

# STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

Tuesday 19th October 2010

## A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

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*(Explanatory note attached)*

Public Finances (Accounting Standards) (Jersey) Order 2010.  
*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

R&O.102/2010.

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Code of Conduct for elected members: complaint against Senator B.E. Shenton.  
Presented: 15th October 2010.  
*Privileges and Procedures Committee.*

R.123/2010.

Rural Economy Strategy 2011 – 2015.  
Presented: 14th October 2010.  
*Economic Affairs Scrutiny Panel.*

S.R.11/2010.

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## I. QUESTIONS

### (a) – Written Questions

*(attached)*

1. H.M. Attorney General will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier regarding lawyers in respect of advice to the Minister for Health and Social Services.
2. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Senator J.L. Perchard regarding fee paying schools.
3. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Senator F. du H. Le Gresley regarding waiting lists for nursing home beds.
4. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Senator J.L. Perchard regarding comparisons with fee paying education in Guernsey.
5. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Senator J.L. Perchard regarding student places in non fee paying schools.

6. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary regarding organisational charts and job descriptions.
7. The Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary regarding protecting the privileges of members.
8. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary regarding enhancing care for the elderly.
9. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary regarding parenting skills.
10. The Chairman of the Comité des Connétables will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. Mary regarding the remuneration of the Connétables.
11. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. John regarding spot checks on workers on building sites.
12. The Chairman of Privileges and Procedures Committee will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding beverages consumed during 2009 by States members during States meetings.
13. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding the ‘Think twice buy local’ campaign.
14. The Chairman of the Comité des Connétables for will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding office space for Deputies in Parish Halls.
15. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding police numbers and CSR cuts.
16. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the net investment income for the Social Security Fund.
17. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding equality in Jersey.
18. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding estimates of redundancies.
19. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding targets for those with long term disabilities returning to work.
20. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding targets for public service reductions.

**(b) – Oral Questions**

(120 minutes)

1. The Deputy of Grouville will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –  
  
“Could the Minister state how long hospital waiting lists are for public patients currently waiting for orthopaedic operations?”
2. The Deputy of St. Mary will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –  
  
“Can the Chief Minister explain why, during the time the suspension or disciplinary action against the Chief Officer of States of Jersey Police was being discussed and prepared behind the scenes, there was no formal attempt to resolve the issues between the Minister for Home Affairs, senior officers who had concerns, and the former Chief Officer of States of Jersey

Police?”

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

“What research, if any, has the Minister undertaken into the likelihood of public sector spending cuts and redundancies triggering further job losses in those private sector companies which rely on public sector contracts, as suggested in the PricewaterhouseCoopers report on similar UK public sector proposals?”

4. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Will the Chief Minister give an undertaking that, if Senator Breckon’s proposition on reforming Ministerial Government (P.120/2010) is approved by the States, all Members on the respective Boards will be given unrestricted access to all information that is available to the Minister of each Department and to all civil servants in that department and, if not, why not?”

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

“Would the Health Minister confirm whether best practice guidelines have now been implemented in accordance with Recommendation 9.3 of the Serious Case Review in relation to the implementation of a Practice Direction and, if not, why?”

6. Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Will the Minister provide members with an update of talks between himself, head teachers, and parents of fee paying school children?”

7. The Deputy of St. John will ask the following question of the Minister for Planning and Environment -

“Can the Minister explain whether or not the Planning Department give discounted fees to the agricultural/horticultural industry and, if so, would he provide a breakdown of fees in comparison to those paid by the general public and circulate hard copy of rates to members?”

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

“Will the Minister clarify the number of 1(1)(k) residents paying less than £5,000 tax or between £5,000 and £10,000 in 2009, how many 1(1)(k) residents paid less in 2009 than the £200,000 minimum that operated during the 1990’s and will he advise whether this system is economically fair to 'middle earners'?”

9. The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Will the Chief Minister inform Members why part (d) of the Terms of Reference relating to the former Police Chief’s sworn Affidavit and published in the comments to P.9/2010 and in the Jersey Evening Post on 26th March 2010, was removed from the Napier Report and advise who was responsible and, given the Affidavit’s relevance to the suspension, why Members were not party to the decision to amend the Terms?”

10. The Connétable of St. John will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Would the Minister advise whether private sector schools have received any other financial benefits, in addition to the subsidy for fees, over the last 10 years such as the funding of buildings, property maintenance and so on?”

