

STATES OF JERSEY



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Moving to a May election date will have implications for the States financial and fiscal planning timetable. The current autumn election date results in the new Council of Ministers and Assembly inheriting a business plan for the following year.

A May 2015 election followed by the forming of a Council of Ministers in June would mean that the new Assembly and Council of Ministers would have to develop, debate and agree a Business Plan for 2016 in a very short timescale. Under the current arrangements, the new Council of Ministers would have to present its first Business Plan early in August 2015 to enable a debate in September 2015. Alternatively, changes could be considered to allow the 2016 Business Plan and Budget to be considered together, lodged in October for debate in December 2015. In either case, the Strategic Plan, Business Plan and Budget will have to be developed in a very short timescale.

Alternatively, if these timescales proved to be impractical, consideration would have to be given to implementing legislative changes to both the Public Finances and States of Jersey Laws.