



**THE STATES assembled on Tuesday
19th March 2024, at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Sir Timothy John Le Cocq.**

**His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
Vice-Admiral Jeremy Paul Kyd, C.B.E. was present.**

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

Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade – absent on States business
Deputy Carina Soares Alves of St. Helier Central – excused attendance
Deputy Kristina Louise Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter – ill
Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour – ill
Deputy Helen Mary Miles of St. Brelade – excused attendance
Deputy Catherine Curtis of St. Helier Central – ill
Deputy Lucy Kate Frances Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter - en défaut (défaut raised at 10.14 a.m.)

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. No members participated remotely in the meeting.

Subordinate enactments had tabled

The following enactments were tabled, namely –

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| Changes to Ministerial Offices (Jersey) Amendment Order 2024. <i>Chief Minister.</i> | R&O.10/2024. |
| Tourism (General Provisions) (Jersey) Amendment Order 2024. <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development.</i> | R&O.11/2024. |
| Employment (Amendment No. 14) (Jersey) Commencement Order 2024. <i>Minister for Social Security.</i> | R&O.13/2024. |

Documents presented

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| Draft Children and Young People (Jersey) Commencement Act 202- (P.2/2024): comments. Presented: 15th March 2024, <i>Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel</i> . | P.2/2024. Com. |
| Cash payment at Government Sports facilities – amendment (P.12/2024 Amd.) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 12th March 2024, <i>Minister for Infrastructure</i> . | P.10/2024. Amd.Add. |
| Update of Higher Education Student Funding (P.12/2024) – amendment (P.12/2024 Amd.) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 12th March 2024, <i>Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning</i> . | P.12/2024. Amd.Add. |
| Pay Gap Reporting (P.13/2024) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 8th March 2024, <i>Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour</i> . | P.13/2024. Add. |
| Termination of Employment: Minimum Notice periods (P.14/2024) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 11th March 2024, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North</i> . | P.14/2024. Add. |
| Channel Islands Lottery Distribution of Proceeds 2024 (P.15/2024) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 13th March 2024, <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development</i> . | P.15/2024. Add. |
| Finance Law Delegation Report for the six-month period to 31st December 2023. Presented: 28th February 2024, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources</i> . | R.32/2024. |
| First Step Assisted Home Ownership Scheme: Policy Guidance. Presented: 28th February 2024, <i>Minister for Housing</i> . | R.33/2024. |
| Approved Government Plan and Annex 2024-2027. Presented: 29th February 2024, <i>Chief Minister</i> . | R.34/2024. (re-issue). |
| States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of Functions – Minister for Children and Families – Appointment of Assistant Minister. Presented: 29th February 2024, <i>Minister for Children and Families</i> . | R.35/2024. |
| States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of Functions – Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning – Appointment of Assistant Ministers. Presented: 4th March 2024, <i>Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning</i> . | R.36/2024. |
| Use of Consultants – Follow Up. Presented: 6th March 2024, <i>Comptroller and Auditor General</i> . | R.37/2024. |
| States of Jersey Police Annual Report 2022. Presented: 6th March 2024, <i>Minister for Justice and Home Affairs</i> . | R.38/2024. (re-issue). |
| States of Jersey Complaints Board: findings – Complaint by Mrs. X against the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding access to tertiary care, communication from Health Care Providers and the administration of a Complaint by the Patient Experience Team. Presented: 8th March 2024, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> . | R.39/2024. |

States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of Functions – Chief Minister – Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 2012 & Register of Names and Addresses (Jersey) Law 2012. R.40/2024.
Presented: 8th March 2024, *Chief Minister*.

Transfers between Heads of Expenditure under the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019: Article 18 – 8th March 2024. R.41/2024.
Presented: 11th March 2024, *Minister for Treasury and Resources*.

Policing Plan 2024-2027. R.42/2024.
Presented: 11th March 2024, *Minister for Justice and Home Affairs*.

Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – Purchase of land at La Grande Route de St. Pierre. R.43/2024.
Presented: 11th March 2024, *Minister for Infrastructure*. (re-issue).

Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – Lease of land – Verge on La Rue Voisin. R.44/2024.
Presented: 15th March 2024, *Minister for Infrastructure*.