11. Senator J.L. Perchard will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and

Culture –

“Would the Minister advise what estimates, if any, have been made by his Department as to how many students will transfer away from the fee paying to the non fee paying schools should his proposal for a 25% increase in children’s school fees be implemented?”

12. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Will the Minister confirm that he will be entering into negotiations with Unions and workers over the proposals for CSR stage 2 and, if so, will he inform members when negotiations will start and give a date by which he expects an agreement to be reached”

13. Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Chairman of Privileges and Procedures Committee –

“What steps, if any, is the Committee taking to deal with the wider implications of the alleged secret recording of a member’s comments and the use of this material by a Committee of Inquiry?”

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

“Will the Minister confirm that although the number of public sector redundancies resulting from his CSR policies is likely to fall between 500 - 600, he is confident that between private sector job creation and Income Support monies all these employees will be financially protected given the current economic climate and, if so, can he explain how?”

15. The Deputy of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs –

“In light of the criticism in the Napier Report of the Acting Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police, will the Minister be undertaking disciplinary action against this Officer in order to demonstrate consistency and does the Minister still have confidence in the said Officer’s integrity and suitability to continue in Office despite his imminent retirement?”

16. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

“Does the Treasury Minister consider in the current economic climate that it is correct to engage in £65 million pounds of cuts in Jersey to public sector spending and will he give assurances to the Assembly that if his proposals push the Jersey economy back into, or prolong the existing, recession in the Island, he will delay the cuts until the economic conditions enable him to adjust the structural deficit?”

17. Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Further to news that on 30th October 2010, Fort Regent have booked two spiritualist mediums, does the Minister consider that this is suitable “entertainment” for a venue for which the Minister has responsibility and, if so, why?”

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

“Would the Minister confirm whether he has declined requests by Harcourt executives to meet with him to resolve the differences between both parties and, if so, will he advise why he will not agree to meet the company’s representatives?”

19. Senator J.L. Perchard will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“How many new students could the non fee paying sector accommodate before it would need to build more classrooms and employ more teachers?”

20. Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

“Why have such a disproportionate percentage of the cuts (approximately 45%) proposed by the Minister been applied to just one area, namely the subsidies to private schools, and what alternatives, if any, were considered?”

21. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –

“Given that he has one of the largest budgets, will the Minister detail for members his Department’s planned CSR stage 2 spending cuts, state whether he considers them to be service cuts and explain the process by which they were decided?”

22. The Deputy of St. Mary will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs –

“What was the basis on which the then Deputy Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police commissioned the report from the Metropolitan police on 27th August 2008, was the advice of ACPO followed in the commissioning of this report, and does the Minister consider that use of that report, as detailed in the Napier report, was consistent with best practice and has it damaged relations with the Metropolitan Police?”

23. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

“Given that the Chief Minister stated that the initial suspension of the Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police, which was heavily criticised in the Napier report, was justified in light of the Wiltshire Report submitted a year later, can he confirm whether ‘the end justifies the means’ is now an accepted principle of his administration, and, if so, in which other areas this will be applied?”

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

1st question period – Minister for Economic Development

2nd question period – Chief Minister

**J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS**

**K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

**L. PUBLIC BUSINESS**

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.*

Machinery of Government: establishment of Ministerial Boards and revised system of Scrutiny (P.120/2010) – amendment (P.120/2010 Amd.)– amendment. Lodged: 8th October 2010. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	P.120/2010. Amd.Amd.
Machinery of Government: establishment of Ministerial Boards and revised system of Scrutiny (P.120/2010) – second amendment. Lodged: 28th September 2010. <i>Deputy of St. Peter.</i>	P.120/2010. Amd.(2)
Machinery of Government: establishment of Ministerial Boards and revised system of Scrutiny (P.120/2010) – second amendment (P.120/2010 Amd.(2))– comments. Presented: 11th October 2010. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	P.120/2010. Amd.(2) Com.
Machinery of Government: establishment of Ministerial Boards and revised system of Scrutiny (P.120/2010) – third amendment. Lodged: 29th September 2010. <i>Deputy of St. John.</i>	P.120/2010. Amd.(3)
Machinery of Government: establishment of Ministerial Boards and revised system of Scrutiny (P.120/2010) – third amendment (P.120/2010 Amd.(3))– comments. Presented: 11th October 2010. <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	P.120/2010. Amd.(3) Com.
Machinery of Government: establishment of Ministerial Boards and revised system of Scrutiny (P.120/2010) – second and third amendments (P.120/2010 Amd.(2) and Amd.(3))– comments. Presented: 11th October 2010. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	P.120/2010. Amd.(2)&(3). Com.
Jersey Finance Ltd.: matched funding. Lodged: 24th September 2010. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.</i>	P.126/2010.
States Members’ remuneration: reconsideration of 2011 increase and repeal of Article 44 of the States of Jersey Law 2005. Lodged: 27th September 2010. <i>Senator B.E. Shenton.</i>	P.127/2010.
States Members’ remuneration: reconsideration of 2011 increase and repeal of Article 44 of the States of Jersey Law 2005 (P.127/2010)– amendment. Lodged: 7th October 2010. <i>Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier.</i>	P.127/2010. Amd.
States Members’ remuneration: reconsideration of 2011 increase and repeal of Article 44 of the States of Jersey Law 2005– second amendment. Lodged: 12th October 2010. <i>Deputy of St. Mary.</i>	P.127/2010. Amd.(2)

