

**THE STATES assembled on Tuesday
17th July 2007, at 09.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of
the Greffier of the States,
Mr. Michael Nelson de la Haye.**

**His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
Lieutenant-General Andrew Peter Ridgway, C.B., C.B.E.,
was present.**

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

Senator Wendy Kinnard – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.47 a.m.)
Connétable Philip Francis Ozouf of St. Saviour– ill
Connétable Geoffrey William Fisher of St. Lawrence– en défaut

Prayers

Le Rocquier School– welcome

The Presiding Officer, on behalf of all members, welcomed pupils from Le Rocquier School who were present in the public gallery.

Documents presented or laid

Overdale: The Closure of Leoville and McKinstry Wards (S.R.1/2007) – response of the Minister for Health and Social Services. S.R.1/2007. Res.
Presented: 17th July 2007.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

The G.P. Co-Operative Out-of-Hours Service (S.R.6/2007) – response of the Minister for Health and Social Services. S.R.6/2007. Res.
Presented: 17th July 2007.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

Social Housing Property Plan 2007–2016 – P.6/2007

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Minister for Housing concerning the Social Housing Property Plan 2007–2016.

THE STATES rejected a proposition of Deputy Alan Breckon of St. Saviour that, in accordance with Standing Order 83(1)(a) the proposition of the Minister for Housing be referred back to the Minister for Housing in order that further information relating to the proposition could be provided to the States.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 8

CONTRE: 42

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Brelade

Senator S. Syvret

Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. John
Deputy A. Breckon (S)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy S. Pitman (H)

Senator L. Norman
Senator F.H. Walker
Senator W. Kinnard
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Senator T.J. Le Main
Senator B.E. Shenton
Senator F.E. Cohen
Senator J.L. Perchard
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Peter
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of Grouville
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)
Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
Deputy C.J. Scott Warren (S)
Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier (S)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy of St. Ouen
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 P.V.F. Le Claire (H)
Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)
Deputy D.W. Mezbourian
(L)
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy A.J.D. Maclean (H)
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy of St. John
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)
Deputy of St. Mary

Following the lunchtime adjournment the Presiding Officer, the Greffier of the States, Mr. Michael Nelson de 1 Haye, in accordance with Standing Order 56(1) directed that elected members be summoned, as the Assembly was inquorate. In accordance with Standing Order 56(2), having allowed such time as he considered reasonable for elected members to return to the Chamber, the Presiding Officer asked the Greffier to call the roll, as he believed that the States remained inquorate. The following members were present in the Chamber –

Senator Paul Francis Routier
Senator Michael Edward Vibert
Senator Terence John Le Main
Senator Ben Edward Shenton
Senator James Leslie Perchard
The Connétable of St. Clement

The Connétable of Trinity
The Connétable of St. Brelade
The Connétable of St. Martin
The Connétable of St. John
Deputy Robert Charles Duhamel of St. Saviour
Deputy Alan Breckon of St. Saviour
Deputy Jacqueline Jeanette Huet of St. Helier
The Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy Gerard Clifford Lemmens Baudains of St. Clement
Deputy Celia Joyce Scott Warren of St. Saviour
Deputy John Benjamin Fox of St. Helier
Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier
Deputy Sarah Craig Ferguson of St. Brelade
The Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy Patrick John Dennis Ryan of St. Helier
The Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy Jacqueline Ann Hilton of St. Helier
Deputy Guy William John de Faye of St. Helier
Deputy Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire of St. Helier
The Deputy of Trinity
Deputy Sean Seamus Patrick Augustine Power of St. Brelade
Deputy Kevin Charles Lewis of St. Saviour
Deputy Ian Joseph Gorst of St. Clement
The Deputy of St. Mary

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Minister for Housing, referred to their Act dated 27th June 2006 in which they had adopted the Strategic Plan 2006 to 2011 and, in particular, Section 3.8 of that Plan and had agreed that the States social housing stock should be brought up to an acceptable condition and maintained at that standard through an adequately funded maintenance programme, and –

- (i) agreed that a number of non-core, prime location properties, as detailed in Appendix C of the Social Housing Property Plan 2007–2016, should be sold on the open market;
- (ii) agreed that the Housing Department should make arrangements to enable States rental tenants to apply to buy one of the properties listed in Appendix D of the Plan, according to the 10-year timetable specified, on a shared equity basis or at full value, and with first-time-buyer conditions attached, as set out in Section 3.7.1 of the Plan;
- (iii) requested the Minister for Treasury and Resources to agree –
 - (a) that, in accordance with Article 15(3) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005, the receipts from sales effected under paragraphs (i) and (ii) should, in the first instance, be put towards the planned programme of property refurbishment and regeneration of key high-rise developments detailed in Appendix B of the Plan,
 - (b) that the receipts generated from sales effected under (i) and (ii) that are not required to complete the planned programme of property refurbishment and regeneration detailed in Appendix E should be held in an interest-bearing fund and that the interest generated be credited to the Housing Department's revenue account;
- (iv) agreed that the Housing Department should plan for the creation of additional sheltered housing, through conversion of existing stock and acquisition where appropriate;
- (v) agreed that there should be no further transfer of stock to Housing Trusts unless explicitly agreed by the States Assembly.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 41

Senator S. Syvret
Senator L. Norman
Senator F.H. Walker

Senator W. Kinnard
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Senator T.J. Le Main
Senator B.E. Shenton
Senator F.E. Cohen
Senator J.L. Perchard
Connétable of St. Ouen
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Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
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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 A.J.D. Maclean (H)
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy of St. John
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)
Deputy of St. Mary

CONTRE: 9

Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. John
Deputy A. Breckon (S)
Deputy R.G. Le Hérisssier
(S)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy S. Pitman (H)

ABSTAIN: 0

Composition of the States: revised structure and referendum – P.75/2007

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Privileges and Procedures Committee concerning revisions to the structure of the composition of the States and the holding of a referendum and rejected an amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier that–

(1) In paragraph (a) for sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) there should be substituted the words –

“48 members, to be known as Deputies, all elected in 6 new large electoral districts with any Parish Connétable who wished to do so able to stand for election as a Deputy in one of the 48 seats;”.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 2

Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy S. Pitman (H)

CONTRE: 42

Senator L. Norman
Senator F.H. Walker
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Senator B.E. Shenton
Senator J.L. Perchard
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. Brelade
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Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy A. Breckon (S)
Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
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Deputy of Trinity
Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy A.J.D. Maclean (H)
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy of St. John
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)
Deputy of St. Mary

ABSTAIN:

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, and agreed to reconvene on Wednesday 18th July 2007 to continue consideration of the proposition of the Privileges and Procedures Committee concerning the Composition of the States: revised structure and referendum (P.75/2007) and the outstanding items of public business.

THE STATES rose at 5.25 p.m.

A.H. HARRIS

Deputy Greffier of the States