Draft Children and Civil Status (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202-: Scrutiny Review. S.R.2/2024.
Presented: 13th March 2024, *Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel*.

Notification of lodged propositions

Cash payment at Government Sports facilities (P.10/2024) – amendment. P.10/2024.
Lodged: 12th March 2024, *Minister for Infrastructure*. Amd.

Update of Higher Education Student Funding (P.12/2024) – amendment. P.12/2024.
Lodged: 12th March 2024, *Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning*. Amd.

Pay Gap Reporting. P.13/2024.
Lodged: 8th March 2024, *Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour*.

Termination of Employment: Minimum Notice periods. P.14/2024.
Lodged: 11th March 2024, *Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North*.

Channel Islands Lottery Distribution of Proceeds 2024. P.15/2024.
Lodged: 13th March 2024, *Minister for Sustainable Economic Development*.

Privileges and Procedures Committee – appointment of member

In accordance with Standing Order 122(9), the following nomination was made by the Connétable of St. Martin, Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee, for a member of the Committee who was a member of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee –

Deputy Louise Mary Catherine Doublet of St. Saviour.

There being no other nominations, the Presiding Officer declared that Deputy Louise Mary Catherine Doublet of St. Saviour had been duly appointed as a member of the Privileges and Procedures Committee.

Public Accounts Committee – appointment of members

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 123(1), Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North, Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, indicated that she wished to increase the number of elected members of the Public Accounts Committee to four, and nominated Deputy Kristina Louise Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter and Deputy David James Warr of St. Helier South as members of the Public Accounts Committee.

There being no other nominations, the Presiding Officer declared that Deputy Kristina Louise Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter and Deputy David James Warr of St. Helier South had been duly appointed as an elected member of the Public Accounts Committee.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 124(1), the following nominations were made by the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee as unelected members of the Public Accounts Committee –

Mr. Graeme Phipps
Mr. Philip Taylor.

There having been no further nominations, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 124(2), the Presiding Officer declared that the above persons had been duly appointed as unelected members of the Public Accounts Committee.

Written Questions

(see Official Report/Hansard)

- WQ.49/2024 1. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 4th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central regarding the funding of Health and Community Services.
- WQ.50/2024 2. The Minister for the Environment had tabled an answer on 4th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding the vacant homes with listed status.
- WQ.51/2024 3. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 4th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding a 68% carbon reduction by 2030.
- WQ.52/2024 4. The Minister for the Environment had tabled an answer on 4th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade regarding regulating hospital and ambulance services under the Regulation of Care (Jersey) Law 2014.
- WQ.53/2024 5. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 4th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour regarding the rationale for the proposed 10.1% increase to the cost of residential parking permits.
- WQ.55/2024 6. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 4th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding fast food businesses operating in Jersey employing delivery drivers with only provisional moped licences.
- WQ.56/2024 7. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the Government Communications Directorate.
- WQ.57/2024 8. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the pay grades of employees who worked in the Cabinet Office.

- WQ.59/2024** 9. The Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour regarding new guidance for the secondary school Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education curriculum.
- WQ.60/2024** 10. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding expenditure on maintaining the existing fire service and ambulance headquarters.
- WQ.61/2024** 11. The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy B.B. De S.V.M. Porée of St. Helier South regarding work permit extensions.
- WQ.62/2024** 12. The Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding primary schools in the Island.
- WQ.63/2024** 13. The Chair of the States Employment Board had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding staff currently employed at Civil Service Grade 11 and above.
- WQ.64/2024** 14. The Minister for Social Security had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South regarding reimbursement for General Practitioners.
- WQ.65/2024** 15. H.M. Attorney General had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South regarding the synthetic cannabinoid 5F-MDMB-PICA.
- WQ.66/2024** 16. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South regarding psychoactive substances.
- WQ.67/2024** 17. The Minister for the Environment had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding the withdrawal of a 'Development of Town Masterplan'.
- WQ.68/2024** 18. The Chair of the States Employment Board had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement regarding the pay and terms agreement that had been reached with teachers.
- WQ.69/2024** 19. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 11th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement regarding the recent major IT outage in the Health and Community Services Department.
- WQ.70/2024** 20. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding the public park at South Hill.
- WQ.71/2024** 21. The Minister for Treasury and Resources had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding reviews of policies relating to the provision of flooring.
- WQ.73/2024** 22. The Minister for the Environment had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding offshore wind power.

