



**THE STATES assembled on Tuesday  
26th November 2024, at 9.30 a.m. under  
the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff,  
Robert James MacRae, Esquire.**

**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 –

Connétable Deidre Wendy Mezbourian of St. Lawrence – ill  
Connétable Richard Anthony Kingston Honeycombe of St. Ouen – en défaut (défaut raised at 12.43 p.m.)  
Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour – en défaut (défaut raised at 9:51 a.m.)  
Deputy Lucy Kate Frances Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter – parental responsibilities

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. The following Members attended remotely, either for all or part of the meeting –

Connétable Richard Anthony Kingston Honeycombe of St. Ouen  
Deputy Carolyn Fiona Labey of Grouville and St. Martin  
Deputy Louise Mary Catherine Doublet of St. Saviour  
Deputy Catherine Dolores Curtis of St. Helier Central  
Deputy Rosemary Esther Binet of Grouville and St. Martin

#### **Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028 P.51/2024**

THE STATES, commencing consideration of a proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028’ (P.51/2024), considered an amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (P.51/2024 Amd.(11)), and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.51/2024 Amd.(11).Amd.), agreed that –

in part 1, for the words “151 grams” there should be substituted “176 grams” and for the figures presented in the table for “Impôt Duties Vehicle Emissions Duty”, the following should be substituted –

2025 (£000)	Estimate	2026 (£000)	Estimate	2027 (£000)	Estimate	2028 (£000)	Estimate
3,190		3,045		2,906		2,783	

in part 2, for the words “151 grams” there should be substituted “176 grams” and for the proposed amendments to the proposed transfers from the Consolidated Fund to the Climate Emergency Fund, the following should be substituted –

2025 Proposed	2026 Proposed	2027 Proposed	2028 Proposed
4,358	4,313	4,269	4,226

in part 3, for the words “151 grams” there should be substituted “176 grams” and, in the column of the table headed “2025 Estimate (as amended)”, the following should be substituted for the figures provided –

5,950
4,358
(8,346)
1,962

in part 4, for the words “10%, 15% and 25%” there should be substituted “5%, 15% and 25%”.

for the figures provided in the first table against vehicles with emissions from 151 to 175 grams of CO<sub>2</sub> the following should be substituted –

2024 Actual	2025 proposed (as amended)	Proposed Increase %
1,367	1,435	5%

in the second table, for “315” there should be substituted “301” each time it appears.

THE STATES, adopting the amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel, as amended, agreed that –

in paragraph (a), after the words “Article 9(2)(a) of the Law”, there should be inserted the words –

“, except that the total estimate for 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 Vehicle Emissions Duty (VED) shall be increased to reflect increased duties for non-commercial vehicles with CO<sub>2</sub> mass emissions above 176 grams, with the relevant figures in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 1 updated in line with the following table, and subsequent figures updated accordingly

	2025 Estimate (£000)	2026 Estimate (£000)	2027 Estimate (£000)	2028 Estimate (£000)
Impôt Duties Vehicle Emissions Duty (as amended)	3,190	3,045	2,906	2,783

in paragraph (c), after the words “Article 9(2)(b) of the Law” there should be inserted the words –

“, except that proposed transfer of monies from the Consolidated Fund to the Climate Emergency Fund shall be increased in 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028 to reflect increased duties for non-commercial vehicles with CO<sub>2</sub> mass emissions above 176 grams, with the relevant figures in Appendix 2 – Table 3 updated in line with the following table, and subsequent figures updated accordingly –

£'000		2025 Proposed	2026 Proposed	2027 Proposed	2028 Proposed
Transfer from	Transfer to				
Consolidated Fund	Climate Emergency Fund	4,358	4,313	4,269	4,226

”.

in paragraph (j), after the words “Summary Table 8 to the Report”, there should be inserted the words –

