

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th MARCH 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister detail how many “explicit approval” requests were received by her department to increase Government fees and charges in excess of 2.5%, as set out in the [Public Finances Manual](#), and how many were approved, for each of the years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 to date?”

Answer

Under the Public Finances Manual, the Minister, or the Treasurer under delegation from the Minister, can approve increases in Government fees and charges that are in excess of 2.5%. Approvals given for the years 2022 to 2025 are set out in Table 1 below. This approval is not necessary if increases are already agreed by the States Assembly through the Budget. Where increases are approved by the Treasurer under delegation from the Minister, the Treasurer can raise these for discussion with the Minister at her weekly Ministerial Meetings. We do not have records of requests received but not approved.

Year	Department	% increase	Description
2022	Children, Young People, Education and Skills (CYPES)	3.9	Increases in school fees for Jersey College for Girls and Jersey College Preparatory.
2022	CYPES	3.5 & 3	Increases in school fees for Victoria College (3.5%) and Victoria College Preparatory (3%).
2023	CYPES	8	Increases in school fees for Jersey College for Girls and Jersey College Preparatory.
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2023	Infrastructure	8.3	Increase in the public parking places unit cost to fund the Island Road Safety Review (R.185/2021); and additional expenditure budget for Operations and Transport equivalent to the additional fee income in 2023.
2023	CYPES	5	Increases in Higher Education Course fees.
2023	Health and Community Services (HCS) (now Health and Care Jersey (HCJ))	6	Private Patient Tariff increase. This was last updated for 2021.
2023	Customer and Local Services (CLS) (now Employment, Social Security and Housing)	18.26	Increase in fees charged to persons granted Entitled status under Regulation 2(1)(e) of the Control of Housing and Work (Residential and Employment Status) (Jersey) Regulations 2013.
2023	CLS	5	Increase to the fee for Non-Resident Undertakings (NRU) applications. This was to help mitigate the revenue lost to tax exemptions within the 'Budget Measures for Innovation and Enterprise', relating to the 60 day threshold for short-term visitors.
2023	Infrastructure	3.5	Increases in Sports facilities fees (a global update across sports services and facilities).
2023	Infrastructure	2.73	Increases in Driver & Vehicle Standards fees to address the lagging of previous fee increases.
2024	CYPES	8	Increases in school fees for Jersey College for Girls and Jersey College Preparatory.
2024	CYPES	8	Increases in school fees for Victoria College and Victoria College Preparatory.
2024	Infrastructure	7.22	Increase in the public parking places unit cost.
2024	Infrastructure	7.5	Increases in fees and charges (to include commercial tipping fees, asbestos containing materials and organic waste).
2024	HCS	6.6	Increases in the Health & Community Services Non-Eligible Patient Tariff.
2024	CYPES	8	Increases in Highlands College course fees.
2024	HCS	9.5	Private Patient Tariff increase. This is to keep the tariff in line with Jersey RPI and industry-wide medical costs inflation.

2024	Judicial Greffe	415	Fee increase for Enforcement Appeals in 2025 to bring the fee in line with other appeal fees and reflect the cost of handling those appeals. The increase was requested by the Infrastructure and Environment Department but income is received by the Judicial Greffe.
2024	CLS	5	Increase to the fee for Non-Resident Undertakings (NRU) applications.
2025	HCJ	7.95	Private Patient Tariff increase to keep up with industry-wide medical costs inflation which runs ahead of Jersey RPI.