## **M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS**

### **2nd November 2010**

Sites of Special Interest: removal from list. Lodged: 7th July 2010. <i>Senator J.L. Perchard.</i>	P.96/2010.
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Sites of Special Interest: removal from list (P.96/2010) – comments. Presented: 13th September 2010. <i>Minister for Planning and Environment.</i>	P.96/2010. Com.
Draft Community Provisions (Bovine Embryos) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. Lodged: 17th August 2010. <i>Minister for Planning and Environment.</i>	P.115/2010.
Draft Health Insurance Fund (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law 201-. Lodged: 13th September 2010. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	P.125/2010.
Reg’s Skips Limited – Planning Applications (R.118/2010): compensation and further action. Lodged: 28th September 2010. <i>Senator B.E. Shenton.</i>	P.130/2010.
Reg’s Skips Limited – Planning Applications (R.118/2010): compensation and further action (P.130/2010) – amendment. Lodged: 4th October 2010. <i>Deputy of St. John.</i>	P.130/2010. Amd.
Reg’s Skips Limited – Planning Applications (R.118/2010): compensation and further action (P.130/2010) – second amendment. Lodged: 5th October 2010. <i>Senator F. du H. Le Gresley.</i>	P.130/2010. Amd.(2)
Minister for Planning and Environment: powers. Lodged: 5th October 2010. <i>Deputy R.G. Le Hérisier of St. Saviour.</i>	P.132/2010.
Esplanade Quarter: deferment of works and endorsement of Development Agreement. Lodged: 7th October 2010. <i>Deputy of St. John.</i>	P.136/2010.
Children (Jersey) Law 2002: appointment of children’s guardians and advocates in certain court proceedings. Lodged: 7th October 2010. <i>Deputy of St. Martin.</i>	P.137/2010.
Postal services: direction and guidance to the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority. Lodged: 7th October 2010. <i>Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.</i>	P.138/2010.
Rent control: removal of exemptions. Lodged: 8th October 2010. <i>Senator F. du H. Le Gresley.</i>	P.139/2010.
Jersey Post: petition. Lodged: 11th October 2010. <i>Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier.</i>	P.140/2010.
Draft Employment (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Law 2010 (Appointed Day) Act 201-. Lodged: 12th October 2010. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	P.142/2010.
Fiscal Policy Panel: re-appointment of members.	P.146/2010.

Lodged: 13th October 2010.  
*Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

### **16th November 2010**

Planning and Building Law: repeal of Minister's power to grant permission that is inconsistent with the Island Plan. P.78/2010.

Lodged: 10th June 2010.

*Senator B.E. Shenton.*

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.*

Sustainable Transport Policy. P.104/2010.

Lodged: 19th July 2010.

*Minister for Transport and Technical Services*

Social Security Scheme: amendments. P.117/2010.

Lodged: 20th August 2010.

*Senator A. Breckon.*

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.*

Samarès Nursery site, St. Clement: removal from draft Island Plan– petition. P.131/2010.

Lodged: 1st October 2010.

*Connétable of St. Clement.*

Draft Policing of Parks (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 201. P.135/2010.

Lodged: 6th October 2010.

*Minister for Transport and Technical Services.*

### **30th 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 Hérisssier of St. Saviour.*

Draft Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 201-. P.101/2010.

Lodged: 19th July 2010.

*Privileges and Procedures Committee.*

Draft Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 201- (P.101/2010): comments. P.101/2010.

Presented: 6th October 2010.

Com.

*Council of Ministers.*



Draft Intellectual Property (Unregistered Rights) (Jersey) Law 201.  
Lodged: 12th October 2010.  
*Minister for Economic Development.* P.141/2010.