- WQ.74/2024 23. The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the prospective development of a tunnel between Jersey and France.
- WQ.75/2024 24. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding the Assisted Reproduction Unit.
- WQ.76/2024 25. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding Island Energy and the Jersey Gas Company (Jersey) Law 1989.
- WQ.77/2024 26. The Minister for Children and Families had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding the total number of children and young people who were currently in the Minister's care.
- WQ.78/2024 27. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North regarding the Infected Blood Inquiry in the UK.
- WQ.79/2024 28. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central regarding the re-use centre.
- WQ.80/2024 29. The Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North regarding the funding received by Highlands College.
- WQ.81/2024 30. The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North regarding work permits received and granted from 2019 to 2023.
- WQ.82/2024 31. The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour regarding educating Islanders on domestic abuse.
- WQ.83/2024 32. The Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning had tabled an answer on 18th March 2024 to a question asked by Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour regarding educating Islanders on domestic abuse.

Oral Questions

(see Official Report/Hansard)

- OQ.44/2024 1. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding the use of Kaftrio to treat cystic fibrosis patients.
- OQ.40/2024 2. The Connétable of St. Lawrence asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding Sandybrook Nursing Home.
- OQ.41/2024 3. Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North asked a question of the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee regarding the management of conflicts of interest in respect of work undertaken by the Commissioner for Standards.
- OQ.49/2024 4. Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the actions taken to address the incidence and impact of economic abuse in the Island.

- OQ.39/2024 5. Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South asked a question of the Minister for Housing regarding the launch of the First Steps programme in March 2024.
- OQ.45/2024 6. Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North asked a question of the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs regarding plans to propose an in-committee debate on substance use policy.
- OQ.43/2024 7. Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding the implementation of the requirement for Arm's Length Organisations and States-Owned Bodies to publish their gender pay gap and income ratio.
- OQ.48/2024 9. Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for the Environment regarding the Planning and Building (General Development) (Jersey) Order 2008.
- OQ.51/2024 10. Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity asked a question of the Minister for the Environment regarding the development of an Energy Strategy.
- OQ.42/2024 11. Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North asked a question of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding the appointment of the Connétable of St. John and Deputy Mary Rose Scott of St. Brelade as his Assistant Ministers.
- OQ.46/2024 12. Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North asked a question of the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning regarding the timeline for introducing updated employment terms and conditions for teaching assistants.
- OQ.47/2024 14. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central asked a question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding additional or alternative taxation measures under consideration to meet the increased demand for services in Jersey.

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 63(9), a written response would be provided to the following oral questions that had not been asked during the time allowed at the meeting –

- OQ.52/2024 8. Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter of the Minister for External Relations regarding representations made by the Government of Jersey with regard to the inclusion of a permissive extent clause (Clause 12) in the UK's Safety of Rwanda (Asylum and Immigration) Bill.
- OQ.50/2024 13. Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour of the Minister for Social Security regarding flexible working legislation for private sector workers.

Oral Questions without notice

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Minister for Infrastructure answered questions without notice from members.

The Minister for Social Security answered questions without notice from members.

The Chief Minister answered questions without notice from members.

Scrutiny Panel constitution: Minimum size P.94/2023

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy Max Brennan Andrews of St. Helier North entitled 'Scrutiny Panel constitution: Minimum size' (P.94/2023), and rejected paragraph (a) to request the Privileges and Procedures Committee to bring forward, before December 2024, the necessary

amendments to the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey to permit a Scrutiny Panel to operate with fewer than three Members no longer than the States meeting following a reduction in the number of Members of the panel to fewer than three.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 8

Deputy K.F. Morel
Deputy T.A. Coles
Deputy D.J. Warr
Deputy H.L. Jeune
Deputy B. Ward
Deputy K.M. Wilson
Deputy L.K.F Stephenson
Deputy M.B. Andrews

