

# STATES OF JERSEY

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## **STRATEGIC PLAN 2006 TO 2011 (P.40/2006): TWELFTH AMENDMENT (P.40/2006 AMD.(12))– AMENDMENT**

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**Lodged au Greffe on 13th June 2006  
by the Council of Ministers**

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**STATES GREFFE**

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*In the proposed substituted Action 4.7.2 for the word “Fully” substitute the words “Subject to adequate resources being made available, fully”.*

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

## **REPORT**

The Council of Ministers supports the principle of the Deputy's amendment, but the source of funding for these initiatives has not been identified. The amendment to the amendment recognises that the resource statement in the Strategic Plan does not include such funding. If they are to be implemented then the resources will have to be found by reallocating funding from elsewhere.

It has been necessary to delay the implementation of those provisions in the Planning and Building Law 2002 relating to Dangerous Structures and Third Party appeals because they have recurring resource implications which cannot be met within the Planning and Environment cash limits.

As far as Third Party Appeals are concerned, there are also resource implications for the Royal Court, the funding responsibility for which lies with the Treasury and Resources Minister.

Predicting the number of appeals made is not a precise science. At the end of the Deputy's penultimate paragraph she refers to the Planning and Environment Minister's comments that the estimated costs are provisional. The reason the costs were provisional was that the effect of the new Royal Court Rules, which will lead to an increase in appeals, had yet to be factored into an earlier assessment. Since lodging her amendment, the Deputy has met with officers of the Planning and Environment Department to discuss the resource implications in detail. As a result, the costs for Dangerous Structures are estimated to remain at £56,000, but Third Party Appeals are estimated to rise to £84,000, giving an overall total cost to the Department of £140,000 and a manpower increase of 2.5 FTEs to implement the remaining parts of the law. The estimated costs for the Royal Court are £128,000, giving a total cost of implementation of £268,000. These costs are not contained within the funding proposals approved by the Council of Ministers for inclusion in the Annual Business Plan 2007 – 2011. A reprioritisation of the current expenditure proposals would be required to maintain the proposed limits on overall States expenditure

There are no additional financial or manpower implications arising from this amendment to the amendment and the intention of this proposed change is to avoid the resource implications of the original amendment until funding has been approved.