Draft Employment (Amendment No. 6) (Jersey) Law 201.  
Lodged: 12th October 2010.  
*Minister for Social Security.* P.143/2010.

Draft Harbours (Protection of Cables in Territorial Waters) (Jersey)  
Regulations 201-  
Lodged: 13th October 2010.  
*Minister for Economic Development.* P.144/2010.

Freedom of Information: implementation plan.  
Lodged: 13th October 2010.  
*Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour.* P.145/2010.

### **7th December 2010**

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

Jersey Financial Services Commission: Companies' Register (P.87/2010) –  
comments. P.87/2010.  
Presented: 28th September 2010. Com.  
*Minister for Economic Development.*

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

**M.N. DE LA HAYE**  
**Greffier of the States**

14th October 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 20th and Thursday 21st October 2010.**

**Explanatory Note regarding subordinate legislation tabled at this meeting.**

(See Item B)

**R&O.102/2010.**

This Order prescribes the accounting standards in accordance with which the Treasurer of the States must prepare annual financial statements for 2010 and ensuing years. It does so by including the standards in a manual set out in the Schedule to the Order.

The Order was made on 13th October 2010 and comes into force 27th October 2010.

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

1. Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier will ask the following question of H.M. Attorney General

“Further to the response to written question 5596 on 13th September 2010, in relation to Family ‘X’, for the year 2010 can H.M. Attorney General state the total paid so far to -

- (a) lawyers external to the Law Officers' Department when advising or representing the Minister for Health and Social Services in children's proceedings
- (b) the Jersey firms who have been instructed to advise or represent the Minister for Health and Social Services

Was any tendering process utilised before instructing such lawyers?”

2. Senator J.L. Perchard will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture -

“Will the Minister advise -

- (a) the total annual level of financial or any other support given to the following schools and detail how it is calculated -

Jersey College for Girls  
Victoria College  
De La Salle College  
Beaulieu  
FCJ  
St Georges  
St Michaels’

- (b) the contractual conditions between the States of Jersey and the above mentioned schools.
- (c) the actual proposals in respect of each of these schools
- (d) the annual cost of educating a child in both a States run primary and secondary school
- (e) the number of school places that are predicted to be made available on an annual average over the next 5 years in the States run primary and secondary schools
- (f) the number of school places that are predicted to be made available on an annual average over the next 5 years in fee paying primary and secondary schools
- (g) the predicted number of children on average over the next 5 years that will require primary education each year?
- (h) the predicted number of children on average over the next 5 years that will require secondary education each year?”

3. Senator F. du H. Le Gresley will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services -

“Would the Minister advise how many States funded beds have been reserved in private nursing homes an whether there are presently any vacancies? Could she also advise how many patients, currently residing on Corbiere Ward at the General Hospital, are awaiting transfer to nursing home beds and the length of time that each such patient has been waiting? What contingency plans, if any, does her Department have to deal with any "bed blocking" that may be caused by any current or future shortage of nursing care home beds’

4. Senator J.L. Perchard will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture -

“Given that in his letter (page 3) to States Members dated 8th October 2010, the Minister stated that there were **only 1321 children** in fee paying education in Guernsey with their fees levied at between £5,880 and £7,800 a year, and that Jersey has **4,470 children** in fee paying education with fees levied at between £3,180 and £10,575 a year, does he maintain comparisons in relation to fee paying education between Jersey and Guernsey and, if so,

- (i) what percentage of Guernsey children are educated in fee paying schools compared to the percentage of Jersey children?
- (ii) should the proposed 25% increase in Jersey fees be approved and the Guernsey fee paying student percentage number emulated in Jersey, how many children would remain in fee paying schools and how many would leave them?”

5. Senator J.L. Perchard will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture -

“How many student places are available in each of the non fee paying secondary schools and which year groups of those schools have the spare places?”

6. The Deputy of St. Mary will ask the following question of the Chief Minister -

“Would the Chief Minister confirm to members that he is in favour of open government, transparency and accountability, and, if so, would he now direct departments to provide details of organisational charts which outline not only the structure of each department, but the number of staff and the specific tasks they undertake, detailed within each chart?”

7. The Deputy of St. Mary will ask the following question of the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee –

“Following the States decision of 27th September 2001 to add the words ‘Privileges and’ to the originally proposed title ‘Procedure Committee’, would the Chairman advise -

- (a) what actions have been taken since that time to protect the privileges of members?
- (b) what research has been carried out by the Committee into the privileges of elected members of national assemblies in other jurisdictions?
- (c) what research has been carried out by the Committee into how these privileges are protected in other jurisdictions?”

