

# STATES OF JERSEY



## REFORM DAY: 28TH SEPTEMBER 1769 (P.107/2012) – COMMENTS

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by the Council of Ministers

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STATES GREFFE

## COMMENTS

### **Paragraph (a)**

The Council of Ministers is unable to support this paragraph.

Although the events of 28th September 1769 and the subsequent removal of the legislative power of the Royal Court and codification of statute law in the Code of 1771 are of significant constitutional importance, there are many other dates of similar or greater historical importance in our Island's history. The choice of 28th September 1769 to be recognised annually by the States of Jersey alongside the date of the Battle of Jersey and Liberation Day appears to be somewhat arbitrary.

### **Paragraph (b)**

The Council of Ministers is unable to support the allocation of £3,000.00 –

- (i) because sufficient funding already exists to enable local historians to complete this research if they are so minded; and
- (ii) because this was not approved as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan.

### **Paragraph (c)**

The Council of Ministers is unable to support this paragraph.

If there are members of the public or a historical society who wish to subscribe funds for the erection of such a memorial, then that is a matter for them to undertake. The comment to paragraph (b) equally applies.

### **Paragraph (d)**

The Council of Ministers is unable to support this paragraph.

The Council of Ministers is content to leave the content of the school curriculum and any specific content in relation to the events of 28th September 1769 to be determined in the manner set out in the comments of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture, and does not believe that it is an appropriate view of the time of the Assembly to be debating such detailed content of a part of the curriculum.

### **Paragraph (e)**

The Council of Ministers is unable to support this paragraph for the reasons already set out in relation to paragraph (b), and supports the comments of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.

### **Paragraph (f)**

The Council of Ministers is unable to support this paragraph.

This paragraph appears to be suggesting that an annual prize fund of £1,000 be set up for the defined purpose. The Council of Ministers supports the comments of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture.