

THE STATES assembled on Friday 29th November 2024, at 9.30 a.m. under the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff, Robert James MacRae, Esquire.

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

Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier Central – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.40 a.m.) Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.40 a.m.) Deputy Sir Philip Martin Bailhache of St. Clement – en défaut Deputy Lucy Kate Frances Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter – parental responsibilities

Prayers read by the Greffier of the States

# **Standing Order 55A – remote participation**

THE STATES, with reference to their Act dated 14th September 2021, in which they had agreed that, notwithstanding Standing Order 55A(1), members who did not wish to attend in the States Chamber might continue to take part in States meetings using Microsoft Teams (until the States had considered and voted upon a proposition to re-apply Standing Order 55A(1) or to repeal or vary the terms of the Standing Order), assembled in accordance with Standing Order 55A with members able to participate remotely using Microsoft Teams. The following Members attended remotely, either for all or part of the meeting –

Connétable Richard Anthony Kingston Honeycombe of St. Ouen Deputy Louise Mary Catherine Doublet of St. Saviour Deputy Catherine Dolores Curtis of St. Helier Central Deputy Rosemary Esther Binet of Grouville and St. Martin

#### **Documents presented**

Elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the States Assembly: Selection and<br/>Appointment (P.83/2024) – amendment. (P.83/2024 (Amd) – Children's Rights ImpactP.83/2024.<br/>Amd.Add.Assessment<br/>Presented: 29th November 2024, Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. ClementClement

OECD Pillar 2 Review (S.R.7/2024): response of the Minister for Treasury and Resources. Res. Presented: 29th November 2024, *Minister for Treasury and Resources*. Res.

# Notification of lodged propositions

Elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the States Assembly: Selection and<br/>Appointment (P.83/2024) – amendment.P.83/2024.Lodged: 29th November 2024, Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. ClementAmd.

#### Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028 P.51/2024

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028' (P.51/2024), as amended, and, adopting an amendment of Deputy Helen Mary Miles of St. Brelade (P.51/2024 Amd.(2)), agreed that, in paragraph (o), after the words "as set out in the Appendix to the accompanying Report" there should be inserted the words ", except that, on Page 59, after the words "in subsequent Budgets subject to affordability." there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

"An allocation of £100,000 will be made within the Funding for Public Realm budget to prioritise work on the West of Island Planning Framework, as referenced in Strategic Proposal 4 in the Bridging Island Plan 2022 - 2025.""

Members present voted as follows –

#### **POUR: 40**

CONTRE: 0

**ABSTAIN: 0** 

Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy G.P. Southern Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy M. Tadier Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy M.R. Scott Deputy J. Renouf Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy B. Ward

Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy M.B. Andrews

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, as amended, and, adopting the proposition, as amended and with paragraphs re-designated accordingly in line with the amendments that had been adopted, received the Budget (Government Plan) 2025–2028 specified in Article 9(1) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 ("the Law") and, specifically –

(a) approved the estimate of total States income to be paid into the Consolidated Fund in 2025 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 1 to the Report, which is inclusive of the proposed taxation and impôts duties changes outlined in the Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(a) of the Law, except that the total estimate for 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 Vehicle Emissions Duty (VED) shall be increased to reflect increased duties for non-commercial vehicles with CO<sub>2</sub> mass emissions above 176 grams, with the relevant figures in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 1 updated in line with the following table, and subsequent figures updated accordingly –

	2025 Estimate (£000)	2026 Estimate (£000)	2027 Estimate (£000)	2028 Estimate (£000)
Impôt Duties				
Vehicle				
Emissions				
Duty (as				
amended)	3,190	3,045	2,906	2,783

- (b) to approve the proposed Changes to Approval for financing/borrowing for 2025, as shown in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 2 to the Report, which may be obtained by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, as and when required, in line with Article 9 (2)(c) of the Law, of up to those revised approval amounts.
- (c) to approve the transfers from one States fund to another for 2025 of up to and including the amounts set in Appendix 2 Summary Table 3 in line with Article 9(2)(b) of the Law, except that proposed transfer of monies from the Consolidated Fund to the Climate Emergency Fund shall be increased in 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 to reflect increased duties for non-commercial vehicles with CO<sub>2</sub> mass emissions above 176 grams, with the relevant figures in Appendix 2 Table 3 updated in line with the following table, and subsequent figures updated accordingly –

