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THE STATES assembled on Tuesday,
13th February 1996 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Philip Martin Bailhache, Esquire

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
General Sir Michael Wilkes, K.C.B., C.B.E,
was present.

All Members were present with the exception of -

Senator Pierre François Horsfall - ill
Leonard René Hamel, Connétable of St.
Clement - ill.
Derek Ryder Maltwood, Deputy of St. Mary -
out of the Island
John Nicolle Le Fondré, Deputy of St.
Lawrence - ill
Margaret Anne Le Geyt, Deputy of St.
Saviour - out of the Island
Jeremy Laurence Dorey, Deputy of St.
Helier - out of the Island.

Prayers

Visit of Home Secretary

The Bailiff informed the States that there would
be an extraordinary meeting on 9th April 1996 to
welcome the Secretary of State for the Home
Department, the Right Honourable Michael Howard,
Q.C., M.P.

Subordinate legislation tabled

The following enactments were laid before the
States, namely -

1. Road Traffic (Grouville)
(Amendment No. 12) (Jersey) Order 1996.

R & O 8905.

2. Road Traffic (Saint Saviour)
(Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Order 1996.
R & O 8906.

Matter presented

The following matter was presented to the States -

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of
Constabulary - States of Jersey Police
1995.
Presented by the Defence
Committee.

Matters noted - land transactions

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee dated 5th February 1996, showing that, in pursuance of Standing Orders relating to certain transactions in land, the Committee had approved -

- (a) as recommended by the Planning and Environment Committee -
 - (i) the purchase from Mr. Derek Charles Le Tourneur of the freehold of Tremont House, La Rue à Don, Grouville for a consideration of £160,000 with the Committee being responsible for the payment of all legal fees involved in the transaction; and
 - (ii) the purchase from Mrs. Hazel Blanche Filleul, née Le Tourneur, of the freehold of Tremont Villa, La Rue à Don, Grouville for a consideration of £155,000 plus the payment of £4,675 in respect of legal fees and £2,325 in respect of surveyor's fees, subject to the condition that the land was used only for a housing development;
- (b) as recommended by the Education Committee, the renewal of the lease to the Jersey Society for the Provision of a Children's Resources Centre of Centrepoint, Clearview Street, St. Helier, for a period of nine years from 1st March 1993, at an annual rent of £1 payable in full at the commencement of the lease;

- (c) as recommended by the Harbours and Airport Committee, the lease to St. Catherine's Sailing Club of premises at St. Catherine, for a period of nine years from 5th December 1990, at an annual rent of £1,000, subject to annual review.
- (d) as recommended by the Harbours and Airport Committee, the lease to the Jersey Aero Club of accommodation at the Airport, for a period of nine years from 24th June 1991, at an annual rent of £6,000, subject to annual review.
- (e) as recommended by the Public Services Committee, the lease to the Jersey Windsurfer Class Association of the dingy and trailer park and Martello Tower at the Beaumont Pumping Station, St. Peter, for a period of nine years from 30th June 1991, at an annual rent of £250, subject to triennial review.
- (f) as recommended by the Defence Committee, the lease to Nobel's Explosives Company Limited of the explosives magazine at Crabbé, St. Mary, for a period of nine years from 25th December 1991, at an annual rent of £6,250, subject to annual review;
- (g) as recommended by the Defence Committee, the annulment of the lease granted to the Jersey Rifle Association by Act of the States dated 24th November 1981 of land comprising the Full Bore Range together with shooting stands and butts at Crabbé, St. Mary, that lease being for a period of 27 years from 25th December 1981 at an annual rent of £100, subject to triennial review and the lease to the Association of an area of land at Crabbé, St. Mary, being the site of its clubhouse, for a period of 17 years from 25th December 1991, at an annual rent of £178, subject to triennial review.

Matter noted - acceptance of tender

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee dated 5th February 1996, showing that, in pursuance of Rule 5 of the Public Finances (General) (Jersey) Rules 1967, as amended, the Committee had noted that the Education Committee had accepted the lowest of five tenders, namely that submitted by Charles

Le Quesne (1956) Limited in the sum of £11,226,016.79 in a contract period of 104 weeks, for the construction of St. Anne's School, St. Helier.

