STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT PUBLIC FINANCES (JERSEY) LAW 201- (P.28/2019): THIRD AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 21st May 2019 by the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

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In Schedule 1, after the entry for "Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General" insert –

"Office of the Official Analyst".

CORPORATE SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL

REPORT

Official Analyst

This amendment is based on <u>evidence</u> we received during the course of our review of the Draft Public Finances Law.

The Panel received correspondence from the Official Analyst ("OA") detailing his concern about being removed from the list of non-Ministerial States Funded Bodies in Schedule 1 of the draft Law.

The OA is primarily concerned about a loss of independence and perceived impartiality for his office, as a result of being moved into the Justice and Home Affairs Department, which is also a stakeholder of the OA.

The Panel is sympathetic to the view of the OA, and this amendment addresses this concern by re-instating the OA in the list of non-Ministerial States Funded Bodies in Schedule 1 of the draft Law. As the OneGov project progresses, it may be that an alternative approach can be found which addresses the concerns that have been identified. At that point, a proposal could then be brought to the Assembly to remove the OA from Schedule 1.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of this amendment.