		2025	2026	2027	2028
£'000		Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
Transfer					
from	Transfer to				
	Climate				
Consolidated	Emergency				
Fund	Fund	4,358	4,313	4,269	4,226

- (d) to approve a transfer from the Consolidated Fund to the Stabilisation Fund in 2025 of up to £25 million, subject to a decision of the Minister for Treasury and Resources based on the availability of funds in the Consolidated Fund as at 31st December 2024 in excess of the estimates provided in this plan, or from budgeted underspends identified before 31st December 2025.
- (e) to approve a transfer from the Consolidated Fund to the Agricultural Loans Fund in 2025 of up to £2 million, subject to a decision of the Minister for Treasury and Resources based on availability of funds in the Consolidated Fund as at 31st December 2024 in excess of estimates provided in this plan, or from budgeted underspends identified before 31st December 2025;

- (f) to approve each major project that is to be started or continued in 2025 and the total cost of each such project and any amendments to the proposed total cost of a major project under a previously approved Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(d), (e) and (f) of the Law and as set out in Appendix 2 Summary Table 4 to the Report.
- (g) to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund for 2025, for each head of expenditure, being gross expenditure less estimated income (if any), in line with Articles 9(2)(g), 10(1) and 10(2) of the Law, and set out in Appendix 2 Summary Tables 5(i) and (ii) of the Report, except that
  - a. in Summary Table 5(i), the head of expenditure for Education and Lifelong Learning should be increased by £5,862,000 with an equal decrease to Children and Families head of expenditure"; and
  - b. in Summary Table 5(i)
    - (i) the Head of Expenditure for the Cabinet Office should be reduced by £86,215; and
    - (ii) the Head of Expenditure for Customer and Local Services should be increased by £86,215 to support the funding of the Connect Me project."
  - c. in Summary table 5(ii), after the Head of Expenditure for Major Refurbishment and upgrades, there should be inserted Heads of Expenditure entitled Fort Regent Development with an allocation of £0 to be shown against the new Head of Expenditure".
- (h) to approve the estimated income, being estimated gross income less expenditure, that each States trading operation will pay into its trading fund in 2025 in line with Article 9(2)(h) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 Summary Table 6 to the Report.
- (i) to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from each States trading operation's trading fund for 2025 for each head of expenditure in line with Article 9(2)(i) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 Summary Table 7 to the Report.
- (j) to approve the estimated income and expenditure proposals for the Climate Emergency Fund for 2025 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 8 to the Report, except that the proposed transfer of monies from the Consolidated Fund to the Climate Emergency Fund shall be increased in 2025 to reflect increased duties for non-commercial vehicles with CO<sub>2</sub> mass emissions above 176 grams, with the relevant figures in Appendix 2 – Table 3 updated in line with the following table, and subsequent figures updated accordingly –

			2025 Estimate (as
£'000			amended)
Opening balance			5,950
Transfer from t	the	Climate Emergency Fund	4,358
Consolidated Fund			
Expenditure			(8,346)
Closing balance			1,962

(k) to approve an updated and consolidated policy of the Strategic Reserve Fund as follows:

"The Strategic Reserve Fund, established in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005, is a permanent reserve only to be used:

i. in exceptional circumstances to insulate the Island's economy from severe structural decline such as the sudden collapse of a major Island industry or from major natural disaster.

