:	899,960.48

However, I am not supportive of making *ex gratia* payments by way of a substitute, as I wish to avoid setting a precedent. *Ex gratia* payments have been authorised by the Assembly in the past, but only on occasions when there was good reason for doing so because there was little alternative. I do not believe that, in this instance, the criteria for this Assembly to authorise *ex gratia* payments has been met, as an alternative is available, which is what this amendment is proposing. I would still like the Parishes to be able to benefit from the funds originally allocated for 2017.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from this proposed amendment.