Matters lodged

The following subjects were lodged ``au Greffe" -

1. Draft Teachers' Superannuation (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 199 - P.26/96.
Presented by the Education Committee.
2. Draft Borrowing (Control) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 199 - P.27/96.
Presented by the Finance and Economics Committee.
3. Taxis and cabs in Jersey: re-organisation - P.28/96.
Presented by the Public Services Committee.
4. European Communities Legislation (Implementation) (Jersey) Law 1996 (Appointed Day) Act 199 - P.29/96.
Presented by the Policy and Resources Committee.
5. Draft Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Amendment No. 45) (Jersey) Regulations 199 - P.30/96.
Presented by the Employment and Social Security Committee.
6. States members' remuneration - P.31/96.
Presented by Senator S. Syvret and referred to the House Committee for a report.

Taxis and cabs in Jersey: re-organisation - P.154/96. Withdrawn

THE STATES noted that the President of the Public Services Committee had withdrawn the proposition relating to the re-organisation of taxis and cabs in Jersey (lodged ``au Greffe" on 7th November 1995), having lodged a revised proposition at the present meeting (P.28/96).

Waterfront Enterprise Board Limited:
constitution of Board of Directors - P.24/96.

Withdrawn

THE STATES noted that Deputy Robin Ernest Richard Rumboll of St. Helier had withdrawn his proposition regarding the constitution of the Board of Directors of the Waterfront Enterprise Board Limited (lodged ``au Greffe" on 30th January 1996).

Road cleaning services at St. Aubin - P.63/95.
Withdrawn

THE STATES noted that Senator Richard Joseph Shenton had withdrawn his proposition regarding road cleaning services at St. Aubin (lodged ``au Greffe" on 23rd May 1995).

9 St. James Street, St. Helier: sale - P.22/96.
Withdrawn

THE STATES noted that the President of the Health and Social Services Committee had withdrawn the proposition relating to the sale of 9 St. James Street, St. Helier (lodged ``au Greffe" on 30th January 1996) which had been set down for debate at the present meeting.

Arrangement of public business for the next meeting on 27th February 1996

THE STATES confirmed that the following subjects lodged ``au Greffe" should be considered at the next meeting on 27th February 1996 -

Taxis and cabs in Jersey: re-organisation - P.28/96.

Lodged: 13th February 1996.

Public Services Committee.

European Communities Legislation (Implementation) (Jersey) Law 1996 (Appointed Day) Act 199 - P.29/96.

Lodged: 13th February 1996.

Policy and Resources Committee.

Draft Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) (Amendment No. 45) (Jersey) Regulations 199 - P.30/96.

Lodged: 13th February 1996.

Employment and Social Security Committee.

Registration of electors - questions and answers (Tape No. 325)

Deputy Gary Matthews of St. Brelade asked Iris

Medora Le Feuvre, Connétable of St. Lawrence,
the following questions -

- ``1. What plans do the Comité des Connétables have to remind persons eligible to vote what steps they need to take to be registered as an elector and to encourage more people to register to vote at the elections for Senators and Deputies in 1996?
2. In the case of a lodging house or rented accommodation, would the Connétable confirm that it is the duty of the proprietor and of the landlord respectively to ensure that his or her lodgers or tenants are registered on the electoral roll?
3. Would the Connétable consider publication of an electoral return form in the local newspaper which could be completed by an individual wishing to register as an elector and returned to the relevant parish for registration?
4. Would the Connétables be prepared to provide for the distribution of leaflets and electoral returns to the public in St. Helier or other parishes as a further means of encouraging those who have not yet completed a return to do so and thus be registered as an elector?
5. Would the Connétable agree that there is a strong case for opening the polls earlier than 11.00 a.m. on election day to give electors the opportunity to record their vote at public elections on their way to work in the morning?"

The Connétable of St. Lawrence replied as follows -

- ``1. The Franchise (Jersey) Law 1968, as amended, makes provision for the registration of persons as electors in public elections.

An Electoral Registration Form is dispatched to all occupiers of property by the Connétable of each parish, usually during April/May with the rate assessment notice. On six occasions before 22nd June a notice is published in the Jersey Gazette reminding people of the requirement to register.

The closing date for the return of registration forms to the parish halls is 30th June. During the last 15 working days in July the draft electoral register is available for public inspection and on two occasions during this period official notice is given in the Jersey Gazette of the dates and times for such inspection. The closing date for additions to the draft list is 7th August.