- ii. if necessary, for the purposes of providing funding (up to £100 million) for the Bank Depositors Compensation Scheme established under the Banking Business (Depositors Compensation) (Jersey) Regulations 2009, including to meet the States contribution to the Scheme and/or to meet any temporary cash flow funding requirements of the Scheme.
- iii. to support the development of future healthcare facilities and the borrowing costs for such work, in line with a financing strategy agreed by the Assembly;
- iv. as a holding fund for any or all monies raised through external financing until required, and for any monies related to the repayment of debt raised through external financing used to offset the repayment of debt, as and when required; and
- v. in accordance with Article 24 of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019, where the Minister for Treasury and Resources is satisfied that there exists an immediate threat to the health or safety of any of the inhabitants of Jersey, to the stability of the economy in Jersey or to the environment, for which no other suitable funding is available."
- (1) to approve the transfer to the Strategic Reserve of the amounts due as a result of the move from prior-year basis taxation after 31st December 2025, as and when these payments are received (estimated at £280 million).
- (m) in relation to the new Government Headquarters (office), to approve;
  - i. the exercising of the option to acquire the new Government Headquarters (estimated at £91 million), by the Public of the Island, in line with the pre-agreed terms; and
  - ii. the acquisition of the new Government Headquarters as an investment of the Social Security (Reserve) Fund (including authorising the meeting of expenses incurred in connection with the acquisition); and
  - iii. the subsequent leasing of the new Government Headquarters by the Public of the Island from the Social Security (Reserve) Fund, with commercial terms to be agreed between the Minister for Infrastructure (on behalf of the Public) and Minister for Social Security and the Minister for Treasury and Resources (both on behalf of the Fund);
- (n) in relation to the new Government Headquarters, to authorise H.M. Attorney General, the Greffier of the States, the Ministers for Infrastructure, Social Security and Treasury and Resources, and the Public of the Island, to enter into such arrangements, including financing, and pass any contracts as are necessary to put into effect paragraph (o); and
- (o) to approve, in accordance with Article 9(1) of the Law, the Government Plan 2025-2028, as set out in the accompanying Appendix to the Report, except that
  - (i) on page 14, after the words "support the ongoing well-being of Islanders", there should be inserted the following words –

"As part of the prioritisation of community well-being, the Social Security department has allocated  $\pounds$ 391,215 of funding to the Connect Me project for the year 2025, to ensure the continuation of the project and support the introduction of social prescribing."

(ii) in the section "Vehicle Emissions Duty" on page 32 after the words "the highest three emission bands will be increased by" replace the figures "5%, 10% and 20%" with the figures "5%, 15% and 25%" with the relevant figures in Table 5 and Table 6 updated in line with the following figures –

CO2 Mass emissions (grams)	2024 Actual	2025 proposed (as amended)	Proposed Increase %
0	0	0	-
1 - 50	35	35	-

51 - 75		73		73	-
76 - 100		240		240	-
101 - 125		422		422	-
126 - 150		715		715	-
151 - 175		1,367		1,435	5%
176 - 200		4,200		4,830	15%
201 or more		7,937		9,921	25%
£'000		Proposed	vs Forecast (as amended)	Propos	sed vs no change (as amended)
Vehicle Emissions	Duty				
increases	-		301		301

(iii) on page 33 for the figure "40,000" there should be substituted "20,000".

(iv) on page 38 -

- (a) after the words "improve the competitiveness of the Island" there should be inserted the words "with a specific focus on funding the delivery of the Sustainable Finance Action Plan and supporting the transition to a net-zero economy";
- (b) after the words "ease of doing business here." there should be inserted the words "Ensuring that funding is made available to support the transition to a net-zero economy through the promotion of Sustainable Finance. This will support these goals and provide a clear action plan and delivery framework, embedding sustainability into financial practices."; and
- (c) after the words "seeking to reduce operating costs." there should be inserted the words "Specifically, making funding available for drivers to a net-zero economy identified and delivered through the Sustainable Finance Action Plan which will embed sustainability into financial practices and business practices and support the decarbonisation of the finance industry.".
- (v) on page 41, after Table 10, there should be inserted the words "Within the Revenue Head of Expenditure for the Cabinet Office, funding for Statistics Jersey will be increased by £78,000, through the reallocation of other departmental expenditure within the Cabinet Office.""
- (vi) on page 42 after the words ", for indicative purposes." there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

"The establishment of a Public Services Ombudsperson, as approved in principle by the States Assembly in March 2018 [P.32/2018] and progressed by the preceding Government, remains under review by the Council of Ministers. The Complaints Panel is itself conducting a review of its own procedures and processes. In July 2024, the Jersey Law Commission published a report entitled "*Keeping the Complaints Panel or creating the Ombudsperson*", which worked through the different choices about the basic design of Jersey's independent complaints handling body with the aim of taking an informed decision as to whether to keep a reformed Complaints Panel or go forward with the Ombudsperson. Subsequent to that report, a consultation paper was published. The Council of Ministers will fully consider the consultation results published by the Jersey Law Commission and Complaints Panel respectively when considering the appropriate way forward. Detailed proposals will be brought forward in 2025 for States Assembly approval and also detailed in the successive Government Plan."

