

STATES OF JERSEY



PROPOSED GOVERNMENT PLAN 2022- 2025: FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT (P.90/2021 AMD.(14)) – COMMENTS

ESTABLISHMENT OF MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS

**Presented to the States on 10th December 2021
by the Council of Ministers**

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COMMENTS

The Council of Ministers supports the vital work of the Chief Minister, Minister for External Relations, and their officers in implementing the Government's common external relations policy and representing Jersey's interests across the world.

This includes the development of diplomatic relationships, enabling cultural engagement and social links, promoting business and trade, and defending and enhancing the Island's reputation as a responsible jurisdiction and credible partner.

Ministers also agree that it is important for Jersey's constitutional status to be clearly understood by our partners around the world, including the autonomy and distinctive qualities we enjoy.

This is work which will continue in the years to come as we further develop the Island's distinct international personality and policy priorities.

The Island Identity Policy Development Board's work is also considered important and instructive, including its recommendation for a separate External Relations Department.

At the same time, further work on operational implementation and consequences will be required, including reference to the States Employment Board, as is maintaining the commitment for cost neutrality, as stipulated in the Amendment.

Considering all this, and reflecting on the Amendment, the Council of Ministers (with the agreement of Senator Gorst) intend to propose the Government Plan as amended by this amendment,

Financial Implications

As a reallocation of funding this amendment does not impact on overall expenditure or borrowing from the Consolidated Fund.

Statement under Standing Order 37A [Presentation of comment relating to a proposition]:

These comments were submitted to the States Greffe after the noon deadline as set out in Standing Order 37A due to the requirement to undertake final due diligence and review processes.