In addition to the official adverts the Comité has in recent years undertaken extra advertising for example in 1993 four half-page adverts were placed in the Jersey Evening Post during June and a 12 spot broadcast was placed on Channel Television reminding people eligible to vote to complete and return their forms to the parish halls by 30th June. In July 1987 a postmark cancellation stamp was used for two weeks with the slogan 'Are you on the draft Register of Electors? - Check now at your Parish Hall'. Parish secretaries also remind listeners to the parish news items on BBC Radio Jersey that electors must sign and return forms and then check that their names are included in the Register.

Whilst the Comité has not yet discussed the plans for 1996 I have no doubt it will make similar provision for extra publicity not only in English but also in the Portuguese and French languages.

2. It is the duty of the proprietor of a lodging house and the landlord of rented accommodation, as the occupier of a property, to ensure that his or her lodgers or tenants are entered on and sign a return and to deliver the return, duly completed, to the Connétable of the parish. Tenants of self-contained accommodation will usually receive a return with their rate assessment notice but tenants in, for example, a 'granny flat' should be entered on the return received by the occupier of the property. However, they may obtain a separate form from the parish hall to complete themselves.
3. In 1992 the Comité discounted a general electoral return form being included in an issue of the Jersey Evening Post as news print paper was not of sufficient quality.

4. In 1993 the Jersey Rights Association distributed forms in a 'street campaign' and approximately 80 were completed. The Jersey Rights Association also arranged for the printing in the two local newspapers of a copy of the electoral registration form and 11 were returned to six parish halls. The Connétables distribute electoral return forms with the rate assessment notices, as this is considered the best means of reaching all occupiers of property, and extra forms are available on request from the parish halls. Considering the response to the Jersey Rights Association campaign (less than 100 replies) the Connétables would need to be convinced that the distribution of leaflets and electoral returns to the public in St. Helier or other parishes was worthwhile.

5. The polls are open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. (a total of nine hours) including throughout the lunch hour and in the evening and there must be few people who cannot get to the polling station during this time. If the polls opened at 8 a.m. this would still exclude those who start work earlier than 8 a.m. It would also be a considerable extra burden on the parish officers and the honorary police on duty throughout the day as the work continues well after 8 p.m. until the votes are counted and the election concluded.

Whilst ensuring that every person has the opportunity to register as an elector, and to vote in an election, I would point out that the low turnout in past elections should be of as much concern as the few who find, on election day, they are not registered to vote. The Connétables could register all eligible persons but they cannot ensure that all those persons use their vote. It is a great disappointment to the Connétables that despite all the efforts made so many people do not exercise their right to vote."

Parking permits for residents of St. Helier -
question and answer (Tape No. 325)

Deputy Frank Harrison Walker of St. Helier asked

Deputy Dereck André Carter, President of the Public Services Committee, the following question -

“Would the President confirm that it is still his Committee's policy to devise an on-street permit parking scheme for the residents of St. Helier and, if so, when does he anticipate that the scheme will be introduced?”

The President of the Public Services Committee replied as follows -

“I can confirm that it is still my Committee's policy to introduce a scheme for residents' parking. The system will not only be available to the residents of St. Helier but it will be possible to introduce it throughout the Island, where appropriate.

My Committee approved, in principle, a scheme for the major residential parts of St. Helier last September, but the practical details, of who would issue the permits and how the scheme would be policed, had to be resolved before the necessary changes to the Regulations could be sought.

During the interim period, my Committee was approached by the Defence Committee to take on the responsibility for the Traffic Wardens, and the transfer was achieved from 1st January this year. The introduction of upgraded computer facilities in the Department's car parking office means that the facilities now exist for the issue of residents' permits from that office without further staffing implications.

A review of the current parking arrangements, both on-street and off-street, has been undertaken to rationalise all the systems and combine the resources now available to the Committee from both the Traffic Wardens and the car park officials. My Committee, at its meeting on 4th March, will be asked to consider proposed revised arrangements which will provide a better service to the public, both local and visitor, and will enable the introduction of residents' parking.

Provided that the proposals are approved by the Committee, the necessary changes to the Regulations will be put in the hands of the Law Draftsman immediately, and will be implemented as soon as practical after the

States approve the changes."

