

STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 28th September 2010

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(Explanatory note attached)

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Lodged: 24th September 2010.
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E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 34(1), the proposer of the following proposition lodged 'au Greffe' has informed the Greffier of the States that it is to be withdrawn –

Ann Alice Rayner Fund: appointment of Jurat.
Lodged: 8th September 2010.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

P.123/2010.

F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Appointment of the Connétable of St. Martin to the Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel.

G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

H. PETITIONS

I. QUESTIONS

(a) – Written Questions *(attached)*

1. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Martin regarding the Human Rights compliance of the Drug Trafficking Law.
2. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Martin regarding the Human Rights compliancy of the Draft Income Tax Law.
3. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier regarding States purchase card expenditure.
4. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier regarding the decommissioning of Bellozanne Incinerator.
5. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. John regarding Air Traffic Controllers.
6. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding companies registered for GST purposes.
7. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier regarding the cost of legal support for Family X.
8. The Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier regarding attendance at States sittings.
9. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier regarding possible taxation initiatives.
10. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier regarding amendments to the Business Plan.
11. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy

M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding the care of vulnerable children.

12. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding the financial status of the Four Seasons Group.
13. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding the imprisonment of a diagnosed schizophrenic.
14. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding zero-ten taxation.
15. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the privatisation or outsourcing of public services.
16. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the impact of public service cuts on vulnerable households.
17. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding postal licences.
18. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the protection of low income households in respect of rent rises.
19. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding respite care.

(b) – Oral Questions

(120 minutes)

1. The Deputy of St. John will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –

“How secure is the States computer system and access to the various data bases and have there been any breaches over the last 3 years through the loss or theft of equipment holding confidential information?”
2. The Connétable of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Does the Minister believe that there is sufficient attention paid to learning about local history in the educational curriculum and will he agree to promote research into and awareness of the significance of such events as those which took place on this day 28th September 1769?”
3. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Will the Minister inform members how many times the Comptroller of Income Tax has used Article 134A of the Income Tax law annually over the past 10 years to prevent aggressive tax avoidance by individuals or companies, how much tax has been recovered from each and what is the estimated additional tax revenue which could be generated from greater attention to tax avoidance?”
4. The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development –

“Given that on 26th September 2007 the States approved P.117/2007 and requested the Minister to review the fee structure relating to the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974 and for the review to be finalised and the findings published no later than 1st August 2008, will he inform members why the findings have not been finalised and how much revenue has been lost due to the freezing of fees in 2007?”

5. Senator S.C. Ferguson will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Would the Minister confirm whether there are currently 4 doctors acting as a collegiate Medical Director and, if so, would she explain why this is the case when Verita recommended that a new independent medical director should be employed?”

6. Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee –

“Given that, unlike our counterparts in Guernsey, the Assembly regularly becomes inquorate despite Members being required to attend (unless ill or otherwise excused) under the States of Jersey Law, the Code of Conduct and, most importantly of all, being paid by the taxpayer to do so, will the Committee agree to look into the possibility of withholding the salaries of Members who leave sitting for many hours for unofficial reasons?”

7. Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“How does the States protect employees raising serious concerns under the ‘whistleblowing’ policy from reprisals?”

8. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing –

“Could the Minister advise the Assembly how many people, since the onset of the recession in Jersey, have been housed, or are currently waiting to be housed by his Department as a result of having been made redundant and/or losing their houses due to repossession by banks or other home lenders?”

9. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Will the Minister inform members if there are any plans to increase the amount of bed space and/or the level of staffing at Oakwell respite home and, if not, what guarantees can she give that in future children who need long term care outside the home will not be put into this facility which currently caters for short-term respite care?”

10. Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Given the recent tragic death of a baby boy in Jersey due to persistent pulmonary hypertension, a condition which affects one in 500 births and may have been averted if nitric oxide was administered, what steps, if any, are being taken to ensure that there are supplies of nitric oxide and a trained administrator in the General Hospital from now on?”

11. Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Does the Minister consider that there will be an increase in those requiring Income Support as a result of the savings agreed as part of the Annual Business Plan 2011, and, if so, will the

majority of the cost be borne by those in 'middle Jersey' rather than the Island's wealthy residents?"

12. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Following the news that a child with liver damage from alcohol abuse who had not attended school for 18 months and was also the alleged victim of sexual abuse had to be ‘locked up’ because no appropriate accommodation was available, will the Minister inform members whether she considers this situation satisfactory and what steps, if any, she has already taken to ensure this does not happen again?”

13. The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources -

“Will the Minister inform Members of the current use of Haut de la Garenne and whether any decision has been taken for its long term future?”

14. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Will the Minister state the number of Income Tax investigations into transfer-pricing, re-invoicing, licensing, thin capitalisation, corporate restructuring, inversions or the transfer of local ownership of non-finance companies to foreign ownership (thereby taking advantage of the zero-ten rules) under Article 134A of the Income Tax Law ?”

15. Senator S.C. Ferguson will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Would the Minister advise whether a number of hospital doctors are presently prevented from practising their contracted clinical duties and, if so, state what grades of doctor, what specialties, how long they have been affected and outline precisely what work are they permitted to undertake (whether that be personal study or office work only; observing but not practising clinical work or limited clinical work)?”

16. The Deputy of St. John will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Is the Minister concerned that the introduction of another telephone company to the Island will dilute the profits of Jersey Telecom; would he advise whether the States has any direct or indirect holding in any of the rival telephone companies, and, if so, which ones, and have any of the directors of the newly licensed company ever held directorships within any companies owned or controlled by the States?”

17. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

“Would the Minister confirm that his Department only advertises genuine vacant positions and that all positions so advertised are open to all States employees?”

(c) – Questions to Ministers without notice (30 minutes) –

1st question period – Minister for Social Security

2nd question period – Chief Minister

J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Connétable of Grouville, Chairman of the Jersey Tidal Power Commission will make a statement regarding the work of the Commission to date.

L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

Public Sector cuts and alternative taxation measures. P.113/2010.
Lodged: 17th August 2010.
Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

Public Sector cuts and alternative taxation measures (P.113/2010): comments. P.113/2010.
Presented: 9th September 2010. Com.
Council of Ministers.

Jersey Financial Services Commission: Companies' Register. P.87/2010.
Lodged: 22nd June 2010.
Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier.

Financial and manpower statements in Propositions: revised procedures. P.92/2010.
Lodged: 30th June 2010.
Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier.

Financial and manpower statements in Propositions: revised procedures (P.92/2010) – comments. P.92/2010.
Presented: 22nd September 2010. Com.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Sites of Special Interest: removal from list. P.96/2010.
Lodged: 7th July 2010.
Senator J.L. Perchard.

Sites of Special Interest: removal from list (P.96/2010) – comments. P.96/2010.
Presented: 13th September 2010. Com.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

Recycling of waste materials: identification of suitable sites. P.97/2010.
Lodged: 9th July 2010.
Deputy of St. John.

Jersey Law Commission: appointment of Commissioner. P.98/2010.
Lodged: 9th July 2010.
Chief Minister.

Terrorist Asset-Freezing Bill: extension of a clause to Jersey. P.105/2010.
Lodged: 26th July 2010.
Chief Minister.

Draft Drug Trafficking Offences (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 201. P.106/2010.
Lodged: 27th July 2010.
Minister for Home Affairs.

Draft Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Act 201-. Lodged: 27th July 2010. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.107/2010.
Ratification of the Agreement for the exchange of information relating to tax matters between the States of Jersey and the Portuguese Republic. Lodged: 27th July 2010. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.108/2010.
Work and Residence Permits: establishment of working group. Lodged: 30th July 2010. <i>Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier.</i>	P.109/2010.
Work and Residence Permits: establishment of working group (P.109/2010) – comments. Presented: 22nd September 2010. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.109/2010. Com.
Draft Census (Jersey) Regulations 201-. Lodged: 30th July 2010. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.110/2010.
Esplanade Quarter: Planning Obligation Agreement – endorsement. Lodged: 5th August 2010. <i>Deputy of St. John.</i>	P.111/2010.
Disabled Persons: Badges for Motor Vehicles – single or double amputees. Lodged: 17th August 2010. <i>Senator F. du H. Le Gresley.</i>	P.112/2010.
Draft Sea Fisheries (Trawling, Netting and Dredging) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. Lodged: 17th August 2010. <i>Minister for Economic Development.</i>	P.114/2010.
Greville Bathe Fund: appointment of Jurat. Lodged: 8th September 2010. <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.122/2010.

M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

12th October 2010

Samarès Nursery site, St. Clement: removal from draft Island Plan– petition. Lodged: 20th April 2010. <i>Connétable of St. Clement.</i>	P.49/2010.
Samarès Nursery site, St. Clement: removal from draft Island Plan– petition (P.49/2010) – comments. Presented: 28th June 2010. <i>Minister for Planning and Environment.</i>	P.49/2010. Com.
Property and Infrastructure Regeneration: the States of Jersey Development Company Limited. Lodged: 7th June 2010.	P.73/2010.

Council of Ministers.

Property and Infrastructure Regeneration: the States of Jersey Development Company Limited (P.73/2010) – amendment. P.73/2010.
Lodged: 25th June 2010. Amd.
Senator B.E. Shenton.

Property and Infrastructure Regeneration: the States of Jersey Development Company Limited (P.73/2010) – amendment (P.73/2010 Amd.)– comments. P.73/2010.
Presented: 15th September 2010. Amd.Com.
Council of Ministers.

Le Clos Gosset: upgrade of heating system– petition. P.102/2010.
Lodged: 19th July 2010.
Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour.

Social Security Scheme: amendments. P.117/2010.
Lodged: 20th August 2010.
Senator A. Breckon.

Composition of the States: Spring Election and move to 4 year term of office. P.118/2010.
Lodged: 20th August 2010.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Composition of the States: Spring Election and move to 4 year term of office (P.118/2010) – amendment. P.118/2010.
Lodged: 23rd September 2010. Amd.
Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier.

User Pays charges: use of the trade marks “Jersey Royal” or “Jersey Royals” (words) and the Jersey Royal Logo. P.119/2010.
Lodged: 20th August 2010.
Minister for Economic Development.

Machinery of Government: establishment of Ministerial Boards and revised system of Scrutiny. P.120/2010.
Lodged: 26th August 2010.
Senator A. Breckon.

Machinery of Government: establishment of Ministerial Boards and revised system of Scrutiny (P.120/2010) – comments. P.120/2010.
Presented: 22nd September 2010. Com.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Machinery of Government: establishment of Ministerial Boards and revised system of Scrutiny (P.120/2010) – amendment. P.120/2010.
Lodged: 23rd September 2010. Amd.
Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier.

Children (Jersey) Law 2002: appointment of children’s guardians and advocates in court proceeding. P.124/2010.
Lodged: 13th September 2010.
Deputy of St. Martin.

19th October 2010

Draft Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 201-. P.101/2010.
Lodged: 19th July 2010.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Jersey Finance Ltd.: matched funding. P.126/2010.
Lodged: 24th September 2010.
Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.

2nd November 2010

Media Relations: Code of Conduct. P.100/2010.
Lodged: 15th July 2010.
Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Media Relations: Code of Conduct (P.100/2010) – amendment. P.100/2010.
Lodged: 2nd September 2010. Amd.
Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour.

North of Town Masterplan (Revised). P.103/2010.
Lodged: 19th July 2010.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

North of Town Masterplan (Revised) (P.103/2010): addendum. P.103/2010.
Presented: 3rd August 2010. Add.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

North of Town Masterplan (Revised) (P.103/2010): second amendment. P.103/2010.
Lodged: 9th August 2010. Amd.(2)
Deputy A.K.F. Green of St. Helier.

Draft Community Provisions (Bovine Embryos) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. P.115/2010.
Lodged: 17th August 2010.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

Draft Health Insurance Fund (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law 201-. P.125/2010.
Lodged: 13th September 2010.
Minister for Social Security.

16th November 2010

Planning and Building Law: repeal of Minister's power to grant permission that P.78/2010.
is inconsistent with the Island Plan.
Lodged: 10th June 2010.
Senator B.E. Shenton.

Sustainable Transport Policy. P.104/2010.
Lodged: 19th July 2010.
Minister for Transport and Technical Services

7th December 2010

Draft Income Tax (Amendment No. 36) (Jersey) Law 201-. P.121/2010.
Lodged: 27th August 2010.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Greffier of the States

23rd September 2010

Note –

In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2010 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th September 2010.

Explanatory Note regarding subordinate legislation tabled at this meeting.

(See Item B)

R&O.94/2010.