CONTRE: 35

Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Peter
Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. John
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Saviour
Deputy G.P. Southern
Deputy C.F. Labey
Deputy S.G. Luce
Deputy L.M.C. Doublet
Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat
Deputy S.M. Ahier
Deputy R.J. Ward
Deputy I. Gardiner
Deputy I.J. Gorst
Deputy L.J. Farnham
Deputy S.Y. Mézec
Deputy P.M. Bailhache
Deputy B.B.S.V.M. Porée
Deputy M.R. Scott
Deputy J. Renouf
Deputy L.V. Feltham
Deputy R.E. Binet
Deputy M.E. Millar
Deputy A. Howell
Deputy T.J.A. Binet
Deputy M.R. Ferey
Deputy R.S. Kovacs
Deputy A.F. Curtis

ABSTAIN: 0

THE STATES rejected paragraph (b) of the proposition to require the election of a Scrutiny Panel Chair at the next States meeting following the dissolution of a Scrutiny Panel.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 6

Deputy K.F. Morel
Deputy S.Y. Mézec
Deputy D.J. Warr
Deputy L.V. Feltham
Deputy L.K.F Stephenson

CONTRE: 35

Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Peter
Connétable of St. Martin

ABSTAIN: 1

Deputy B.B.S.V.M. Porée

Deputy M.B. Andrews

Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. Ouen
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 Connétable of St. Saviour
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 Deputy J. Renouf
 Deputy R.E. Binet
 Deputy H.L. Jeune
 Deputy M.E. Millar
 Deputy A. Howell
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet
 Deputy M.R. Ferey
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs
 Deputy A.F. Curtis
 Deputy B. Ward
 Deputy K.M. Wilson

Draft Children and Civil Status (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202-. P.104/2023

THE STATES commenced consideration of the Draft Children and Civil Status (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202- and adopted the principles.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 41

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Deputy G.P. Southern
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet
 Deputy K.F. Morel

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 Deputy L.K.F Stephenson
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

THE STATES, having been informed that the relevant scrutiny panel had indicated that it did not wish to scrutinise the draft legislation, adopted Articles 1 to 52 and Schedules 1 and 2.

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of His Most Excellent Majesty in Council, adopted a Law entitled the Draft Children and Civil Status (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202-.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 36

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of Grouville
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 Deputy T.A. Coles

Deputy B.B.S.V.M. Porée
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 Deputy M.E. Millar
 Deputy A. Howell
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet
 Deputy M.R. Ferey
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs
 Deputy A.F. Curtis
 Deputy B. Ward
 Deputy K.M. Wilson
 Deputy L.K.F Stephenson
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

Draft Children and Young People (Jersey) Commencement Act 202-. P.2/2024

THE STATES made an Act entitled the Children and Young People (Jersey) Commencement Act 2024 under Article 48 of the Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 2022.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 42

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of Grouville
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 Deputy G.P. Southern
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 Deputy T.A. Coles
 Deputy B.B.S.V.M. Porée
 Deputy D.J. Warr
 Deputy M.R. Scott

Deputy J. Renouf
 Deputy L.V. Feltham
 Deputy R.E. Binet
 Deputy H.L. Jeune
 Deputy M.E. Millar
 Deputy A. Howell
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet
 Deputy M.R. Ferey
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs
 Deputy A.F. Curtis
 Deputy B. Ward
 Deputy K.M. Wilson
 Deputy L.K.F Stephenson
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

Cash payment at Government Sports facilities P.10/2024

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy Lucy Kate Frances Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter entitled ‘Cash payment at Government Sports facilities’ (P.10/2024) and, adopting the first part of the amendment of the Minister for Infrastructure (P.10/2024 Amd.) agreed that, after the words “sport facilities”, there should be inserted “that have previously accepted cash payments”.

THE STATES, adopting the second part of the amendment of the Minister for Infrastructure, agreed that, in paragraph (b), after the words “across all” there should be inserted “relevant”.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 30

Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Deputy G.P. Southern
 Deputy C.F. Labey
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 Deputy S.Y. Mézec
 Deputy T.A. Coles
 Deputy B.B.S.V.M. Porée
 Deputy M.R. Scott
 Deputy L.V. Feltham
 Deputy R.E. Binet

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Connétable of St. Clement
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet
 Deputy S.M. Ahier
 Deputy I. Gardiner
 Deputy D.J. Warr
 Deputy J. Renouf
 Deputy H.L. Jeune
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs
 Deputy A.F. Curtis
 Deputy K.M. Wilson
 Deputy L.K.F Stephenson
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