Security of premises - questions and answers
(Tape No. 325)

Deputy Philip John Rondel of St. John asked
Deputy Michael Adam Wavell of St. Saviour,
President of the Defence Committee, the
following questions -

1. In view of the large number of break-ins that have taken place in the Island during the last few months, would the President give an assurance that his Committee is doing all that is necessary to give both the States and Honorary Police all the support that is required to combat these offences?
2. Since the States Police handed over their first response rôle with respect to burglar alarms to a private security firm(s), would the President inform the members -
 - (a) of the number of call outs received by the private security firm(s), and how many of those call outs were false alarms?
 - (b) with regard to other call outs that were not false alarms, whether any persons have been detained by private security officers and, if so, how many?
 - (c) if the answer to (b) above is in the affirmative, what are the powers under which these security officers operate?
 - (d) whether the training of these officers is to the same high standard as officers of the States of Jersey Police Force?
3. Would the President inform members whether any of the security officers attending a scene of crime have been involved in an incident with an intruder resulting in injury, and state what back-up facilities are in place for a security officer in those circumstances?
4. Would the President indicate whether the Committee is considering introducing a scheme for licensing the

various security companies and staff operating in the Island?"

The President of the Defence Committee replied as follows -

1. I welcome the opportunity to reassure the States that the Committee is satisfied that the States and Honorary Police have all the support, equipment and expertise needed to deal with, not just the recent spate of break-ins, but all other aspects of crime which continue to affect the public of the Island.

Specifically, in relation to the break-ins, the Chief Officer of Police redeployed staff to the formation of a temporary burglary squad, under the direction of a detective inspector, to collate all evidence, re-visit the scenes of some of these crimes, and to build a profile of the offences and the offenders, so that the latter could be targeted for police action. In many respects, this has been successful, with some 24 persons being arrested as a result of this initiative, and items of property recovered.

Distressingly, the officers, on making these arrests, have also come across the other burden of the Island at this time, that of drug abuse.

However, I am happy to report to the States that as a direct result of this unfortunate series of crimes, a revitalisation of the relationship between the police and the public has taken place, large amounts of information have been passed to the police, and personal contact with the public has never been greater.

The response from the Honorary Police has been in the true traditions of that system. Requests were made early on for not just heightened Honorary Police involvement, but for specific deployment of Honorary Police officers to target areas of the country parishes, and a series of road checks were initiated. These officers were ready to provide instant response, which must have had a great impact on their own professional and social lives.

That they did so, so quickly and so enthusiastically, is not only a reflection of the great spirit within the system, but also illustrates the Jersey public's response when the chips are down.

I have received assurances from the Chief Officer and his senior officers, that they believe the success of the past weeks will be further enhanced, and they anticipate more arrests and recovery of property. However, such work, members will be aware, is always of a painstaking nature and instant results are not always possible.

I would remind the House that my Committee has consistently sought to allocate resources to law and order, to the extent that we recently gained the support of the Establishment Committee for the need to create a joint Police and Customs Intelligence Bureau and also upgrade the Force Crime Intelligence Bureau. It is recognised that it is far better to target the alleged criminal than investigate the crime some hours afterwards. The gathering of information about such criminals will allow the Police to do so.

Therefore, the answer to Deputy Rondel's question is that I can give the States the assurance he requires and I am proud to be able to say that whilst I have tremendous sympathy for those who have suffered and continue to suffer from the activities of criminals, the recent upsurge has not only brought a professional response from the States Police, it has shown the value of the Honorary Police and their willingness to serve the community; the members of the community themselves having given both Honorary and States Police every support.

2. (a) Details of the number of call-outs received by security firms is now a private matter between those companies and their clients but I can advise the House that during the 12 months prior to when the first-line response in respect of burglar alarms was transferred to private security firms, the Police Service dealt with approximately

1,100 alarm calls, 98.5 per cent of which were false alarms.

- (b) Personnel employed by security firms have detained three offenders since the responsibility for the provision of a first-line response was transferred from the Police Service in 1994.
 - (c) Personnel employed by security firms do not have any specific police powers, therefore, their position is no different to that of a member of the public who, on witnessing a crime, might take action to prevent the escape of an offender.
 - (d) Police officers receive specialist training in a wide range of subjects that are not relevant to the work of security officers, therefore it would be inappropriate to make comparisons. However, personnel employed by security firms are trained to a nationally accredited standard on subjects that are directly relevant to their rôle.
3. There is no record of a security officer being injured locally as a result of confronting an intruder. In the event of a security patrol discovering a break-in or any evidence which indicates the presence of an intruder, the States Police are called and make an immediate and emergency response. In the event of a security officer being injured - apart from any company insurance the security officer would be entitled to make a claim to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.
4. When the provision of a front-line response to alarm calls was transferred to security firms, the Defence Committee was satisfied that there existed in the Island more than one reputable company which was accredited by the British Security Industry Association.