(vii) on Page 43, after the words "This investment will meet the cost of enhancing grants to students both in distance learning and in person learning." should be inserted the words "We

will also review the scheme available for apprenticeships and increase the funding and support available.".

(viii) "except that in the section "Other Revenue Expenditure Growth Spending" on page 45 after the words "funding of In Vitro Fertilisation, recently approved by the Assembly" there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

"Funding for the Termination of Pregnancy (Jersey) Law 1997 Amendments workstream will be reviewed to ensure that both policy and law drafting resource for this workstream is prioritised by the Council of Ministers in the 2025 Legislative Programme and in order for amendments to the current outdated law to be lodged prior to the end of 2025."

(ix) on page 46, under the subtitle Formula Driven Growth, for the words –

"As budgets for Arts, Heritage and Culture have now been increased to 1% of Net Revenue Expenditure, in future, this level will now be maintained and increased by RPI.' substitute the words –

'Following approval of Funding for Culture, Arts and Heritage (P.69/2024), the Government continues the commitment to maintain funding to this sector based on 1% of overall States revenue expenditure.".";

(x) on page 57, after Table 25: Major Refurbishments and Upgrades – Breakdown of Grouped Head of Expenditure, there should be inserted the following words –

"Fort Regent Redevelopment

Fort Regent Redevelopment is established as a head of expenditure to transparently identify funding provided by Government in support of a programme of works, in conjunction with the Government's chosen development partner, on this major publicly-owned asset.

Establishing the redevelopment project as a head of expenditure ensures that all work carried out and monies spent on the site are subject to the proper level of Ministerial and States Assembly oversight.

The Minister for Infrastructure and Council of Ministers will work with the States of Jersey Development Company to identify the appropriate funding and source for funding of feasibility work by no later than 31st March 2025.

It is recognised that the project will be iterative and involve extensive public engagement at all stages and that this and the necessary design and works will require significant funding.

The full redevelopment project – beyond feasibility – will require a further sustainable funding model. This model will be developed by the Minister to the extent that the necessary funding will be included in the Proposed Budget 2026-2029 to be brought to the Assembly for approval."

(xi) on Page 59, after the words "in subsequent Budgets subject to affordability." there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

"An allocation of £100,000 will be made within the Funding for Public Realm budget to prioritise work on the West of Island Planning Framework, as referenced in Strategic Proposal 4 in the <u>Bridging Island Plan 2022 – 2025.</u>""

(xii) on Page 59, after the words "in subsequent Budgets subject to affordability." there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

**ABSTAIN: 0** 

"Existing resources will be utilised to take forward the work to deliver a Play Strategy for Jersey, in conjunction with the Minister for Children and Families, the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, and the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, as detailed within Proposal 29 of the Bridging Island Plan 2022-2025, with the work of the Jersey Youth Parliament 'Right to Play' Group and of the previous Play Strategy Steering Group to be incorporated into the final Strategy."

(xiii) on Page 59, after the words "in subsequent Budgets subject to affordability." there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

"Across the period 2025-2028, up to £500,000 within the Infrastructure Rolling Vote (Public Realm) will be used to support St. Helier's Neighbourhood Improvement Area programmes, provided always that additional matching funding is contributed by the ratepayers of the Parish of St. Helier to meet the costs of the relevant projects."

(xiv) on page 61, after the words "support other systems." there should be inserted the words "From 2025 and beyond, the delivery of the Digital Services Platform shall be built and designed following open design principles."

Members present voted as follows –

# **POUR: 31**

#### CONTRE: 13

Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy G.P. Southern Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy M. Tadier Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs

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## Draft Finance (2025 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202- P.72/2024

THE STATES commenced consideration of the Draft Finance (2025 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202- and adopted the principles.

