

## **Tuesday 8th October 2013**

## A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

#### B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

(Explanatory note attached)

Income Support (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 11) (Jersey) Order 2013. R&O.129/2013. *Minister for Social Security*.

Security Interests (Registration and Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Order 2013.

Chief Minister.

# C. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED OR LAID

States of Jersey Law 2005: delegation of functions – Health and Social Services – R.119/2013.

revised delegations September 2013. Presented: 27th September 2013.

Minister for Health and Social Services.

North of Town Masterplan: St. Helier Parking Needs Study. R.120/2013.

Presented: 30th September 2013.

Minister for Planning and Environment.

Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority: appointment of Board members. R.121/2013.

Presented: 1st October 2013.

Minister for Economic Development.

States of Jersey Law 2005: delegation of functions – Social Security – Adults R.122/2013.

Policy Group.

Presented: 1st October 2013.

Minister for Social Security.

States of Jersey Law 2005: delegation of functions – Minister for External R.123/2013.

Relations – Iran sanctions. Presented: 2nd October 2013.

Minister for External Relations.

Public Records (Jersey) Law 2002: report of the Jersey Heritage Trust and the R.124/2013.

States Archivist during 2012. Presented: 2nd October 2013.

Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.

### D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

Composition and election of the States Assembly: reform – proposal 4. P.117/2013.

Lodged: 30th September 2013.

Deputy A.K.F. Green of St. Helier.



Draft Shipping (Safety Codes – Yachts and Small Ships) (Jersey) Regulations

201-.

Lodged: 30th September 2013.

Minister for Economic Development.

Jersey Heritage Trust: amendments to Constitution.

P.119/2013.

P.118/2013.

Lodged: 2nd October 2013.

Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.

Social Security Tribunal: re-appointment of members.

P.120/2013.

Lodged: 3rd October 2013. *Minister for Social Security.* 

Jersey Innovation Fund: Board remuneration.

P.121/2013.

Lodged: 4th October 2013.

Minister for Economic Development.

#### E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

# F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

#### G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

#### H. PETITIONS

### I. QUESTIONS

# (a) – Written Questions

(attached)

- 1. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier regarding detailed court costs.
- 2. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Mary regarding the number of requests to implement speed limits.
- 3. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement regarding the conditions to be met for the incinerator prior to acceptance by the States.
- 4. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement regarding the resurfacing of Rue des Prés.
- 5. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding Romanian nationals in Jersey.
- 6. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding the cost of providing free doctors visits.
- 7. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding the use of foreign languages in Jersey in terms of business.



- 8. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding plans to build a multi-purpose Arts Centre in Jersey.
- 9. The Minister for Planning and Environment will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding an Island-wide system for kerbside recycling collections.
- 10. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Brelade regarding the impact of population increases on Jersey's GVA.
- 11. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the full costs associated with attendance at British political party conferences in 2013.
- 12. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the Jersey Dental Fitness Scheme.
- 13. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding redundancy pay and Income Support.
- 14. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the publication of the Annual Report and Accounts on Income Support for 2012 prior to the Budget debate.
- 15. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the sale of social rented housing.
- 16. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy T.A. Vallois of St. Saviour regarding the amounts received in taxation for the years 2011 and 2012.
- 17. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy T.A. Vallois of St. Saviour regarding Social Security contributions received in 2011 and 2012.
- 18. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy T.A. Vallois of St. Saviour regarding the cessation of free ante-natal care.
- 19. The Minister for Planning and Environment will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.H. Young of St. Brelade regarding the proposed development of the Esplanade and the Hopkins Masterplan of 2008.

### (b) - Oral Questions

(120 minutes)

- 1. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security
  - "What progress, if any, has the Minister made on updating the Jersey Dental Fitness Scheme?"
- 2. Deputy J.H. Young of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Planning and Environment
  - "Will the Minister advise whether he considers it vital that the substantial legacy of asbestos containing materials is safely stored as soon as possible, pending longer term disposal and, if so, when will he determine the planning application submitted in December 2010 by the Transport and Technical Services Minister to allow the use of the hazardous waste cell at La Collette, which was engineered and is available for this purpose?"