It is felt that the current service available to the public is adequate in the Jersey context; however, the concept of licensing security companies and their staff would be pursued with

vigour if there was any evidence of malpractice or incompetence on the part of the security companies and private investigators."

Decision conferencing - statement

The President of the Policy and Resources Committee made a statement in the following terms -

“On 30th January 1996 Senator S. Syvret asked the Vice-President of the Policy and Resources Committee three questions on decision conferencing. The Vice-President, having answered those particular questions, and also a number of supplementary questions, agreed to a request by Deputy J.L. Dorey that the Policy and Resources Committee should provide the House with a statement on the issues raised.

Following an analysis of the sound recording of the proceedings, I make the following statement on behalf of the Policy and Resources Committee -

Decision conferencing is a management technique which combines a formalised brainstorming session with a computer analysis to provide consensus solutions to specific problems.

Decision conferencing has been used within the United Kingdom local authority network by a number of County Councils, District Councils, and Metropolitan and London Boroughs. The process is endorsed by the United Kingdom Audit Commission, and by CIPFA, as a management process to assist in resolving resource allocation issues.

The setting of a maximum limit to the number of participants at 15 persons is nothing at all to do with computer software. From advice we have received and based our own experience last year, a decision conference with more than 15 participants will be unmanageable, and inoperable as a brainstorming process. Our consultants have indicated they would be unwilling to run a decision conference with over 15 participants as they doubt they would be able to successfully achieve the task for which they had been contracted.

On the question of the attendance of supporters or advisers, the Committee has been advised that a decision conference would become unmanageable if the nominated representatives were constantly diverted from the task in hand - particularly in turning round to find out what to say, or to obtain confirmation that what they have already said was acceptable. There is also the risk that non-participants will interrupt or possibly distract the nominated representatives in some way. The capital decision conference will not be concerned with the technical aspects of capital requests, so there is no need for technical advisers to be present.

The capital decision conference process is designed to allow the participants to agree, by logical argument and subsequent consensus, how much importance should be attached to each capital request when it is compared with the strategic long-term objectives of the States. This, the Policy and Resources Committee believes, is a matter for political, rather than officer, consideration.

Prior to the Policy and Resources Committee, capital funds were 'chopped up' on a 'He Who Shouts Loudest Basis'. In the years 1991 to 1993, a process was evolved whereby all capital requests for a future four year period were assessed by a small group of centrally based officers, the resultant rankings being subject to political review. This process was perceived as a significant improvement, but complaints of unfairness were made by some Committees on the grounds that the central group could not possibly be aware of all the policy issues facing those Committees submitting requests. In order to remove this criticism, the whole prioritisation process was opened up by the Policy and Resources Committee agreeing to a capital decision conference pilot in 1995.

It was a pure coincidence that the number submitting capital requests in 1995 fell just below the maximum conference level figure of 15 participants. All those submitting requests could therefore participate in the conference at officer level. The

exercise was a success, and was praised by all those involved, who were not only happy with the end product, but also with the degree of common understanding achieved by using the process. It is for these reasons, and no other, that this year's capital decision conference again will involve only those Committees submitting capital requests. They are directly involved, and they know how their own policy objectives lock into those approved by the States. They also must be party to the process which might not necessarily recommend their own particular projects as high priority for the forthcoming capital programme.

The term 'decision conference' is possibly misleading, and it might be the reason why some States members have expressed concerns about a 'closed shop' and 'cabinet government'. Decision conferences do not produce final decisions - the end products are recommendations or options for political scrutiny. Furthermore, they are not 'conferences' in the usual definition of that word as they are not open to all comers.

The priority recommendations of the capital decision conference will be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval or otherwise. This list will then be considered by the Committees concerned, and will subsequently be discussed at an informal meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee to which all States members will be invited. After any adjustments, the future capital programme will be presented to the States for approval during the Strategic Policy debate, before the necessary funds are voted in the Budget. It is the view of the Policy and Resources Committee that the expressions 'closed shop' or 'cabinet government' are totally inapplicable in the circumstances.