“, except that the proposed transfer of monies from the Consolidated Fund to the Climate Emergency Fund shall be increased in 2025 to reflect increased duties for non-commercial vehicles with CO<sub>2</sub> mass emissions above 176 grams, with the relevant figures in Appendix 2 – Table 8 updated in line with the following table, and subsequent figures updated accordingly –

£'000		2025 Estimate (as amended)
Opening balance		5,950
Transfer from the Consolidated Fund	Climate Emergency Fund	4,358
Expenditure		(8,346)
Closing balance		1,962

in paragraph (o), after the words “to the accompanying Report”, there should be inserted the words –

“, except that in the section “Vehicle Emissions Duty” on page 32 after the words “the highest three emission bands will be increased by” replace the figures “5%, 10% and 20%” with the figures “5%, 15% and 25%” with the relevant figures in Table 5 and Table 6 updated in line with the following figures –

CO2 Mass emissions (grams)	2024 Actual	2025 proposed (as amended)	Proposed Increase %
0	-	-	-
1-50	35	35	-
51-75	73	73	-
76-100	240	240	-
101-125	422	422	-
126-150	715	715	-
151-175	1,367	1,435	5%
176-200	4,200	4,830	15%
201 or more	7,937	9,921	25%

£'000	Proposed vs Forecast (as amended)	Proposed vs no change (as amended)
Vehicle Emissions Duty increases	301	301

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.72/2023 Amd.(26)), agreed that, in paragraph (g), after the words “of the Report” there should be inserted the words “, except that, in Summary Table 5(i), the head of expenditure for Education and Lifelong Learning should be increased by £5,862,000 with an equal decrease to Children and Families head of expenditure”.

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers and, adopting an amendment of Deputy Louise Mary Catherine Doublet of St. Saviour (P.51/2024 Amd.(7)), agreed that, in paragraph (g) –

after the words “set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 5(i) and (ii) of the Report.” there should be inserted the words –

“, except that, in Summary Table 5(i) –

- (i) the Head of Expenditure for the Cabinet Office should be reduced by £86,215; and
- (ii) the Head of Expenditure for Customer and Local Services should be increased by £86,215 to support the funding of the Connect Me project.”; and

in paragraph (o), after the words “Appendix to the accompanying Report” there should be inserted the words –

“, except that on page 14, after the words “support the ongoing well-being of Islanders”, there should be inserted the following words –

“As part of the prioritisation of community well-being, the Social Security department has allocated £391,215 of funding to the Connect Me project for the year 2025, to ensure the continuation of the project and support the introduction of social prescribing.”.

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, and commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Hilary Louise Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity (P.51/2024 Amd.(9)), and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.51/2024 Amd.(9).Amd.), agreed that the words “funding the” should be deleted.

THE STATES, adopting paragraph (a) of the amendment of the Deputy Hilary Louise Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, as amended, agreed that in paragraph (o), after the words “as set out in the Appendix of the accompanying Report” there should be inserted the words –

“, except that, on page 38 –

- (a) after the words “improve the competitiveness of the Island” there should be inserted the words “with a specific focus on funding the delivery of the Sustainable Finance Action Plan and supporting the transition to a net-zero economy”.

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers and, adopting an amendment of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (P.51/2024 Amd.(4)), agreed that, in paragraph (o), after the words “as set out in the Appendix of the accompanying Report”, there should be inserted the words –

“, except that, on page 42 after the words “, for indicative purposes.” there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

“The establishment of a Public Services Ombudsperson, as approved in principle by the States Assembly in March 2018 [P.32/2018] and progressed by the preceding Government, remains under review by the Council of Ministers. The Complaints Panel is itself conducting a review of its own procedures and processes. In July 2024, the Jersey Law Commission published a report entitled “*Keeping the Complaints Panel or creating the Ombudsperson*”, which worked through the different choices about the basic design of Jersey’s independent complaints handling body with the aim of taking an informed decision as to whether to keep a reformed Complaints Panel or go forward with the Ombudsperson. Subsequent to that report, a consultation paper was published. The Council of Ministers will fully consider the consultation results published by the Jersey Law Commission and

Complaints Panel respectively when considering the appropriate way forward. Detailed proposals will be brought forward in 2025 for States Assembly approval and also detailed in the successive Government Plan.”

