

THE STATES assembled on Wednesday 15th December 2021, at 9.30 a.m. under the Presidency of Dr. Mark Egan, Greffier of the States.

All members were present at roll call with the exception of –

Senator Sarah Craig Ferguson – excused attendance (joined at 11.34 a.m.)

Senator Samuel Yves Mézec – excused attendance (joined at 11.16 a.m.)

Connétable Richard Vibert of St. Peter – excused attendance

Deputy Michael Roderick Higgins of St. Helier – excused attendance (joined at 11.15 a.m.)

Deputy Louise Mary Catherine Doublet of St. Saviour - ill

Deputy Jessica Harriet Perchard of St. Saviour – ill

Prayers

Standing Order 55A – remote participation

THE STATES, with reference to their Act dated 14th September 2021, in which they had agreed that, notwithstanding Standing Order 55A(1), members who did not wish to attend in the States Chamber might continue to take part in States meetings using Microsoft Teams (until the States had considered and voted upon a proposition to re-apply Standing Order 55A(1) or to repeal or vary the terms of the Standing Order), assembled in accordance with Standing Order 55A with members able to participate remotely using Microsoft Teams.

Notification of lodged propositions

Authorisation of Deployment and use of energy conductive devices ('Tasers') by the P.117/2021. States of Jersey Police.

Lodged: 15th December 2021, Minister for Home Affairs.

Proposed Government Plan 2022-2025 P.90/2021

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Government Plan 2022-2025' (P.90/2021), as amended, and, resuming consideration of an amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier (P.90/2021 Amd.(3)), rejected Part 1 of the amendment that, in Paragraph (c), after the words "of the Law" there should be inserted the words —

", except that the proposed transfers from the Health Insurance Fund to the Consolidated Fund shall be reduced to $\pounds 0$ in 2022 in each case, and that the proposed transfer from the Consolidated Fund to the Technology Fund shall be reduced to $\pounds 7$ million in 2022".

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 11 CONTRE: 35 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator T.A. Vallois Senator I.J. Gorst Senator S.Y. Mézec Senator L.J. Farnham Connétable of St. Saviour Senator S.C. Ferguson

Connétable of St. Mary Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy of St. John Deputy R.J. Ward (H) Deputy C.S. Alves (H)

Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator K.L. Moore Senator S.W. Pallett Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Grouville Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement

Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy R. Labey (H)

Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)

Deputy of St. Mary Deputy G.J. Truscott (B) Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C) Deputy K.F. Morel (L) Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L) Deputy of St. Peter

Deputy of Trinity

Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H) Deputy S.M. Ahier (H) Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S) Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

THE STATES rejected Part 2 of the amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier that, in Paragraph (1), after the words "to the Report" there should be inserted the words –

", except that, on page 169 of Appendix 3, after the words "worth of expenditure." there shall be inserted the words -

"Eligibility for the Health Access Scheme shall be expanded to include all those ordinarily resident in the Island by 2023, with a proposed funding mechanism to be included in the 2023 Government Plan.", in addition to any further changes to Appendix 3 identified as required by the Council of Ministers"

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 14 CONTRE: 31 **ABSTAIN: 0**

Senator T.A. Vallois Senator I.J. Gorst Senator K.L. Moore Senator L.J. Farnham Senator S.Y. Mézec Senator S.C. Ferguson Connétable of St. Saviour Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator S.W. Pallett Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. Helier Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy M. Tadier (B) Connétable of Grouville

Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy of St. John Deputy R.J. Ward (H) Deputy C.S. Alves (H) Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S) Deputy I. Gardiner (H) Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. John
Connétable of St. Clement
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy of St. Mary

Deputy R. Labey (H)

Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
Deputy J.H. Young (B)
Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)

Deputy of St. Peter Deputy of Trinity

Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H) Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)

THE STATES, adopting Part 3 of the amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier, agreed that, in Paragraph (1), after the words "to the Report" there should be inserted the words –

"except that, on page 169 of Appendix 3, after the words "sustainable model for health funding" there shall be inserted the words ", but the role of the Health Insurance Fund in meeting the requirement to subsidise the cost of G.P. consultations and the cost of prescriptions and other primary care services shall be maintained during the review", in addition to any further changes to Appendix 3 identified as required by the Council of Ministers"

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 43 CONTRE: 2 ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of Grouville

Connétable of St. Clement

Senator I.J. Gorst Senator L.J. Farnham Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator T.A. Vallois

Senator K.L. Moore

Senator S.W. Pallett

Senator S.Y. Mézec

Connétable of St. Helier

Connétable of St. Saviour

Connétable of St. Brelade

Connétable of Trinity

Connétable of St. Mary

Connétable of St. Ouen

Connétable of St. Martin

Connétable of St. John

Deputy J.A. Martin (H)

Deputy G.P. Southern (H)

Deputy of Grouville

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Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

Deputy M. Tadier (B)

Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)

Deputy of St. Martin

Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy R. Labey (H)

Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)

Deputy of St. Mary

Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)

Deputy J.H. Young (B)

Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)

Deputy K.F. Morel (L)

Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)

Deputy of St. Peter

Deputy of Trinity

Deputy of St. John

Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H)

Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)

Deputy R.J. Ward (H)

Deputy C.S. Alves (H)

Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)

Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

Changes in Presidency

Dr. Mark Egan, Greffier of the States, retired from the Chair during consideration of the amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier (P.90/2021 Amd.(3)) to the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Government Plan 2022-2025' (P.90/2021), as amended, and the meeting continued under the Presidency of the Bailiff.

