

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2010 (P.117/2009): THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT

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AMENDMENT

PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (g) –

After the words “accepted by the Minister for disposal in 2010 and thereafter”, insert the words –

“except that the property “Library Chambers, 5 Library Place, St. Helier” shall be removed from the schedule of disposal set out in the said Table J”.

DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE

REPORT

It is stated that the Library was ceded in perpetuity to the States by Reverend Falle in 1737. It seems, therefore, that the sale of the property would go against the desire of the benefactor that the property stays in States ownership, even if the sale itself were to be deemed lawful.

Moreover, it seems foolish, at a time when PPC is undertaking a review of facilities available to States Members, in particular those not involved with the Executive, with a potential view to extending those facilities, to sell a piece of property in such close proximity to the main States Building, which could subsequently be used to house these facilities. It is no secret that States Members have limited facilities when compared to our counterparts in other jurisdictions. In Jersey, there are limited or no research facilities, and no personal office space.

It would seem sensible, therefore, to await the findings of the PPC questionnaire on States Members' facilities first, before any in-principle decision is made about the future of this site.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no manpower implications and no direct financial implications – the property would simply be retained in public ownership.

There is no indication in the business plan as to the value of this property; in real terms the States would not be losing or gaining, as the value of the property would still be retained by the States, in asset form.