

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **CARBON NEUTRAL STRATEGY 2019 (P.127/2019): AMENDMENT (P.127/2019 Amd.) – AMENDMENT (P.127/2019 Amd.Amd.) – COMMENTS**

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**Presented to the States on 21st February 2020  
by the Minister for the Environment**

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## COMMENTS

### Background

Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier lodged an amendment ([P.127/2019 Amd.Amd.](#)) to [amendment \(1\)](#) to [P.127/2019](#) on 14th February 2020.

### Comments

The Minister supports this amendment and accepts that proposal for the inclusion of a fifth principle in the carbon neutral strategy as worded in the Deputy's report.

The Minister for the Environment notes that the Carbon Neutral Strategy already on page 20 that **'We will reduce income inequality and improve the standard of living...'**. Whilst it is the Minister's view that the proposition and its supporting report are in accordance with the Government and the Assembly's priorities outlined within the Government Plan (page 69) which was adopted in 2019, the Minister recognizes that this is strengthened through the addition of the fifth principle as proposed.

By recognizing this as a fifth principle in the carbon neutral strategy this emphasizes the importance of ensuring a just transition. This proposed amendment will enable the States Assembly to fully understand the economic impacts across the whole of society of the recommendations that are proposed from the citizen's assembly. The amendment means that the impacts of all carbon neutral policy options will be assessed to ensure a just transition to carbon neutrality.

The Minister comments that he welcomes the addition in the amendment of the word 'overall'; this addition is important in ensuring a holistic assessment of the impact of potential policies. Adapting to the impacts of climate change has implications for all members of the community, and we need to ensure that those with the lowest incomes are not disproportionately impacted by the introduction of policy measures. Consideration of impact on 'income inequality', assessing impacts on both income and spend, as against 'financial inequality', will ensure positive social policy interventions are included and we can ensure a just transition to carbon neutrality.

As part of the process of developing the long-term climate action plan a quantification of the economic impact assessment of the policy proposals will be carried out.

The report does not identify that additional financial implications are identified as any policy development will require economic impact assessment as part of the policy development process. However, it may be that as a result of the policies proposed and technical advice required to assess their impacts that additional technical advice will be required. Resources will be provided from the climate emergency fund for this purpose.

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

These comments were submitted to the States Greffe after the noon deadline as set out in Standing Order 37A due to administrative delay.