The advice we have been given by our consultants, and also by the Leader of the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley when he visited the Island last year, is that if the participants concerned have a similar set of values to the majority of people, and if the same criteria are used, then two capital decision

conferences held in parallel should produce very similar, if not the same, priority listings. Taking this into account, the Policy and Resources Committee can see no purpose whatsoever in going to the expense of providing for a second capital decision conference to be run in parallel with the one proposed.

The Policy and Resources Committee is totally agreeable to the concept of States member observers for the capital decision conference which is scheduled to take place on 14th and 15th March.

Given the formal lay-out dictated by the process, and the need for the participants to be free from any form of interruption or other disturbance which might divert their concentration or interfere with their full participation, the Committee considers the best option for this observer facility will be by using a video link to an adjacent room. States members observing will therefore be free to come and go as they please, and to converse openly with colleagues etc., without impacting on the decision conference process itself. Two video cameras and monitors will be provided to ensure that observers can both hear and see what is taking place. In order that we can make the appropriate arrangements in terms of numbers, the Committee would be grateful if those members intending to observe the process could advise the Office of the Chief Adviser as soon as possible."

Job Club - statement

The President of the Employment and Social Security Committee made a statement in the following terms -

"I am making this statement in the knowledge that many States members, and also members of the public, have shown considerable interest in, and support for the Job Club which started in March 1993, in direct response to high levels of unemployment. It was set up by the unemployed for the benefit of the unemployed and its aim has been to help its members re-enter the labour market in the shortest possible time. The purpose of this and other initiatives at the time was to

reduce unemployment levels and, indeed, the Job Club was envisaged by its own Management Committee as having a limited lifespan.

Members are aware that unemployed levels have been falling for some time now. In fact, they are about half the 1993 levels - currently 562 compared to 1,039 at the same time in 1993. In addition, the new Training and Employment Partnership was set up in 1995 to promote a well trained, qualified and effective workforce and also to help unemployed people into work. Members may recall that the main reason for setting up the Training and Employment Partnership was to co-ordinate the work of the then Employment Enterprise Board, the Jersey Training Agency, Youth Training Board and Job Club which were previously the responsibility of four different Committees.

The Job Club's present accommodation at 21 Hill Street (which has been provided without charge by the Property Management Office) has now been terminated in anticipation of the larger development project. This has raised a short-term requirement for alternative accommodation and has been the catalyst for discussions between the Job Club Management Committee and the Training and Employment Partnership on the way forward. These discussions have come to an amicable conclusion for both parties and I can advise members as follows -

The Training and Employment Partnership supports the employment functions that are undertaken by the Job Club and sees it forming part of its network for employment and training services.

As a short-term measure the Job Club will be temporarily located alongside the Skills and Resources Centre in the Rose Garden at Fort Regent. It is stressed that this is a short-term arrangement until some more suitable accommodation is found in St. Helier. However, for the present, the Skills and Resources Centre there has the facilities and equipment to enhance the service that the Job Club provides.

The experience and commitment of both members of the Job Club staff are highly valued and the Training and Employment Partnership has retained

their services.

Last week the Job Club Management Committee voted to dissolve itself voluntarily in the knowledge that its excellent work will not be undone, and to transfer its responsibilities to the Training and Employment Partnership. This took place on Monday, 12th February 1996.

It is unfortunate that the Job Club cannot immediately be located alongside the other training and employment facilities within my department, but there is no available accommodation at present. So far, we have already incorporated the Jersey Training Agency and the Youth Training Initiative with the services originally provided by my department, namely the Job Centre and Headway Scheme. The Training and Employment Partnership is also in the process of setting up an Adult Careers Guidance Service and this will be co-located with the other services I have mentioned.

In other words, in a very short period we will have nearly all training and employment services under one roof. We are hoping in time to be able to release some further accommodation at Philip Le Feuvre House which is currently sub-let, so that all services can be brought together in one area to provide a fully integrated one-stop shop.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the excellent start that the Training and Employment Partnership and my department have made in integrating and streamlining the services, and also beginning to plug the gaps that previously existed. I know that the Training and Employment Partnership has recently commissioned the largest employer survey ever undertaken in Jersey to get more information about the Island's skills base and likely future needs. The Partnership will be developing a training and employment strategy in the next few months which will make full use of the information provided by nearly 800 businesses who took part in the survey, and other information available elsewhere. Members will have the opportunity to comment on the strategy during the consultation stage and also when it comes to the States for approval.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank members of the Job Club Management

Committee for all the good work they have done, their motivation and above all, commitment. The Job Club set itself up at a time when unemployment was high and the Island had no co-ordinated response to the problem. They have shown us how important it is to help people back into the workplace in a more informal setting and I have no doubt that the lessons learned will be invaluable in developing services in future."

