

# STATES OF JERSEY

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## **STRATEGIC PLAN 2006 TO 2011 (P.40/2006): AMENDMENT (P.40/2006. AMD.– AMENDMENT**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 13th June 2006  
by the Council of Ministers**

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**STATES GREFFE**

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*In the proposed new Action 3.3.4 for the word “Develop” substitute the words “Subject to appropriate funding being identified, develop” and in the proposed new Action 3.3.5 for the word “Increase” substitute the words “Subject to appropriate funding being identified, increase”.*

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

## **REPORT**

The establishment of a Prison Education Unit was an objective contained in P.201/2005, Criminal Justice Policy. This proposition was to have been debated on 25th October 2005; however, the States decided that this debate, and that on other major policies, should be held over for the present States Assembly. An updated criminal justice policy will be lodged for debate at the end of this year.

The same objective had been included in early drafts of the States Strategic Plan. However, as no specific funding stream had been identified, it was withdrawn from the Plan that has been lodged for debate. P.40/2006 seeks to restore that objective and includes a delivery plan in terms of the staff that would be required at a cost of £256,500.

P.40/2006 effectively reiterates a key rehabilitative aim of the Home Affairs Department's criminal justice policy. Furthermore, it will also be an integral part of the Prison's Performance Improvement Plan for delivery of the recommendations contained in the 2005 Report by Her Majesty's Inspector of Prisons. It stands to reason, therefore, that the Home Affairs Department supports the principle of P.40/2006 in seeking to provide adequate provision for the education of prisoners.

Unfortunately, the P.40/2006 report does not identify a funding stream to enable the proposition to be put into effect. Either an increase in cash limits for future years would need to be approved or, alternatively, funding would have to come from within the Department's existing cash limit. The Council of Ministers is concerned to ensure that, in relation to Home Affairs, the priority is to ensure the security and safety of the Island. It is concerned that accepting this amendment could have an adverse effect on these services if it was required to be funded from existing cash limits.

This amendment to an amendment seeks to achieve, therefore, support in principle for P.40/2006 whilst enabling a possible funding stream to be considered at a later date.

The cost of delivering the proposed service is not contained within the funding proposals approved by the Council of Ministers for inclusion in the Annual Business Plan 2007 – 2011. To maintain the proposed limits on overall States expenditure, the cost of implementing this amendment, estimated at £256,500, would require the reprioritisation of the current expenditure proposals.

There are no additional financial or manpower implications arising from this amendment to the amendment and the intention of this proposed change is to avoid the resource implications of the original amendment until funding has been approved.