

**THE STATES assembled on Thursday,
18th September 2003 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of Michael Nelson de la Haye Esquire,
Greffier of the States.**

All members were present with the exception of –

Francis Herbert Amy, Connétable of Grouville – ill
Philip Francis Ozouf, Connétable of St. Saviour– ill
John Le Sueur Gallichan, Connétable of Trinity– out of the Island
Geoffrey William Fisher, Connétable of St. Lawrence– out of the Island
Jacqueline Jeanette Huet, Deputy of St. Helier– out of the Island

Prayers read by the Deputy Greffier of the States

**Resource Plan 2004 – 2008 – P.118/2003
Amendments and Comments**

THE STATES resumed consideration of the amendments of the Connétable of St. Helier to the proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee concerning the States Resource Plan 2004 – 2008 and rejected amendment (5) that –

- (a) in sub-paragraph (c)(i), for the words “£48,000,000 each year for the years 2004 to 2008” there should be substituted the words “no more than £40,000,000 each year for the years 2004 to 2008, in place of the sum of £48,000,000 each year”;
- (b) in paragraph (c)(ii) after the words “Table 8.1” there should be inserted the words “with the exception of Belle Vue Residential Home (Phase 1) and A&E/Radiology Extensior (Phase 1), and with the proposed allocations for all other projects under ‘Allocation to Rolling Votes and Funds’ and ‘Building and Civil Engineering Works’ being reduced pro rata in order to reduce the total sum allocated in 2004 from £48,000,000 to £40,000,000”; and
- (c) in paragraph (c)(ii) for the words “and to approve in principle the proposed programme for 2005 to 2008 as set out in Tables 8.2 to 8.5, respectively” there should be substituted the words “and to request the Policy and Resources Committee, in consultation with any other Committee concerned, to review the proposed programme for the years 2005 to 2008, as set out in Tables 8.2 to 8.5 respectively, and present to the States a revised programme for those years within an overall total allocation of no more than £40,000,000 each year”.

Members present voted as follows –

“Pour” (6)

Connétable

St. Helier.

Deputies

Duhamel(S), Baudains(C), Dorey(H), Bridge(H), De Faye(H).

“Contre” (41)

Senators

Le Maistre, Syvret, Norman, Walker, Kinnard, Le Sueur, Le Claire, Lakeman, Routier, M. Vibert, Ozouf, E. Vibert.

Connétables

St. Martin, St. Ouen, St. Brelade, St. Mary, St. John, St. Peter, St. Clement.

Deputies

Trinity, Breckon(S), St. Martin, Le Main(H), Dubras(L), Troy(B), Voisin(L), Scott Warren(S), Farnham(S), Le Hérissier(S), Fox(H), Martin(H), Southern(H), Bernstein(B), Ferguson(B), St. Mary, St. Oue Ryan(H), Taylor(C), Grouville, St. Peter, Hilton(H).

THE STATES rejected amendment (2) that in sub-paragraph (b)(ii), for the words “3% per annum” there should be substituted the words “2% per annum”.

Members present voted as follows –

“Pour” (8)

Senator

Le Maistre.

Connétables

St. Clement, St. Helier.

Deputies

Duhamel(S), Baudains(C), Dorey(H), Bridge(H), De Faye(H).

“Contre” (39)

Senators

Syvret, Norman, Walker, Kinnard, Le Sueur, Le Claire, Lakeman, Routier, M. Vibert, Ozouf, E. Vibert.

Connétables

St. Martin, St. Ouen, St. Brelade, St. Mary, St. John, St. Peter.

Deputies

Trinity, Breckon(S), St. Martin, LeMain(H), Dubras(L), Troy(B), Voisin(L), Scott Warren(S), Farnham(S), Le Hérissier(S), Fox(H), Martin(H), Southern(H), Bernstein(B), Ferguson(B), St. Mary, St. Oue Ryan(H), Taylor(C), Grouville, St. Peter, Hilton(H).

THE STATES granted leave to the Connétable of St. Helier to withdraw amendment (1) requesting them to agree that at the end of paragraph (a), after the words “those years” there should be inserted the words “and that this should be aided by an explicit plan, based upon reduced public spending, to eliminate the forecast cumulative deficit of £36 million by 2008, with the plan to be presented to the States by the Finance and Economic Committee as part of the 2004 Budget”

The Connétable of St. Helier, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 22(3), withdrew amendment (3) requesting the States to agree that after sub-paragraph (b)(ii) there should be inserted the following sub-paragraph –

“(b)(iii) to agree that transfers to the Strategic Reserve of at least £5,000,000 per annum should be made in each year 2005 to 2008 as a first charge on total States net revenue expenditure;”.

THE STATES adopted amendment (4) of the Connetable of St. Helier that after sub-paragraph (b)(ii) there should be inserted the following sub-paragraph –

“(b)(iii) to agree that Committee cash limits for 2004, as indicated in Table 5.1, where they exceed £80,000,000, should be broken down and comprehensive departmental service analyses presented to the States by the Committees concerned before consideration of the 2004 Budget, and as part of the Resource Plan in subsequent years;”.

