

STATES OF JERSEY



HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING PROPOSAL (P.33/2018): AMENDMENT

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by Senator P.F.C. Ozouf

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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (a) –

For the words “a new” substitute the words “an interim” and after the words “accompanying this proposition” insert the words “, for any students either currently in higher education or commencing higher education in the next 3 academic years with the Scheme to run for the duration of their studies”.

2 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (c) –

After the words “accompanying this proposition” insert the words “, subject to paragraph (a)”.

3 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (c) –

In paragraph (c) substitute the full stop with the words “; and” and, after paragraph (c), insert new paragraph (d) –

“(d) that the Council of Ministers should review the interim Scheme and bring forward proposals for a permanent scheme as part of the next Medium Term Financial Plan, having regard to the recommendations contained in the Scrutiny Report ‘Tertiary Education: Student Finance Proposals’ (S.R.5/2018) and any new policy proposals announced in the United Kingdom.”.

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Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to agree –

- (a) the introduction of an interim Higher Education Student Grant Scheme, as set out in the report accompanying this proposition, for any students either currently in higher education or commencing higher education in the next 3 academic years with the Scheme to run for the duration of their studies;
- (b) the removal of the Higher Child Allowance from the year of tax assessment 2019;
- (c) the transitional arrangements as set out in the report accompanying this proposition, subject to paragraph (a); and

- (d) that the Council of Ministers should review the interim Scheme and bring forward proposals for a permanent scheme as part of the next Medium Term Financial Plan, having regard to the recommendations contained in the Scrutiny Report 'Tertiary Education: Student Finance Proposals' (S.R.5/2018) and any new policy proposals announced in the United Kingdom.

REPORT

This amendment is brought forward in the light of the Scrutiny Panel recommendation that the proposed permanent scheme put forward by the Council of Ministers should be an interim scheme.

One of the greatest injustices of recent years has been the inability of a large group of Island students to attend university because of a lack of financial means.

It is clear that the proposed scheme brought forward by the outgoing Council has a number of serious and important financial sustainability questions that need to be addressed before an open-ended commitment to fund such a scheme is approved.

The amendment gives students and parents certainty for the next 3 years and will avoid any Island student wishing to attend university or enrol in higher education course being prevented from doing so because of the lack of financial means.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications beyond what is stated in 'Higher Education funding proposal' ([P.33/2018](#)).