

STATES OF JERSEY



BUDGET 2006: FIFTH AMENDMENT

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by the Deputy of St. John**

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to reduce the estimate of revenue expenditure of the Privileges and Procedures Committee from £5,998,600 to £5,698,000 –

by reducing the estimates for States members' remuneration by a total of £300,000, to fund the provision of free television licences for those aged 75 and over living in domestic accommodation whose income is less than £20,720 for a married couple and £12,720 for a single person.

DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN

REPORT

I do not believe that the funding should come from an increase on impôts as proposed by Senator Vibert but if members are keen that T.V. licence fees for the over-75s as described in Budget 2006: Second Amendment (P.266/2005) should be supported, they can show their support in the best way possible by voting that the money comes from their collective pockets by taking the necessary money required from the States members' remuneration budget vote. This would be a modest drop in members' annual income but would show goodwill to all. The effect of this amendment would be a reduction of approximately £5,660 per annum in the remuneration paid to each member.

Financial/manpower implications

There would be less financial/manpower implications than those proposed in P.266/2005 as the money is with the Treasury.