Proposed Government Plan 2022-2025 P.90/2021

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Government Plan 2022-2025' (P.90/2021), as amended, commenced consideration of an amendment of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (P.90/2021 Amd.(21)) and, adopting an amendment of the Chief Minister (P.90/2021 Amd.(21)Amd.), agreed that, after the words "except that" there should be inserted the term "- (i)" and after the words "to £0" the word "and" should be deleted and the words "; and (ii)" inserted.

THE STATES resumed consideration of the amendment of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel, as amended.

Statements on a matter of official responsibility

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Chief Minister made a statement regarding the Omicron variant of Covid-19 in Jersey.

Proposed Government Plan 2022-2025 P.90/2021

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Government Plan 2022-2025' (P.90/2021), as amended, and, resuming consideration of the amendment of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (P.90/2021 Amd.(21)), as amended, rejected Part 1 of the amendment that, in Paragraph (c), after the words "Article 9(2)(b) of the Law" there should be inserted the words "except that the transfer to the Technology Fund shall be reduced to £0.".

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 18 CONTRE: 25 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator I.J. Gorst Senator T.A. Vallois Senator L.J. Farnham Senator K.L. Moore Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator S.W. Pallett Connétable of St. Helier Senator S.Y. Mézec Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of Grouville Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Connétable of St. Martin Deputy of Grouville Connétable of St. John Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. John Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H) Deputy R. Labey (H) Deputy S.M. Ahier (H) Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H) Deputy R.J. Ward (H) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy C.S. Alves (H) Deputy G.J. Truscott (B) Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)

Deputy K.F. Morel (L) Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L) Deputy of St. Peter

Deputy of Trinity Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)

THE STATES, adopting Part 2 of the amendment of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel, as amended, agreed that, in, Paragraph (c), after the words "Article 9(2)(b) of the Law" there should be inserted the words "except that the proposition to create such a fund shall explicitly seek the Assembly's approval of the purpose and terms of that fund".

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 42 CONTRE: 1 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator S.C. Ferguson

Senator L.J. Gorst Senator L.J. Farnham Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré

Senator T.A. Vallois

Senator K.L. Moore

Senator S.W. Pallett

Senator S.Y. Mézec

Connétable of St. Helier

Connétable of St. Lawrence

Connétable of St. Saviour

Connétable of St. Brelade

Connétable of Grouville

Connétable of Trinity

Connétable of St. Mary

Connétable of St. Ouen

Connétable of St. Martin

Connétable of St. John

Connétable of St. Clement

Deputy J.A. Martin (H)

Deputy G.P. Southern (H)

Deputy of Grouville

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

Deputy J.M. Macon (S)

Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)

Deputy of St. Martin

Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy R. Labey (H)

Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)

Deputy of St. Mary

Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)

Deputy J.H. Young (B)

Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)

Deputy K.F. Morel (L)

Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)

Deputy of St. Peter

Deputy of Trinity

Deputy of St. John

Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H)

Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)

Deputy R.J. Ward (H)

Deputy C.S. Alves (H)

Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Government Plan 2022-2025' (P.90/2021), as amended, commenced consideration of an amendment of the Connétable of St. Brelade (P.90/2021 Amd.(2)) and, adopting an amendment of the Connétable of St. Brelade (P.90/2021 Amd.(2)Amd.), agreed that, after the words "the Council of Ministers being requested" there should be inserted the words ", in conjunction with the Privileges and Procedures Committee."

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the amendment of the Connétable of St. Brelade, as amended, commenced consideration of an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.90/2021 Amd.(2)Amd.(2)).

Changes in Presidency

The Bailiff retired from the Chair during consideration of the amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.90/2021 Amd.(2)Amd.(2) to the amendment of the Connétable of St. Brelade (P.90/2021 Amd.(2), as amended, to the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Government Plan 2022-2025' (P.90/2021), as amended, and the meeting continued under the Presidency of Mrs. Lisa-Marie Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States. The Bailiff returned to the Chamber during consideration of the same proposition and the meeting continued under his Presidency.

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Thursday 16th December 2021 to continue consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Government Plan 2022-2025' (P.90/2021), as amended, and the remaining outstanding amendments.

THE STATES rose at 5.28 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Deputy Greffier of the States