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

"Given the physical and arduous job that the Fire and Rescue Service staff perform on behalf of Islanders, would the Minister agree that the current age of 55 is a suitable retirement age for fulltime operational firemen?"

4. Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

"Could the Minister, as the shareholder representative, confirm that Condition 2 of the agreement to fund the Fibre Optic Project, namely that access to the network be offered on a 'fair, equitable and transparent' basis, has been fully met by JT and would he identify how many other operators have signed up and how many homes are now connected?"

5. Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

"Would the Minister inform the Assembly whether he has held discussions with Property Holdings regarding the proposed access route into the building site of the new police station on the Green Street car park site and, if the access will be off La Route du Fort, what alternative route plan, if any, will be implemented in order to manage traffic in this key area whilst the building work takes place?"

6. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of H.M. Attorney General –

"How does he reconcile evidence given by H.M. Solicitor General under oath in the 2008 Royal Court Curtis Warren abuse of process hearing, that he was not mislead by any of the police officers involved in the investigation (later repeated in a 2011 Privy Council statement) with the written statement to the Operation Invicta investigation alleging that the Law Officers Department were mislead by the States of Jersey Police?"

7. Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

"Further to the response given by the Minister for Home Affairs to my written question on 19th March 2013, would the Minister provide an update on the progress, if any, which has been made towards the creation of legislation addressing 'death by careless driving'?"

8. Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chairman of Privileges and Procedures Committee –

"Would the Committee agree to review the current operation of Standing Order 109(7), which relates to the removal of the names of individuals named within the course of States questions or debates, to ensure it is operating adequately?"

9. Senator S.C. Ferguson will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services—

"Would the Minister outline the negotiations which have taken place with staff in the pathology laboratory and advise whether the significant number of recent press releases has been considered appropriate to this process?"



10. Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Planning and Environment –

"Will the Minister clarify what disciplinary powers, if any, he has in the event that an officer has passed on confidential information pertaining to an individual to someone outside of the Department?"

11. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing –

"Can the Minister justify the continued sale of social rented housing in the face of pressure on the waiting list for social rented housing?"

12. Deputy S. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

"What is the average waiting time for an appointment to see a psychologist?"

13. Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister -

"Will the Chief Minister explain what the difference is between a 'criminal' breach of the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2005 and a so-called 'regulatory' breach?"

14. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs –

"Will the Minister reconcile his written answer on 10th September 2013, confirming that the disciplinary action against three officers involved in car bugging in the Curtis Warren case was brought by the Deputy Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police, with that same officer's statement to the Disciplinary Hearing conducted by the Chief Constable of Durham Constabulary that he was not the complainant but it was H.M. Attorney General?"

15. Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

"Further to assurances given on 16th April 2013, when will a report relating to public sector salaries over £100,000 be tabled?"

16. Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

"Is the Jersey Electricity Company nearing the end of its cable laying at Mount Bingham and, if so, will the Minister advise how soon the road will be open, even if only for single lane traffic?"

17. Senator S.C. Ferguson will ask the following question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services –

"Further to the supply of the extremely useful app for identifying the locations of infestations of Japanese Knotweed, what steps, if any, will the Department be taking to get rid of this weed?"

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

1st question period – Minister for Treasury and Resources

2nd question period – Chief Minister

### J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS



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

The Minister for Treasury and Resources will make a statement regarding the Budget 2014

#### L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

Draft Sea Fisheries (Licensing of Fishing Boats) (Amendment No. 6) (Jersey)

P.97/2013.

Regulations 201-.

Lodged: 16th August 2013.

Minister for Economic Development.

Draft Income Support (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

P.101/2013.

Lodged: 27th August 2013. *Minister for Social Security.* 

Jersey Law Commission: appointment of Commissioner.

P.103/2013.

Lodged: 3rd September 2013.

Chief Minister.

The Law Society of Jersey Disciplinary Panel: appointment of lay members.

P.104/2013.

Lodged: 3rd September 2013.

Chief Minister.

States of Jersey Complaints Panel: appointment of members.

P.106/2013.

Lodged: 9th September 2013.

Privileges and Procedures Committee.