Members present voted as follows -

#### **POUR: 36**

# **CONTRE: 6**

Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy G.P. Southern Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy M. Tadier Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy C.D. Curtis

Connétable of St. Lawrence Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy M.B. Andrews ABSTAIN: 2

Deputy J. Renouf Deputy A.F. Curtis

THE STATES, noting that in accordance with Standing Order 72(10) the draft Law could not be referred to any Scrutiny Panel, adopted Articles 1 to 21.

THE STATES commenced consideration of Articles 22 and 23, and adopting Part 1 of the amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.72/2024 Amd.(2)), agreed that -

In Article 22 -

Deputy R.S. Kovacs

(1) After paragraph (1) there should be inserted –

"(2) After the definition "customs duty" there should be inserted –

" "distilled spirits" means spirits that are produced or manufactured by a person by -

- (a) distilling, with a still, fermented agricultural products; or
- (b) distilling, with a still, other spirits that are obtained but not produced by that person;".",

and the subsequent paragraphs renumbered accordingly.

(2) paragraphs (4) and (5) (renumbered as paragraphs (5) and (6)) should be deleted, and the subsequent paragraphs renumbered accordingly.

Members present voted as follows -

#### **POUR: 34**

# CONTRE: 6

Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy K.L. Moore

Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf

Deputy H.M. Miles

Deputy J. Renouf

Deputy H.L. Jeune

**ABSTAIN: 0** 

Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy G.P. Southern Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy M. Tadier Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy B. Ward Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy M.B. Andrews

THE STATES resumed consideration of the amendment of the Council of Ministers and, adopting Part 2 of the amendment, agreed that -

In Article 23 -

- (1) In paragraph (2)
  - (a) in substituted clause (a), "primary" should be deleted; and
  - (b) substituted clause (aa) should be deleted.
- (2) After paragraph (2), there should be inserted –

"(3) In paragraph 1(b), after "other spirits" insert "(including other distilled spirits)".",

and the subsequent paragraphs and cross-references renumbered accordingly.

- (3) In paragraph (3) (renumbered as paragraph (4)), in inserted sub-paragraph (2)
  - (a) in the opening words, for "in relation to spirits" there should be substituted "in relation to distilled spirits"; and
  - (b) in clause (b)
    - (i) for "spirits" there should be substituted "distilled and other spirits", and
    - (ii) for "40,000 litres" there should be substituted "20,000 litres".

Members present voted as follows -

#### **POUR: 39**

# **CONTRE: 1**

Deputy I. Gardiner

**ABSTAIN: 0** 

Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Marv Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy G.P. Southern Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy M. Tadier Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy J. Renouf Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy H.L. Jeune

Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy B. Ward Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy M.B. Andrews

THE STATES adopted Articles 22 and 23, as amended.

THE STATES adopted Article 24.

THE STATES, commencing consideration of Article 25, commenced consideration of an amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (P.71/2024 Amd.) and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.71/2024 Amd.Amd), agreed that in the substituted Article 25 –

- (a) in the substituted table in paragraph (a), in the entry relating to an established  $CO_2$  mass emission figure of 151-175 g, for "1,504" there should be substituted "1,435"; and
- (b) in the substituted table in paragraph (b), in the entry relating to an engine cylinder capacity of 2501-3000 cm<sup>3</sup>, for "2,338" there should be substituted "2,231".

THE STATES, adopting the amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel, as amended, agreed that for Article 25 there should be substituted –

#### "25 Excise duty: motor vehicles – general

In paragraph 8 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 –

(a) for the table in sub-paragraph (4) there is substituted –

"Established CO <sub>2</sub> emission figure	mass	Rate for 2025 (£)
( <b>g</b> )		
0		0
1-50		35
51-75		73
76-100		240
101-125		422
126-150		715
151-175		1,435
176-200		4,830
201 or more		9,921";

(b) for the table in sub-paragraph (5) there is substituted –

"Cylinder engine (cm <sup>3</sup> )	capacity	of	Rate for 2025 (£)
0			0
1-500			35
501-1400			291
1401-1800			567
1801-2000			814
2001-2500			1,290
2501-3000			2,231

3001-3500	4,830
3501 or more	9,921".

THE STATES adopted Article 25, as amended.

THE STATES adopted Articles 26 to 38.

