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FORMER ST. AUBIN'S MARKET, ST. AUBIN, ST. BRELADE: TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION

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by the Economic Development Committee

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PROPOSITION

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

to authorise the transfer of administration of the building formally known as the St. Aubin's Market, St. Aubin, St. Brelade, from the Economic Development Committee to the Environment and Public Services Committee.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- Notes:
1. The Environment and Public Services Committee's comments are to follow.
 2. The Finance and Economics Committee's comments are to follow.

REPORT

The former St. Aubin's Market, St. Brelade and the Beresford and Central Markets in St. Helier were originally transferred from the former Public Services Committee to the former Industries Committee as part of a transfer of functions in 2000. At the time of the transfer all the Markets fell within the ambit of the Public Markets (Administration) (Jersey) Regulations 1947. The Regulations had the effect of making the St. Aubin's Market site incompatible with any use other than as a Market. Nevertheless, the States had decided in 1961 that the site should be let to the National Provincial Bank on a long-term contract lease. This property remains under lease at present to National Westminster Bank. Accordingly, the States decided to amend the Regulations when they approved P.53/2002: Draft Public Markets (Administration) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 200- on 14th May 2002. This had the effect of removing the St. Aubin's site from the ambit of the Markets Laws.

Prior to its amalgamation into the Economic Development Committee, the Industries Committee conducted a strategic review of the Public Markets and came to the opinion that its Department was not best suited to undertake the estate management function of these properties. This opinion was endorsed by the new Economic Development Committee, which is proposing the transfer of the function of the Markets to the Environment and Public Services Committee, which through its Department of Property Services is better placed to provide the services support that is required to run and maintain the Markets more effectively.

At the same time, the Economic Development Committee is bringing to the States a separate Transfer of Functions Act and Report, which will transfer the functions of the Economic Development Committee under the Loi (1885) touchant l'administration des marchés publics to the Environment and Public Services Committee. These functions relate generally to the administration and running of the Public Markets in St. Helier and include functions under the Public Markets (Administration) (Jersey) Regulations 1947.

The former St. Aubin's Market has for some time been leased to National Westminster Bank PLC and is no longer subject to the Public Markets regulations. The Committee therefore proposes that its administration be transferred to the Environment and Public Services Committee as the appropriate property administering Committee of the States.

There are no additional manpower implications arising from these proposals. The £27,500 rental income will be transferred from the Economic Development Committee to the Environment and Public Services Committee to fund the future maintenance of the building.