States of Jersey Complaints Panel: appointment of members (P.106/2013) –

P.106/2013.

Amd.

amendment.

Lodged: 23rd September 2013.

Privileges and Procedures Committee.

P.108/2013.

petition.

Lodged: 10th September 2013.

Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré of St. Lawrence.

THE STATES, in accordance with Standing Order 89(2)(c), have agreed to sit 'in Committee' to discuss the following report –

Jersey Mutual Insurance Society Incorporated: alteration of fundamental rules –

Machinery of Government Review Sub-Committee: Final Report.

R.105/2013.

Presented: 9th September 2013.

Privileges and Procedures Committee.

## M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

#### 22nd October 2013

Sunstone Holdings Ltd. and De Lec Ltd. – *ex gratia* payments to investors.

P.90/2013.

Lodged: 26th July 2013.

Senator A. Breckon.

Sunstone Holdings Ltd. and De Lec Ltd. – ex gratia payments to investors

P.90/2013.

(P.90/2013) – comments.

Com.

Presented: 23rd September 2013.

Council of Ministers.



Public Sector Reform. Lodged: 26th July 2013.	P.91/2013.
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement.	
Draft Public Employees (Contributory Retirement Scheme) (Commutation of Small Pensions) (Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 201 Lodged: 6th September 2013. States Employment Board.	P.105/2013.
Commissioner for Standards: establishment. Lodged: 9th September 2013. Privileges and Procedures Committee.	P.107/2013.
Law Officers' Department: revised disciplinary process. Lodged: 10th September 2013. Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour.	P.109/2013.
Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal: re-appointment of members. Lodged: 18th September 2013.  Minister for Social Security.	P.111/2013.
Jersey Financial Services Commission: re-appointment of Commissioner. Lodged: 23rd September 2013. <i>Chief Minister</i> .	P.112/2013.
Cold Weather Bonus: variation of conditions. Lodged: 24th September 2013. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.	P.115/2013.
5th November 2013	
Committee of Inquiry: costs for local businesses. Lodged: 27th June 2013.  Senator A. Breckon.	P.82/2013.
Composition and election of the States Assembly: reform – proposal 1. Lodged: 2nd August 2013. Senator P.F.C. Ozouf.	P.93/2013.
Composition and election of the States Assembly: reform – proposals 1, 2 and 3 (P.93/2013, P.94/2013 and P.98/2013) – comments.  Presented: 10th September 2013.  Privileges and Procedures Committee.	P.93/2013. P.94/2013. P.98/2013. Com.
Composition and election of the States Assembly: reform – proposal 1 (P.93/2013) – amendment. Lodged: 3rd September 2013. Senator L.J. Farnham.	P.93/2013. Amd.
Composition and election of the States Assembly: reform – proposal 2. Lodged: 2nd August 2013. Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier.	P.94/2013.
Composition and election of the States Assembly: reform – proposal 2 (P.94/2013) – amendment. Lodged: 3rd September 2013. Senator L.J. Farnham.	P.94/2013. Amd.



Composition and election of the States Assembly: reform – proposal 3. Lodged: 19th August 2013. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.	P.98/2013.
Composition of the States Assembly: interim reform for 2014 and referendum on further reform.  Lodged: 25th September 2013.  Privileges and Procedures Committee.	P.116/2013.
Composition and election of the States Assembly: reform – proposal 4. Lodged: 30th September 2013. Deputy A.K.F. Green of St. Helier.	P.117/2013.
Committee of Inquiry: planning applications by the Channel Islands Co-operative Society Ltd. Lodged: 28th August 2013.  Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier of St. Saviour.	P.102/2013.
Public Elections: amendments to legislation and administration. Lodged: 18th September 2013.  Privileges and Procedures Committee.	P.110/2013.
Draft Community Provisions (Welfare of Animals During Transport) (Jersey) Regulations 201 Lodged: 24th September 2013.  Minister for Planning and Environment.	P.113/2013.
Draft Aquatic Resources (Jersey) Law 201 Lodged: 24th September 2013. Minister for Economic Development.	P.114/2013.
Social Security Tribunal: re-appointment of members. Lodged: 3rd October 2013. <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.120/2013.
19th November 2013	
Public Elections: Single Transferable Voting System (STV) and an Alternative Voting System (AV). Lodged: 17th July 2013. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade.	P.86/2013.
Public Elections: Single Transferable Voting System (STV) and an Alternative Voting System (AV) (P.86/2013) – comments.  Presented: 4th September 2013.  Comité des Connétables.	P.86/2013. Com.
Long-Term Care Scheme. Lodged: 22nd August 2013.  Minister for Social Security.	P.99/2013.
Draft Shipping (Safety Codes – Yachts and Small Ships) (Jersey) Regulations 201 Lodged: 30th September 2013. <i>Minister for Economic Development</i> .	P.118/2013.