ABSTAIN: 0

Deputy M.E. Millar
 Deputy A. Howell
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet
 Deputy M.R. Ferey
 Deputy B. Ward

THE STATES adopting the proposition of Deputy Lucy Kate Frances Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, as amended –

- (a) requested the Minister for Infrastructure to reintroduce the ability for members of the public to pay in cash at Government run sport facilities that had previously accepted cash payments by June 2024; and
- (b) requested the Council of Ministers to review current and planned Government policies regarding cash payments across all relevant departments and facilities by June 2024, to ensure that Islanders were not being unfairly disadvantaged or prevented from accessing services.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 41

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Brelade
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Deputy M.B. Andrews

Update of Higher Education Student Funding P.12/2024

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North entitled ‘Update of Higher Education Student Funding’ (P.12/2024) and, adopting the seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh parts of the amendment of the Minister for Infrastructure (P.10/2024 Amd.) agreed that –

in paragraph (f), after the words “inflation and relative earnings” there should be inserted “in a sustainable and affordable way, subject to the necessary funding being allocated”;

in paragraph (g) for the word “introduce” there should be substituted “research and consider introducing”;

in paragraph (h) after the words “if adopted,” there should be inserted “subject to the necessary funding being allocated,”;

in paragraph (i) the words “with a view to increasing the threshold of relevant assets for those families where their only income is from rental of secondary properties” should be deleted, and for the word “2024” there should be substituted “2025”; and

in paragraph (j) for the words “undertake a consultation into making student loans available to Island students” there should be substituted “assess the long-term financial viability of any student loan scheme for Island students and undertake a consultation if appropriate”.

THE STATES resumed consideration of the amendment of the Minister for Infrastructure, and, adopting the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixths parts of the amendment, agreed that –

after the words “Lifelong Learning” there should be inserted “, following consultation with the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers as appropriate,”;

in paragraph (a), for the words “fund all” there should be substituted “explore new additional funding options for”, and the words “to the same level as in-person courses, following the same funding application process and criteria” should be deleted.

in paragraph (b), for the words “classify a student who has been, and continues to be, living financially independently of their parents or guardians for at least 1 year before the first academic year of the student’s course as” there should be substituted “review the classification criteria for”, and after the words “an independent student” there should be inserted “, taking into account the criteria elsewhere in the British Isles, and consider the implementation of changes that would deliver enhanced targeted support”;

in paragraph (c), for the word “include” there should be substituted “consider the inclusion of”, and after the words “clinical component grant” there should be inserted “, if appropriate”;

in paragraph (d), for the words “implement guidance to ensure that” there should be substituted “work with the Minister for Health and Social Services to review the scope for”, for the words “captures, but is not limited to,” there should be substituted “including consideration of”, and after the words “following areas” there should be inserted “, if appropriate”; and

in paragraph (e), after the words “to implement” there should be inserted “any outcomes of”, after the words “if adopted,” there should be inserted “subject to the necessary funding being allocated,” and for the word “2024” there should be substituted “2025”.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 33

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Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet
 Deputy I. Gardiner
 Deputy D.J. Warr
 Deputy J. Renouf
 Deputy H.L. Jeune
 Deputy K.M. Wilson
 Deputy L.K.F Stephenson
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

ABSTAIN: 0

The STATES, adopting the proposition of Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North, as amended, requested the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, following consultation with the Chief Minister and Council of Ministers as appropriate, to –

- (a) agree to explore new additional funding options for distance learning courses;
- (b) review the classification criteria for an independent student, taking into account the criteria elsewhere in the British Isles, and consider the implementation of changes that would deliver enhanced targeted support;
- (c) consider the inclusion of ‘related subjects’ as eligible for a clinical component grant, if appropriate;

