

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2012 (P.123/2011): NINTH AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 30th August 2011
by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier

STATES GREFFE

1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (a) –

After the words “withdrawn from the consolidated fund in 2012” insert the words –

“except that the net revenue expenditure of the Education, Sport and Culture Department shall be increased by £20,000 in order to provide a grant in this amount to the ‘Prison! Me! No Way!’ initiative in 2012 and the total net revenue of the Treasury and Resources Department (Provision for Central Reserves) be reduced by £20,000 for 2012.”.

2 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (a) –

After the words “withdrawn from the consolidated fund in 2012” insert the words –

“except that the net revenue expenditure of the Home Affairs Department shall be increased by £20,000 in order to provide a grant in this amount to the ‘Prison! Me! No Way!’ initiative in 2012 and the total net revenue of the Treasury and Resources Department (Provision for Central Reserves) be reduced by £20,000 for 2012.”.

3 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (e) –

After the words “for 2013 and 2014” insert the words –

“except that the indicative total of net revenue expenditure shall be increased in 2013 by £60,000 in order to provide a grant in this amount to the ‘Prison! Me! No Way!’ initiative.”.

DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER

REPORT

Prison! Me! No Way! [PMNW]

I shall dispense with the description of, and my support for, the PMNW scheme. This amendment follows on from Senator F. du H. Le Gresley's own amendment and is to be read in conjunction with it. Suffice it to say that it is a highly effective scheme.

In 2010 PMNW delivered programmes in 28 primary schools and 8 secondary schools.

Community Awareness Days were also delivered in housing estate "hot spots" to showcase the community policing element of the States of Jersey Police. The aim is to position the police as "protectors" as opposed to purely law enforcers.

It is a highly flexible scheme, able to respond quickly to changing circumstances and incidents. For example, it was able to rapidly put together a package of materials and get into schools following the outbreak of the use of BB guns earlier this year.

Funding

A new round of funding, to enable the charity to continue its valuable work for the next 3 years, is presently being negotiated with the 3 main partners. This has not been an easy process. PMNW has applied for a grant of £20,000 from each Department (total £60,000) for 2012.

The Minister for Home Affairs is, I suspect, fully supportive of PMNW; however, at a meeting with the co-ordinator of PMNW on 23rd August, I learned that despite trying to meet the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture to agree funding for 2012 since January this year, no meeting had taken place and obviously no agreement was in place. I have therefore adopted a belt and braces approach and lodged this amendment to ensure that we have a commitment to funding from all 3 Ministers for 2012.

I *expect* that the Minister for Home Affairs will say that the £20,000 funding is already contained in his budget and that part 2 of the amendment is not needed.

I *hope* that the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will do likewise.

Aware as I am that the real thorn in the side of all third sector service providers is establishing funding over the longer term, in this case grants from the 3 departments involved, I have taken the opportunity to go further than Senator Le Gresley and attempt to secure funding for a 3 year period.

Again, I *hope* that all 3 Ministers can assure the Assembly that they will commit their respective departments to continued funding at the same level for 2013 and 2014. However, I fear that they are unable to bind their successors, hence the need for part 3 of my amendment, which will I hope remove the need for annual funding negotiations for a while.

This amendment, I believe, is also in the spirit of changes proposed by the Minister for Treasury and Resources with his support for a "Third Sector" Co-ordinator and the need for 3- or 4-year business planning.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no manpower consequences to this amendment and the financial costs are as above.