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In paragraph (d) of the proposition, after the words as set out in Table 6.8 insert the words -

with the exception that the draft Shops (Sunday Trading) Law, currently prioritised in 33rd position, should be granted sufficient priority in the Programme to enable the draft Law to be presented to the States no later than 30th June 2001

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There has been general acceptance that the existing Law, introduced in 1960, is outdated and difficult to police and should be updated. On 9th November 1999, the States approved a proposition (P.137/1999) of the former Connétable of St. Lawrence agreeing, in principle, that the Shops (Sunday Trading) (Jersey) Law 1960, as amended, be repealed and replaced by a new Law. The provisions of that Law were outlined in the proposition approved by the States.

Despite this approval, work could not commence on the drafting of a new Law as it had not been identified in any Law Drafting Programme. The Comité des Connétables therefore requested that it be included in the 2001 Programme and were extremely disappointed that, following the workshop to identify the priority of law drafting requests, it was placed last on the list of 33 items.

Permits for Sunday Trading are issued on an annual basis and it therefore makes sense to time the introduction of new legislation to take effect from the start of a year. As the principles upon which the legislation will be drafted have been approved by the States, and given the need to reform the existing unsatisfactory situation, the Connétables wish to see a new Law implemented for 2002. This will require the draft legislation to be brought to the States by June 2001 to enable the draft to be debated and forwarded for approval by Privy Council.

Accordingly the States are asked to agree that this item be promoted within the 2001 Law Drafting Programme to ensure that this timescale is met.