- (d) work with the Minister for Health and Social Services to review the scope for the clinical course allowance for ‘related subjects’, including consideration of the following areas, if appropriate –
- (i) Paramedic science;
 - (ii) Pharmacy;
 - (iii) Occupational Therapy;
 - (iv) Podiatry; and
 - (v) Physiotherapy/Chiropractic/Osteopathy;
- (e) bring forward the necessary legislative changes to the Education (Grants and Allowances) (Jersey) Order 2018 to implement any outcomes of the preceding paragraphs, if adopted, subject to the necessary funding being allocated, with such changes to take effect from the start of the academic year in September 2025;
- (f) update thresholds for means tested funding in line with inflation and relative earnings in a sustainable and affordable way, subject to the necessary funding being allocated;
- (g) research and consider introducing a sliding scale for the amount of tuition fees that may be awarded;
- (h) bring forward the necessary legislative changes to the Education (Grants and Allowances) (Jersey) Order 2018 to implement paragraphs (f) and (g), if adopted, subject to the necessary funding being allocated, with such changes to take effect from the start of the academic year in September 2025;
- (i) review the threshold for relevant assets detailed within Article 12A of the Education (Grants and Allowances) (Jersey) Order 2018, and to report back to the Assembly on the findings and recommendations of such review no later than December 2025; and
- (j) work with the Minister for Treasury and Resources to assess the long-term financial viability of any student loan scheme for Island students and undertake a consultation if appropriate.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 42

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

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Changes in Presidency

The Bailiff retired from the Chamber during consideration of the proposition of Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North entitled ‘Update of Higher Education Student Funding’ (P.12/2024) and the meeting continued under the Presidency of Mrs Lisa-Marie Hart, Greffier of the States.

Arrangement of public business for future meetings

THE STATES agreed the arrangement of public business for future meetings proposed, as amended, by the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 88(3) –

16th April 2024

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| Offshore Wind. Lodged: 17th October 2023, <i>Council of Ministers</i> . | P.82/2023. |
| Appointment of Non-Executive Directors and new Chair to the States of Jersey Development Company. Lodged: 10th November 2023, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources</i> . | P.95/2023. (re-issue). |
| Protection of Trees. Lodged: 27th November 2023, <i>Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade</i> . | P.98/2023. |
| Draft Income Tax (Amendment – Stage 2 of Independent Taxation) (Jersey) Law 202-. Lodged: 16th January 2024, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources</i> . | P.6/2024. |
| Draft Income Tax (Amendment – Stage 2 of Independent Taxation) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.6/2024): Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 16th January 2024, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources</i> . | P.6/2024. Add. |

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| Draft Income Tax (Amendment – Stage 2 of Independent Taxation) (Jersey) Law 202-(P.6/2024): amendment. Lodged: 13th February 2024, <i>Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour.</i> | P.6/2024. Amd. |
| Draft Income Tax (Amendment – Stage 2 of Independent Taxation) (Jersey) Law 202-(P.6/2024): amendment. (P.6/2024 Amd.): Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 13th February 2024, <i>Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour.</i> | P.6/2024. Amd.Add. |
| Comptroller and Auditor General Board of Governance: Appointment of Member. Lodged: 23rd February 2024, <i>Chief Minister.</i> | P.9/2024. |
| Andium Homes Limited: Articles of Association. Lodged: 26th February 2024, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i> | P.11/2024. |
| Pay Gap Reporting. Lodged: 8th March 2024, <i>Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour.</i> | P.13/2024. |
| Pay Gap Reporting (P.13/2024) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 8th March 2024, <i>Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour.</i> | P.13/2024. Add. |
| Termination of Employment: Minimum Notice periods. Lodged: 11th March 2024, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North.</i> | P.14/2024. |
| Termination of Employment: Minimum Notice periods (P.14/2024) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 11th March 2024, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North.</i> | P.14/2024. Add. |

30th April 2024

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| Draft Income Tax (Payment of 2019 Liability) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-. Lodged: 19th March 2024, Minister for Treasury and Resources. | P.16/2024. |
| Draft Income Tax (Payment of 2019 Liability) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-. (P.16/2024) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Lodged: 19th March 2024, Minister for Treasury and Resources. | P.16/2024. Add. |

21st May 2024

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| Channel Islands Lottery Distribution of Proceeds 2024. Lodged: 13th March 2024, <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development.</i> | P.15/2024. |
| Channel Islands Lottery Distribution of Proceeds 2024 (P.15/2024) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 13th March 2024, <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development.</i> | P.15/2024. Add. |

THE STATES rose at 5.18 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Greffier of the States