Article 1 of this Order adds to the list of drugs in Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law 1979 (the "Law") which specifies drugs which are subject to control as Class B drugs under the Law.

Article 2 adds to the list of drugs in Part 1 of the Schedule to the Misuse of Drugs (Designation) (Jersey) Order 1989, which designates them as controlled drugs which it is unlawful to produce, possess or supply in Jersey.

Article 3 adds to the list of drugs that are Schedule 1 drugs for the purposes of the Misuse of Drugs (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 2009.

The Order was made on 10th September 2010 and came into force on 17th September 2010.

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

1. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to the following question asked by the Deputy of St. Martin –

“Will the Minister inform Members why, in his view, the Draft Drug Trafficking Offences (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 201- (P.106/2010) is convention compliant and what Articles are relevant?”

2. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by the Deputy of St. Martin –

“Given that in response to my written question dated 13th September 2010 (No. 5602) the Minister for Treasury and Resources stated that the Draft Income Tax (Amendment No. 35) (Jersey) Law 201- was considered convention compliant because it applied the existing Income Tax Law (which already applied to partnerships) to the new Partnerships Laws, would the Minister advise why the existing Income Tax Law is convention compliant and what Articles are relevant?”

3. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier –

“How much money was spent on purchase cards by Chief Officers in the last 2 years by department and how much was spent by their secretaries on purchase cards for the same period?”

4. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier –

“When the new Energy from Waste plant is brought into use what will be the timetable for the decommissioning of the Bellozanne Incinerator, when will the chimney be removed along with the plant, when will the old incinerator be extinguished for the last time and what materials will be burnt in it until that time and why?”

5. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to the following question asked by the Deputy of St. John –

“When NATS (National Air Traffic Services) took over from the local Air Traffic Controllers (ATC) at Jersey Airport, was a j category post created and, if so, has any local person now been trained to take on this post?”

Has a second j category post been applied for by NATS and, if so, for which post?

Why was NATS chosen as sole supplier for the new ATC Centre, did this go out to tender under Financial Directions 5.7 and if not, why not

Was the Senior Air Traffic Control Officer (SATCO) influential in supplying the ATC Centre and was SATCO aware of the budget?

Did the NATS appointed SATCO and the Consultant have any input in the decision to make Air Traffic Assistants redundant?”

6. The Minister for Treasury and Resource will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“Will the Minister produce for members a list of non-finance companies registered for GST with a turnover greater than the GST threshold of £300,000 p.a.?”

Will he also inform members of how the list divides between –

- a) those companies whose beneficial owners are not resident in Jersey, and are therefore not subject to a 20% tax rate, and
- b) those companies whose beneficial owners are resident in Jersey and are subject to the 20% tax rate?

Will he further update members on the progress of consultations with industry representatives on what tax structures could be put in place to replace zero/ten to ensure that a fair balance is achieved between personal and company taxation?

When will the Minister be bringing a Green Paper on company taxation to match his recent Green Paper on personal taxes?”

7. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier –

“Following allegations that the refusal of the Minister’s two predecessors to accept advice that the children of Family X needed to receive treatment and support in the UK resulted in an unnecessary cost of £600,000, and in light of great public concern being expressed at the wasting of taxpayers’ money and the decision to close facilities such as the hydro-pool and cut back on some public services, will the Minister advise whether this £600,000 is being paid for from the Health budget or whether the bill will be met separately by the Island's taxpayers?”

8. The Chairman of Privileges and Procedures Committee will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier –

“Given that attendance throughout States Sittings is required under the States of Jersey Law unless ill, on official States business or otherwise excused by the Assembly and that all States Members are effectively being paid by the Island’s taxpayers to attend these meetings (for usually six and a half hours per day for two or three days per fortnightly throughout the year with an hour and a half lunch break) in order that Members can listen to and analyse any arguments made in support of or against propositions so that they may then vote from an informed position in the best interests of the taxpaying public, will the Chairman clarify what sanctions, if any, can be brought against Members who abuse the allotted lunch hour to return hours late and/or regularly leave the States building premises for prolonged periods during debates for unofficial reasons; and if none, what action, if any, does the Committee propose to take to address these concerns?”

9. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier –

"Further to suggestions within the public consultation document regarding possible taxation initiatives to increase taxation rates on those earning more than £100,000 to 30%, will the Minister outline how much additional taxation revenue could be brought in by –

- (a) taxing individuals earning £100,000 or above at 25%.

(b) taxing households (couples) earning £100,000 or above at 25%.

What evidence, if any, exists to suggest that such an initiative would cause individuals to leave the Island?

What evidence, if any, existed to justify the suggestion that individuals might leave if taxed at 30% as included in the consultation document on possible taxation alternatives?"

10. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier –

“Following Senator B.E Shenton’s decision to withdraw the vast majority of the numerous amendments he had lodged to the Draft Annual Business Plan 2011 (P.99/2010) shortly before the actual debate, after States Members had spent time preparing for the debates, would the Chief Minister advise what approximate cost was incurred by the taxpayer for the time spent considering and researching responses to these amendments by the various Ministers and their departmental staff?”

11. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

“Will the Minister advise the age of the child suffering with ‘serious’ liver damage from alcohol abuse who has not been to school for 18 months and is the alleged victim of years of sexual abuse has had to be ‘locked up’ because no suitable accommodation is available?”

Will she advise where this child would have been admitted to under normal circumstances and explain - in detail- why this was not possible on this occasion?”

12. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

“Is the Minister satisfied that the Highlands Residential Home or its parent company, the Four Seasons Group are in a secure financial situation to fulfil their obligations to the Health and Social Services Department and what enquiries, if any, has the Minister made to determine this is the case?”

13. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

“In the context of the recent situation where a diagnosed schizophrenic was 'reluctantly' sent to prison by the court because no other suitable facility was available, will the Minister advise where the individual, in this particular case, should have been sent, why he was not and whether the Minister considers that this is satisfactory?”

Will he also advise what steps, if any, he is taking to resolve this situation and/or similar situations happening again?”

14. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

“Will the Minister state whether anything was officially given in writing from the European Union and/or the UK Government that lead to his belief that 'zero-ten', in its current form, would be EU compliant and, if so, will he provide the relevant text?”

With regard to zero-ten, will he advise whether he has received any feedback from the Jersey public in relation to the policy's apparent inequity (where local companies pay tax locally and non-local ones, trading in Jersey, do not)?

Will the Minister advise if and how he is planning to amend zero-ten as it currently stands? If there are no amendments, will he say if and by what mechanisms he is planning to recapture lost revenue from non-resident companies trading in the Island?"

15. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“In the light of the potential for the privatisation or outsourcing of public service delivery in stage 2 of the CSR, can the Minister confirm that TUPE (Transfer of Undertakings Protection of Employment) legislation has already been drafted?

Does he consider that such legislation needs to be in place as soon as possible and will he advise members when he intends to bring TUPE legislation to the Assembly?"

16. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“In the light of the reservations expressed by Dr Harkness in her report to the Corporate Services investigation of the CSR, will the Minister advise members what specific actions he will take to identify the extent to which public service cuts affect households' welfare and in particular the poorest and most vulnerable amongst them?

Will he further undertake to produce an analysis of the impact of the proposals contained in stage 2 of the CSR on the poorest households along with the measures he proposes to protect these households?"

17. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“Will the Minister act to suspend any further action on the granting of additional postal licences until the employment and universal service provision issues at Jersey Post have been resolved, and if not why not?"

18. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

“In the light of large rises in rent levels in the private sector and the rent rise announced by the Jersey Homes Trust, what actions, if any, will the Minister consider putting in place to protect low-income households in the short term, while we await his longer term plans?

Will the Minister further assure members that any proposals he brings to stage 2 of the CSR will protect low-income households?"

19. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Helier –

“Will the Minister advise how the lack of suitable care and respite units for vulnerable and/or chronically disabled children (e.g. Oakwell) is being addressed?"

Will she advise how many beds there are at Oakwell; confirm that these are meant for short term 'respite' care and advise how many of these beds are currently being used for non-respite purposes (i.e., Monday-Friday or longer periods)?"

ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

(See Item I(c))

2nd session		
12th October	Transport and Technical Services	Treasury and Resources
19th October	Economic Development	Chief Minister
2nd November	Education, Sport and Culture	Health and Social Services
16th November	Home Affairs	Chief Minister
30th November	Social Security	Planning and Environment
7th December	Housing	Chief Minister