Members present voted as follows –

“Pour” (39)

Senators

Le Maistre, Walker, Kinnard, Le Sueur, Le Claire, Routier, M. Vibert.

Connétables

St. Martin, St. Ouen, St. Brelade, St. Mary, St. John, St. Peter, St. Clement, St. Helier.

Deputies

Trinity, Duhamel(S), St. Martin, Le Main(H), Dubras(L), Baudains(C), Dorey(H), Troy(B), Voisin(L), Farnham(S), Le Hérisier(S), Fox(H), Bridge(H), Martin(H), Southern(H), Bernstein(B), Ferguson(B), St. Ouen, Ryan(H), Taylor(C), Grouville, St. Peter, Hilton(H), De Faye(H).

“Contre” (5)

Senators

Syvret, Norman, Lakeman, Ozouf.

Deputy

Scott Warren(S).

THE STATES adopted an amendment of the Harbours and Airport Committee that after paragraph (b) of the proposition there be inserted the following sub-paragraph and that subsequent sub-paragraphs be renumbered accordingly –

“(c)(i) to refer to their Act dated 19th November 2002 in which they agreed that future capital expenditure comprising the replacement or resurfacing of the runway, taxiways, concrete aprons, the fireground and associated works at Jersey Airport should be met from general revenues and to request the Finance and Economics Committee to ensure that the funds for these capital projects are provided in accordance with that decision and in a timely and appropriate manner;”

The Deputy of Trinity declared an interest and withdrew from the Chamber during consideration of this amendment.

THE STATES adopted amendment (6) of the Connétable of St. Helier that in paragraph (d), after the words “2005 to 2007”, there should be inserted the words “and to agree that the proposed process and all other issues relating

to proposed public spending proposals for this period should be discussed in a Committee of the Whole House in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 38A and 38B before consideration of the 2004 Budget”.

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee as amended, approved the States Resource Plan 2004 to 2008 and, in particular –

- (a) agreed that the total estimated States net revenue and capital expenditure for each of the years 2004 to 2008 should not exceed total estimated States income in order to produce balanced budgets for each of those years;
- (b)
 - (i) approved the cash limits for each of the non-trading committees as set out in Table 5.1 totalling £402,634,000 in 2004;
 - (ii) agreed that total States net revenue expenditure should be increased by no more than 3% per annum for the years 2005 through to 2008;
 - (iii) agreed that Committee cash limits for 2004, as indicated in Table 5.1, where they exceeded £80,000,000, should be broken down and comprehensive departmental service analyses presented to the States by the Committees concerned before consideration of the 2004 Budget, and as part of the Resource Plan in subsequent years;
- (c)
 - (i) referred to their Act dated 19th November 2002 in which they agreed that future capital expenditure comprising the replacement or resurfacing of the runway, taxiways, concrete aprons, the fireground and associated works at Jersey Airport should be met from general revenues and requested the Finance and Economics Committee to ensure that the funds for those capital projects were provided in accordance with that decision and in a timely and appropriate manner
 - (ii) approved the total allocation for capital expenditure of £48,000,000 each year for the years 2004 to 2008, as set out in Tables 8.1 to 8.5; in place, as appropriate, of the allocations approved by the States on 10th September 2002;
 - (iii) approved the recommended programme of capital projects for 2004 as set out in Table 8.1 and approved in principle the proposed programme for 2005 to 2008 as set out in Tables 8.2 to 8.5, respectively;
- (d) charged all Committees of the States to co-operate with the Policy and Resources and Finance and Economics Committees in the development of an appropriate process for a fundamental spending review of the total States net revenue expenditure for the 3-year period 2005 to 2007 and agreed that the proposed process and all other issues relating to proposed public spending proposals for this period should be discussed in a Committee of the Whole House in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 38A and 38B before consideration of the 2004 Budget; and
- (e) approved the Legislation Programme for 2004 as set out in Appendix 12.

Members present voted as follows –

“Pour” (38)

Senators

Le Maistre, Syvret, Norman, Walker, Kinnard, Le Sueur, Lakeman, Routier, M. Vibert, Ozouf, E. Viber

Connétables

St. Martin, St. Ouen, St. Brelade, St. John, St. Peter, St. Clement.

Deputies

Trinity, Breckon, St. Martin, Le Main(H), Dubras(L), Dorey(H), Troy(B), Voisin(L), Scott Warren(S), Farnham(S), Le Hérissier(S), Fox(H), Bernstein(B), Ferguson(B), St. Mary, St. Ouen, Ryan(H), Grouville, St. Peter, Hilton(H), De Faye(H).

“Contre” (6)

Connétable

St. Helier.

Deputy

Duhamel(S), Baudains(C), Bridge(H), Martin(H), Southern(H).

THE STATES rose at 3.40 p.m.

A.H. HARRIS

Deputy Greffier of the States.