

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT STATES OF JERSEY (AMENDMENT No. 8) LAW 201- (P.33/2014): FOURTH AMENDMENT

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by the Chief Minister

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PAGES 41–42, ARTICLE 2 –

- (1) In paragraph (a), in the substituted paragraph (1), for the words “the Ministers” substitute the words “at least 7 Ministers”.
- (2) After paragraph (c) add the following paragraph –
 - “(d) after paragraph (5) there shall be added the following paragraph –
 - “(6) The States may by Regulations amend the minimum number of Ministers in paragraph (1).’ ”.

CHIEF MINISTER

REPORT

During the informal briefings which were organised in order to explain the proposals contained within the *Draft States of Jersey (Amendment No. 8) Law 201- (P.33/2014)*, some States members expressed concern that there would no longer be a set number of Ministers specified within the Law, as this would allow for the possibility that executive responsibilities may become concentrated in too few hands.

The Report of the Review Panel on the Machinery of Government in Jersey (December 2000) chaired by the late Sir Cecil Clothier, stated that there could be as few as 7 departments (with the analysis behind this suggestion being annexed to the Panel's report). This amendment proposes, therefore, that there should be at least 7 Ministers. As a result, the Law would specify that the members of the Council of Ministers shall be the Chief Minister and at least 7 Ministers.

In order to ensure that this figure can be changed in the future, should States members be minded to do so, this amendment also proposes that the States Assembly may amend the minimum number of Ministers by Regulations.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of this amendment.