Field 1007, St. John - statement

The President of the Planning and Environment Committee made a statement in the following terms -

``On January 30th 1996, the States approved the proposition referring to Field 1007, St. John, brought by Senator V.A. Tomes.

Having carefully considered the points made by members during the debate it is clear that those who supported the petition did so as they believed that Mr. D.R. Manning had, over many years, suffered an injustice.

My Committee, in recognising the decision of the States, has had considerable deliberations on the matter and, in view of the wholly unique circumstances of this case has decided to accede to the wish of the States. Subject to matters of siting, size, materials, design and compliance with the Building Bye-Laws my Committee will grant permission for a house and store for Mr. Manning on Field 1007, St. John, and invites Mr Manning to make an application.

My Committee, however, wishes to remind members that it will continue to apply with full vigour the policies of the Island Plan, which were approved by the States, and trusts that the States in future will support it in so doing."

Elizabeth Harbour warehouse extensions: approval of drawings

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Harbours and Airport Committee -

- (a) approved drawings Nos. 224.01 to .07 showing the proposed extensions to the No. 1 Warehouse, Elizabeth Harbour, Port of St. Helier;

- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawings on behalf of the States.

Stopford Road/Gas Works gyratory road scheme:
purchase and sale of land - P.183/95

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Planning and Environment Committee regarding the purchase and sale of land in connection with the proposed link road improvement to form a gyratory scheme in the area of Wellington Hill, St. Saviour's Road and Stopford Road junctions together with a further road from the gyratory road to Oxford Road.

After discussion Senator Richard Joseph Shenton, in accordance with Standing Order No. 27(1), proposed that the States move to the consideration of the next item on the order paper, which proposition was carried, more than 20 members voting in support of the proposition.

Deputy Alan Breckon of St. Saviour and Deputy Philip John Rondel of St. John, having declared an interest in the matter, withdrew from the Chamber prior to the debate.

Draft Island Planning (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey)
Law 199 - P.173/95. Withdrawn

THE STATES commenced consideration of the draft Island Planning (Amendment No. 7) Jersey Law 199 . After discussion the President of the Planning and Environment Committee withdrew the draft Law.

Nicholson Park, Phases V & VI, St. Helier:
approval of drawings - P.4/96

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Housing Committee -

- (a) approved drawings Nos. 1616/20-45, showing the redevelopment of Phases V and VI of the Nicholson Park Estate, St. Helier;
- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawings on behalf of the States.

Television subtitling and bursaries in broadcast journalism - P.177/95

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Broadcasting Committee -

(a) agreed that the revenue received from the apportionment of independent television tender payments should be used -

(i) to provide funding towards a local television subtitling service for the hard of hearing, at a cost of £56,160 a year from 1996 until 2002;

(ii) to provide funding for bursaries in postgraduate courses in broadcast journalism, at an estimated cost of £13,000 a year, from 1996 until 2002; and

(b) requested the Finance and Economics Committee to take the necessary action.

Suspension of Standing Order No. 31

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of Senator Richard Joseph Shenton, agreed to suspend Standing Order No. 31 (Voting) so that the choice of persons to be nominated to serve as Directors of the Waterfront Enterprise Board Limited might be conducted by secret ballot.

Waterfront Enterprise Board Limited: nomination of Directors - P.15A/96, 16A/96 and 25A/96

THE STATES commenced consideration of the nomination of the following persons for appointment by the subscribers to the Memorandum of Association as Directors of the Waterfront Enterprise Board Limited -

Proposed by the Policy and Resources Committee -

Senator Corrie Stein
Deputy Robin Ernest Richard Rumboll of St. Helier
Deputy Frank Harrison Walker of St. Helier

Mr. Peter Joseph Crespel
Mr. Philip Rolfe Daubeney
Mr. John Claude Tibbo

Proposed by Senator Richard Joseph Shenton -

Mr. Donald George Filleul

Proposed by Deputy Alastair John Layzell of St. Brelade -

Mr. Robert Lester Le Brocq, Connétable of St. Helier
Deputy Robin Ernest Richard Rumboll of St. Helier
Deputy Frank Harrison Walker of St. Helier

Mrs. Jane Patricia Carter
Mr. Peter Joseph Crespel
Mr. Donald George Filleul.