Jersey Heritage Trust: amendments to Constitution.

Lodged: 2nd October 2013.

Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.

Jersey Innovation Fund: Board remuneration.

Lodged: 4th October 2013.

Minister for Economic Development.

P.119/2013.

P.121/2013.

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

3rd October 2013

Note -

In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2013 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th October 2013.



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

(See Item B)

#### R&O.129/2013.

This Order increases the amount of a pension or annuity of a member of a household who is aged 65 or more that is disregarded in assessing the household's weekly income. The amount to be disregarded is increased in line with the increase in the States old age pension. The increase takes effect on the same day as the increase in the States old age pension, 1st October 2013.

The Order also amends the residency rule for eligibility for income support so as to replace a reference to provisions of the now lapsed Housing (Jersey) Regulations 1970 with a reference to equivalent provisions of the Control of Housing and Work (Residential and Employment Status) (Jersey) Regulations 2013.

The Order was made on 26th September 2013.

Article 3 of the Order came into force on 1st October 2013, and the remaining Articles came into force on 27th September 2013.

#### R&O.130/2013.

This Order supplements the procedures and requirements as to registration of financing statements and financing change statements that are contained in Part 8 of the Security Interests (Jersey) Law 2012 (the "Law"). Under Article 63(1) of the Law, financing statements may be registered before or after the security agreement is made to which the financing statement relates, before or after the assignment of a receivable occurs to which the financing statement relates, or before or after the security interest has attached, being the security interest created by a security agreement to which the financing statement relates. By Article 74 of the Law a discharge of a registration or an amendment to a registration may be effected by registering a financing change statement.

Article 1 defines expressions used in this Order.

Article 2 disapplies the registration requirements in relation to a security interest over trust property of a trust (other than a prescribed unit trust) where the grant of the security interest is by the trustees of the trust.

Article 3 provides that the maximum period that a financing statement or financing change statement may be registered is 99 years.

Article 4 provides for the manner in which proceeds of collateral are required to be described in a financing statement.

Article 5 permits demands for registration of a financing change statement under Article 75 of the Law, or applications in respect of such financing change statements, to be made through the automated registration system described in Article 79 of the Law (referred to as the "SIR system" throughout the Order) and sets out notification requirements.

Article 6(1) requires any data entry requirements or fees published by the registrar to be placed in a prominent position on the SIR system. It also requires the registrar to place in a prominent position on the SIR system a notice drawing attention to the limitation of liability of the registrar under Article 60(3) of the Law. Under Article 6(2) the registrar is not required to verify the accuracy of any data contained in a financing statement or financing change statement, nor verify that a person entering data onto the SIR system is entitled to make such an entry, except in so far as the registrar is required to do so under Part 8 of the Law. Under Article 6(3), the registrar's data requirements may not require a financing statement or financing change statement to be updated once is has been registered.

Article 7 requires the registrar to ensure that the SIR system permits access for searching by a person for a purpose described in relation to that person in that Article. It also permits the registrar to prevent or restrict access to a person who the registrar reasonably believes to be searching or accessing the system for a purpose that is inconsistent with any of the purposes described. However, the registrar is not required to satisfy himself or herself that a person is searching for a purpose described.



Article 8 sets out the criteria by which a search may be conducted, and the nature of the results that will be generated by the SIR system.

Article 9 requires the registrar to assign an access code to each secured party, assignee, assignor and grantor and stipulates how they are to be provided.