8. The Deputy of St. Mary will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services -

“Can the Minister advise members who has overall responsibility for promoting the quality of life for the elderly in Jersey?

Can the Minister give an outline of what strategy, if any, is in place for this area?

In particular, but not only, can the Minister advise

- (a) how feedback is gathered from users of care facilities, both residential and day-care?
- (b) how what constitutes ‘good practise’ is researched and promoted amongst service providers?
- (c) whether feedback is gathered from the elderly in general and also from “the future elderly” in order to guide policy and implementation and, if so, how?”

9. The Deputy of St. Mary will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture -

“Given the widely acknowledged importance of improving parenting skills, and following on from his

answer to Written Question 5055 on 19th January 2010, can the Minister advise members what percentage of parents currently participate in any kind of course on parenting skills?

Does the Minister and the Childrens' Coordinating Group of Ministers, consider that improving parenting skills is important and, if so, what emphasis will be placed on the development of these skills within the new Childrens' Plan?"

10. The Deputy of St. Mary will ask the following question of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables -

"Could the Chairman advise members whether the Constables receive any pay from their parishes for the duties they perform on behalf of their parish, and if so, where the legal basis can be found for this?"

11. The Deputy of St. John will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security -

"Would the Minister advise whether spot checks made on building sites and the Energy from Waste plant for persons working without Social Security cards have been repeated and, if so, on how many occasions and with what results?

Has a similar check been undertaken at the Harbours to establish how many new arrivals are coming to work in the Island without Social Security cards and, if not, why?"

12. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Chairman of Privileges and Procedures Committee -

"Will the Chairman advise how much money was spent in 2009 on the provision of canned and bottled soft drinks which are stocked in the fridge in the States Members Coffee Room?

Moreover, could she inform members how many units of each item were purchased in 2009?"

13. Deputy M. Tadier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources -

"Does the Minister support the 'Think Twice, Buy Local' campaign?

Will he undertake to publish as detailed a list as possible of all retailers trading in the Island who do and do not pay tax locally, in order to better inform shoppers who may want to support the former?"

14. Deputy M. Tadier will ask the following question of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables -

"Will the Chairman advise which Connétables, if any, make an office available to the Deputies of their parish within their respective Parish Halls?

Will the Chairman advise whether the Connétables would consider the idea of doing so?"

15. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs -

"Further to the statistics contained within Annual Performance Report 2009 for the States of Jersey Police in relation to the differences in the funded establishment and strength in comparison to England and Wales, would the Minister inform the Assembly -

(i) by how much the force was under its funded strength a) at the beginning of this year and b) currently?

(ii) when the force will return to its funded strength?

Can he further assure members that the CSR will not impact on the numbers of operational police officers?"

16. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security -

“Will the Minister confirm that the net investment income for the Social Security funds (page 90 Social Security Report & Accounts – 2009) has increased substantially in 2009 from an average of £5m - £8m to £107 million and, if so, state whether this level of interest is expected to continue, and if so, what implications this has for the future of the funds?”

17. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister -

“In light of the Report on Equality recently issued by the UK Equality and Human Rights Commission on the continued inequality in the gender pay gap which reveals that women earn on average some 16% less than men (rising to 27% for over 40’s) does the Chief Minister have any comparable data on the gender pay gap in Jersey and if not, why not?”

Given the States commitment to the creation of a more equal society as stated in the Strategic Plan, what measures, if any, is the Council of Ministers considering to address this issue?”

18. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister -

“Will the Chief Minister inform members what estimate he has of the number of redundancies required by stage 2 of the CSR?”

In the light of agreements being sought with public sector workers in the UK over redundancy payments, which cap compulsory payments to 1 month’s pay for every year worked up to a maximum of 12 months, and with voluntary schemes capped at 15 or 21 months, will the Chief Minister commit to reaching agreement with employee representatives over redundancy terms, rather than simply imposing revised conditions?

In particular will he agree to the introduction of a differential between compulsory and voluntary schemes to incentivise the take up of voluntary redundancies?”

19. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security -

“Will the Minister assure members that he will not follow the UK government in proposing targets for forcing those with a long-term disability to seek work by reducing the level of disability benefits, and, if not, why not?”

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

“Will the Minister inform members what his new target of £65m in public service reductions, along with reductions in capital spending represents in GDP (or GNI) terms? Will he further inform members what risk analysis, if any, he has conducted on the impact of such cuts on economic recovery?”

## ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

(See Item I(c))

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