Members present voted as follows -

#### **POUR: 38**

#### **CONTRE: 3**

Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy M.B. Andrews ABSTAIN: 1

Deputy H.L. Jeune

Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy G.P. Southern Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy M. Tadier Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy J. Renouf Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy B. Ward Deputy K.M. Wilson

THE STATES commenced consideration of Article 39, and adopting an amendment of the Minister for Treasury and Resources (P.72/2024 Amd.(3)), agreed that in Article 39 for paragraph (3) there should be substituted –

"(3) Article 31 comes into force on a day to be specified by Order by the Minister for Treasury and Resources.

(4) The rest of this Law comes into force on 1 January 2025."

Members present voted as follows –

NTRE: 0 A	ABSTAIN: 1
Γ	Deputy I. Gardiner

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THE STATES adopted Article 39 as amended.

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of His Most Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law entitled the Finance (2025 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202-.

Members present voted as follows -

## **POUR: 34**

Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy G.P. Southern Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy M. Tadier Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy B. Ward Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy M.B. Andrews

#### CONTRE: 1

Connétable of St. Lawrence

# ABSTAIN: 7

Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy J. Renouf Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy A.F. Curtis

THE STATES, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 80A, made an Act under Article 12 of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019, declaring that the taxation draft entitled the Finance (2025 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202- (lodged au Greffe on 14th October 2024 by the Minister for Treasury and Resources (P.72/2024) and adopted this day, as amended, in Third Reading by the States) had immediate effect as if that draft had been confirmed by His Majesty in Council and registered in the Royal Court on the date of the making of this Act.

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 41 Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen **CONTRE: 1** Connétable of St. Lawrence **ABSTAIN: 2** Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy A.F. Curtis Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy G.P. Southern Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy M. Tadier Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy J. Renouf Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy B. Ward Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy M.B. Andrews

# Draft Social Security Law (Payments into Social Security Fund) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- P.62/2024

THE STATES commenced consideration of the Draft Social Security Law (Payments into Social Security Fund) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-. and adopted the principles.

Members present voted as follows -

<b>POUR: 31</b>	CONTRE: 13	ABSTAIN: 1	
Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Brelade	Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Clement	Deputy L.M.C. Doublet	
Connétable of Trinity	Deputy I. Gardiner		
Connétable of St. Peter	Deputy K.L. Moore		
Connétable of St. Martin	Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf		
Connétable of St. John	Deputy D.J. Warr		
Connétable of Grouville	Deputy H.M. Miles		
Connétable of St. Ouen	Deputy J. Renouf		
Connétable of St. Mary	Deputy H.L. Jeune		
Connétable of St. Saviour	Deputy A.F. Curtis		
Deputy G.P. Southern	Deputy B. Ward		
Deputy C.F. Labey	Deputy K.M. Wilson		

Deputy M. Tadier Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs

#### Deputy M.B. Andrews

THE STATES, having been informed that the relevant scrutiny panel had indicated that it did not wish to scrutinise the draft legislation, adopted Regulations 1 and 2.

Members present voted as follows –

#### **POUR: 31**

#### CONTRE: 13

Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy G.P. Southern Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy M. Tadier Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy B.B. de S.V.M Porée Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell

Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Clement Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy J. Renouf Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy B. Ward Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy M.B. Andrews **ABSTAIN: 1** 

Deputy L.M.C Doublet

Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs

THE STATES made Regulations entitled the Social Security Law (Payments into Social Security Fund) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 2024 under Articles 50 and 51 of the Social Security (Jersey) Law 1974.

## Arrangement of public business for future meetings

THE STATES agreed the following arrangement of public business for future meetings proposed, as amended, by the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 88(3) –