Article 10 permits the registrar to disclose access codes for the purpose of enabling access to the register and SIR system to any person who the registrar believes is entitled to such information.

Article 11 confirms the registrar's power to provide certified copies of registered financing statements or financing change statements.

Article 12 describes the registrar's procedures if the SIR system is to be suspended for repair or maintenance.

Article 13 describes when the registrar may restrict access to all or part of the data on the SIR system or remove data from the SIR system.

Article 14 describes how notices or documents may be given or served.

Article 15 describes when notices or documents that are required to be given to or served upon a party by the registrar may be deemed to have been so given or served.

Article 16 gives the title to this Order and states that it comes into force on 1st October 2013.

The Order was made on 27th September 2013 and came into force on 1st October 2013.



(See Item I(a))

 The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy T.M. Pitman of St. Helier –

"Further to his answer on 24th September 2013 will the Chief Minister provide an estimate of the full court and case costs arising from the secret court proceedings against former Senator Stuart Syvret and show this in relation to the annual court budget for the period concerned?"

2. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by the Connétable of St. Mary –

"Will the Minister advise approximately how many requests, if any, to implement a speed limit which is not in accordance with the limits defined in the existing policy are received annually?

Will the Minister further advise whether he believes the current policy remains appropriate for the Island?

If the Minister does not consider the current policy appropriate (and further to the adoption by the Assembly on 3rd December 2008 of P.166/2008 'Speed Limits: creation of a review working group' and the resulting work by the Department) would be outline his thoughts on a way forward?"

3. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement –

"Further to his response to my question of 24th September 2013 regarding the Energy from Waste Plant, would the Minister agree to release to members that part of the contract which relates to the conditions that have to be met before the incinerator is considered able to be accepted by the States from the contractor?"

4. The Minister for Transport and Technical Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.C.L. Baudains of St. Clement –

"Would the Minister advise whether the resurfacing work at Rue des Prés was considered to be substandard and, if so, would he indicate what he intends to do about it?

Despite his recent statement that future resurfacing would be of a higher quality, would he concede that the present resurfacing of Rue à Don is no better than Rue des Prés and, if so, what measures are in place to ensure the works are undertaken to an acceptable standard?"

- 5. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade
  - "(a) How many Romanian nationals are there in Jersey and, if no exact figures are available, please explain why and what current estimates are?
  - (b) Should a representative from the Romanian Embassy be invited to visit Jersey to discuss, inter alia, work, housing, discrimination and driving licence issues?
  - (c) Is there currently a Romanian Consul in Jersey?



- (d) Are there any plans for such a post to be created and if so how would this be done?
- (f) Is any information from States departments published in Romanian and if not, why not?
- (g) Is the Chief Minister willing to take up the issue of Romanian driving licences not being recognised in Jersey and vice versa with the Romanian authorities?"
- 6. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

"Would the Minister provide an estimate for the additional cost of providing free doctors visits -

- (a) for all residents who meet the 5 year residential requirements; and,
- (b) for all over 65's who meet the 5 year residential test?"
- 7. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

"Will the Minister state which foreign languages are the most important for Jersey both currently and in the medium and longer term in terms of business?

What plans are there for co-ordination with the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture to make sure that a sufficient number of local school-leavers are sufficiently competent in these languages to meet current and future demands for these language skills for business and culture?"

8. The Minister for Education, Sport and Culture will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

"What consideration, if any, has been given to building a multi-purpose Arts Centre in Jersey and, if none, why not?

If discussions have taken place, what potential sites have been identified, what costings and funding mechanisms are anticipated and is there support from the Department for such a project?"

9. The Minister for Planning and Environment will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

"Is the Minister committed to an island-wide system of kerbside collection for recyclables; if not, why not and, if so, will he advise when such a system will be available?

Does the Minister accept that having 12 potential recycling schemes running parallel, all offering different services, is not as efficient as having one centralised system?

What does the Minister estimate a realistic cost would be for a centralised, island wide system of kerb-side collection for recyclables?"



10. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier –

"Will the Treasury Minister provide members with a much fuller explanation of the last paragraph on page 6 of the Report entitled: Measuring Jersey's Economy: Gross Value Added (GVA) 2012; explain the full effect on Jersey's economy at present and going forward if the population continues to increase and real term GVA per capita decreases as a consequence and explain what policy measures, if any, he proposes to take to remedy this situation?"

11. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier –

"Will the Chief Minister provide Members with a detailed breakdown showing the costs, per individual, for Ministers and civil servants to attend the British political party conferences in 2013?

Would the Chief Minister further indicate the duration of each stay at each party conference, the hotel, flight and entertainment costs for each person who attended the conferences and whether any participants were accompanied by their spouses or partners?"

12. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

"Will the Minister inform members what progress, if any, has been made in reviewing the Jersey Dental Fitness Scheme and the Westfield Dental Scheme for over 65's in the light of the commitment to do so in response to SR.12/2010 ('Review of Dental Services') and his own commitment, given to the Assembly on 6th December 2011 "...I will undertake to ensure that 2 issues identified by the Scrutiny Panel review of dental health services will be prioritised within my departmental business plan for 2012" and " to review the provision of assistance with dental costs under both these schemes during 2012" and if none, will he state why?

Will he further state whether he intends to put funded measures to address these issues into his business plans for 2014, if necessary using some of the £13m underspends his department has recently identified and, if not, why not?

Will he also state what actions, if any, he will take in 2014 in the area of access to primary health care under the objectives outlined in the MTFP 2013-2015 in key objectives 2 (iv) and 3 (vi)?"

13. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

"Further to his response to a written question on 24th September 2013 when he stated that 'there are no situations where household income is treated as capital for Income Support purpose', will the Minister explain why, when I posed a similar question to one of his Income Support (IS) officers, I was informed that 'Redundancy pay is treated as capital. Pay in Lieu of notice is treated as income'?

Will he state how 'severance pay' which, like redundancy pay, is usually based on length of employment and can be defined as 'not the same as termination pay, which is given in place of the required notice of termination of employment' is treated for IS purposes?

Will he also state how many cases of loss of employment have come before IS determining officers where the employee's final payment has been categorized respectively as a 'redundancy', 'in lieu of notice' or 'severance' payment by the employer?



Notwithstanding his previous answer on guidelines for income/capital, will the minister reveal those training guidelines or procedures for IS officers, whether technical or otherwise, which relate to the treatment of final payments for employees dismissed from their employment?"

14. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

"Will the Minister inform members whether the Social Security Department's Annual Ministerial Report and Accounts for 2012 and the 2012 Annual Report on Income Support will be made available to members before the annual Budget debate, and notwithstanding the answer, will he explain why these reports take so long to be published in this or any other year?"

15. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

"Will the Minister state why, in the face of the most recent numbers of applicants for 2 and 3 bed social rented homes (490 and 291 respectively) he continues to advertise social rented houses for sale at discounted prices, with the result that several of these properties remain empty despite there being many households living in overcrowded conditions?"

16. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy T.A. Vallois of St. Saviour –

"Would the Minister provide figures for the amount of taxation received from each area of the economy for the years 2011 and 2012?"

17. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy T.A. Vallois of St. Saviour –

"Would the Minister provide figures for the amount of Social Security contributions received from each area of the economy for the years 2011 and 2012?"

18. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy T.A. Vallois of St. Saviour –

"Would the Minister advise whether antenatal care has ceased to be offered free of charge at the Hospital and, if so, when was this decision implemented and how will families be able to access such antenatal services in the future?"

19. The Minister for Planning and Environment will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.H. Young of St. Brelade –

"Will the Minister-

- (a) confirm whether the Policies of the Island Plan requires the States of Jersey Development Company to ensure that their proposed development of the Esplanade for the Jersey International Finance Centre fully complies with the Hopkins Masterplan of April 2008 and the Supplementary Guidance of April 2006;
- (b) inform the Assembly of any agreed changes which have been made to the 2008 Masterplan;



- (c) provide details of the extant consents for the Esplanade development, including the conditions of consent and Planning obligation agreements in force, to ensure the sinking of La Route de la Liberation is fully achieved before the Island Plan reaches its expiry date in 2020; and
- (d) ensure this policy requirement is rigorously enforced?"



# ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

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