THE STATES having proceeded to a secret ballot, the Bailiff declared that the following had been nominated for appointment as Directors of the Waterfront Enterprise Board Limited -

Deputy Rumboll
Deputy Walker
Connétable of St. Helier

Mr. Crespel
Mr. Filleul
Mr. Tibbo.

The results of the ballot were as follows -

Deputy Rumboll	40 votes
Deputy Walker	39 votes
Connétable of St. Helier	38 votes
Senator Stein	23 votes

Mr. Peter Joseph Crespel	44 votes
Mr. Donald George Filleul	39 votes
Mr. John Claude Tibbo	31 votes
Mrs. Jane Patricia Carter	20 votes
Mr. Philip Rolfe Daubeney	7 votes

Airport Dues (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 199 - P.89/95

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law entitled the Airport Dues (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 199 .

Policing of Roads (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Regulations 1996 - P.17/96

THE STATES, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the Order in Council of the twenty-sixth day of December 1851, Article 49 of the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956, as amended, and the Policing of Roads, Parks and Sea Beaches

(Application of Fines) (Jersey) Law 1957, as amended, made Regulations entitled the Policing of Roads (Amendment No. 7) (Jersey) Regulations 1996.

The Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited (Jersey) Law 1995 (Appointed Day) Act 1996 - P.21/96

THE STATES, in pursuance of paragraphs (1) and (2) of Article 10 of The Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited (Jersey) Law 1995, made an Act entitled the Royal Bank of Scotland International Limited (Jersey) Law 1995 (Appointed Day) Act 1996.

Senator Richard Joseph Shenton, having declared an interest in the matter, withdrew from the Chamber prior to the debate.

Company of Town Pilots: loan - P.23/96

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Finance and Economics Committee -

- (a) authorised the granting of a loan to the Company of Town Pilots for the purchase of a purpose built pilot boat to replace the current reserve pilot boat 'Endurance';

- (b) agreed that the loan should not exceed £200,000, should bear interest at four per cent per annum and should be repayable in equal annual instalments over a period of ten years.

Jersey Airport: lease to Shell U.K. Limited - P.8/96

THE STATES continued discussion of the proposition of the Harbours and Airport Committee regarding the lease of land, office accommodation and related car parking at Jersey Airport, St. Peter, to Shell U.K. Limited.

After further discussion the Vice-President of the Harbours and Airport Committee withdrew the proposition pending a report by the Attorney General on the legal consequences for the States if they decided not to grant the lease.

Francis Herbert Amy, Connétable of Grouville, having declared an interest in the matter, withdrew from the Chamber prior to the debate.

Draft Health and Safety at Work (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 199 - P.186/95

THE STATES, having considered the preamble, rejected the draft Health and Safety at Work (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 199 .

Members present voted on the preamble as follows -

``Pour" (18)

Senators

Shenton, Bailhache, Tomes.

Connétables

St. Mary, Grouville, St. Saviour.

Deputies

H. Baudains(C), Le Sueur(H),
Coutanche(L), Crespel(H), Pullin(S),
Carter(H), Johns(H), Duhamel(S),
Matthews(B), Routier(H), Breckon(S), St.
Martin.

``Contre" (20)

Senators

Rothwell, Le Main, Le Maistre, Stein,
Chinn.

Connétables

St. Lawrence, St. Brelade, St. Helier,
Trinity, St. Martin.

Deputies

Wavell(S), Norman(C), St. Peter, St. Ouen,
Huelin(B), Trinity, Layzell(B), Grouville,
Huet(H), St. John.

Gambling (Gaming and Lotteries) (Amendment No. 10) (Jersey) Regulations 1996 - P.6/96

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 3 of the Gambling (Jersey) Law 1964, as amended, made Regulations entitled the Gambling (Gaming and Lotteries) (Amendment No. 10) (Jersey) Regulations 1996.

THE STATES rose at 4.54 p.m.

G.H.C. COPPOCK

Greffier of the States.