# 10th December 2024

Draft Shipping (Registration) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202 Lodged: 22nd July 2024, <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development</i> .	P.46/2024.
Draft Shipping (Registration) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.46/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 22nd July 2024, <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development</i> .	P.46/2024. Add.
Amendment to Standing Orders – remote participation in States Meetings. Lodged: 17th September 2024, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> .	P.63/2024.
Public Elections: Extension of eligibility criteria. Lodged: 26th September 2024, <i>Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade</i> .	P.65/2024.
Public Elections: Extension of eligibility criteria (P.65/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 26th September 2024, <i>Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade</i> .	P.65/2024. Add.
Draft Social Security Law (Parental Allowance and Death Grant) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202 Lodged: 1st October 2024, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.66/2024.
Draft Social Security Law (Parental Allowance and Death Grant) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.66/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 1st October 2024, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.66/2024. Add.
Reporting on Ministerial Affairs. Lodged: 11th October 2024, Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Ouen, St. Mary and St. Peter.	P.71/2024.
Reporting on Ministerial Affairs (P.71/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 11th October 2024, <i>Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Ouen, St. Mary and St. Peter</i> .	P.71/2024. Add.
Draft Limited Partnerships (Jersey) Amendment Law 202 Lodged: 17th October 2024, <i>Minister for External Relations</i> .	P.73/2024.
Draft Limited Partnerships (Jersey) Amendment Law 202 (P.73/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 17th October 2024, <i>Minister for External Relations</i> .	P.73/2024. Add.

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Modern Languages in Schools. Lodged: 21st October 2024, <i>Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade</i> .	P.74/2024.
Modern Languages in Schools (P.74/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 21st October 2024, <i>Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade</i> .	P.74/2024. Add.
Draft Employment and Discrimination Tribunal (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-	P.75/2024.
Lodged: 22nd October 2024, Minister for Social Security.	
Draft Employment and Discrimination Tribunal (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.75/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 22nd October 2024, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.75/2024. Add.
Amendment to Standing Orders – Miscellaneous Amendments. Lodged: 25th October 2024, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> .	P.76/2024.
Draft Single-Use Plastics Etc. (Restrictions) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202 Lodged: 29th October 2024, <i>Minister for Infrastructure</i> .	P.77/2024.
Draft Single-Use Plastics Etc. (Restrictions) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.77/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 29th October 2024, <i>Minister for Infrastructure</i> .	P.77/2024. Add.
Amendment to Standing Orders – timeline for Ministerial Appointments. Lodged: 12th November 2024, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> .	P.80/2024.
Jersey Overseas Aid: Appointment of Non-States Commissioner. Lodged: 14th November 2024, <i>Minister for International Development</i> .	P.81/2024.

Note: Because of the requirement for a four-week lodging period, the minimum lodging period of the proposition of the Minister for International Development would expire on Thursday 12th December 2024. The Minister had therefore given notice of her intention to propose, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), that the minimum lodging period for the proposition be reduced in order that it could be debated at the meeting.

Support Scheme for Individuals Qualifying to Represent Jersey in Off-IslandP.82/2024.Competitions.Lodged: 19th November 2024, Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour.

Support Scheme for Individuals Qualifying to Represent Jersey in Off-IslandP.82/2024.Competitions. (P.82/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment.Add.Presented: 19th November 2024, Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour.Add.

Elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the States Assembly: Selection and P.83/2024. Appointment. Lodged: 19th November 2024, *Connétable of St. John*.

Elected Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the States Assembly: Selection and<br/>Appointment. (P.83/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment.P.83/2024.<br/>Add.Presented: 19th November 2024, Connétable of St. John.Add.

# 21st January 2025

Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202 Lodged: 6th November 2024, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.78/2024.
Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202 (P.78/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 6th November 2024, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.78/2024. Add.
Draft Termination of Pregnancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- Lodged: 6th November 2024, <i>Minister for Health and Social Services</i>	P.79/2024.
Draft Termination of Pregnancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-(P.79/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 6th November 2024, <i>Minister for Health and Social Services</i> .	P.79/2024. Add.
Comptroller and Auditor General Board of Governance: appointment of Chair and independent Member. Lodged: 21st November 2024, <i>Chief Minister</i> .	P.84/2024.
Provision of Recycling sites in St. Brelade. Lodged: 25th November 2024, <i>Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade</i> .	P.85/2024.
Provision of Recycling sites in St. Brelade (P.85/2024) – Children's Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 25th November 2024, <i>Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade</i> .	P.85/2024. Add.

# **Changes of Presidency**

The Deputy Bailiff retired from the Chamber during consideration of Arrangement of public business for future meetings and the meeting continued under the presidency of Mrs Lisa-Marie Hart, Greffier of the States.

THE STATES rose at 6.11 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Greffier of the States