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers and, adopting an amendment of the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel (P.51/2024 Amd.(5)), agreed that, in paragraph (o), after the words “as set out in the Appendix of the accompanying Report” there should be inserted the words –

“, except that on Page 43, after the words “This investment will meet the cost of enhancing grants to students both in distance learning and in person learning.” should be inserted the words “We will also review the scheme available for apprenticeships and increase the funding and support available.”.

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers and, adopting an amendment of the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel (P.51/2024 Amd.(10)), agreed that, in paragraph (o), after the words “as set out in the Appendix of the accompanying Report” there should be inserted the words –

“except that in the section “Other Revenue Expenditure Growth Spending” on page 45 after the words “funding of In Vitro Fertilisation, recently approved by the Assembly” there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

“Funding for the Termination of Pregnancy (Jersey) Law 1997 Amendments workstream will be reviewed to ensure that both policy and law drafting resource for this workstream is prioritised by the Council of Ministers in the 2025 Legislative Programme and in order for amendments to the current outdated law to be lodged prior to the end of 2025.”

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.51/2024 Amd.(27)), agreed that, in paragraph (o), after the words “as set out in the Appendix of the accompanying Report” there should be inserted the words –

“, except that on page 46, under the subtitle Formula Driven Growth, for the words –

“As budgets for Arts, Heritage and Culture have now been increased to 1% of Net Revenue Expenditure, in future, this level will now be maintained and increased by RPI.”

there should be substituted the words –

“Following approval of Funding for Culture, Arts and Heritage (P.69/2024), the Government continues the commitment to maintain funding to this sector based on 1% of overall States revenue expenditure.”.

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North (P.51/2024 Amd.(18)), and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.51/2024 Amd.(18).Amd.(2)), agreed that

in part 1, for the words “Existing resources will be utilised” there should be substituted “An allocation of £66,000 will be made within the Funding for Public Realm budgets”; and

in part 2, after the words “Bridging Island Plan 2022-2025” there should be inserted the words “, with the work of the Jersey Youth Parliament ‘Right to Play’ Group and of the previous Play Strategy Steering Group to be incorporated into the final Strategy”.

THE STATES, adopting the amendment of Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North, as amended, agreed that, in paragraph (o), after the words “as set out in the Appendix to the accompanying Report” there should be inserted the words –

“, except that, on Page 59, after the words “in subsequent Budgets subject to affordability.” there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

“Existing resources will be utilised to take forward the work to deliver a Play Strategy for Jersey, in conjunction with the Minister for Children and Families, the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, and the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development, as detailed within Proposal 29 of the [Bridging Island Plan 2022-2025](#), with the work of the Jersey Youth Parliament ‘Right to Play’ Group and of the previous Play Strategy Steering Group to be incorporated into the final Strategy.”

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North (P.51/2024 Amd.(23)), and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.51/2024 Amd.(23).Amd.), agreed that, for the words “The Treasury Minister will request additional funding for” there should be substituted the word “Across”; that the words “from the States of Jersey Development Company (SoJDC) of” should be deleted; that, after the words “up to £500,000”, there should be inserted the words “within the Infrastructure Rolling Vote (Public Realm) will be used”; that for the words “recognising that a”, there should be inserted the words “provided always that additional”; that, for the words “allocation will also be made”, there should be inserted the words “is contributed”; and that, after the words “Parish of St Helier”, there should be inserted the words “to meet the costs of relevant projects.

THE STATES, adopting the amendment of Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North, as amended, agreed that, in paragraph (o), after the words “as set out in the Appendix to the accompanying Report”, there should be inserted the words –

“except that, on Page 59, after the words “in subsequent Budgets subject to affordability.” there should be inserted the following new paragraph –

“Across the period 2025-2028, up to £500,000 within the Infrastructure Rolling Vote (Public Realm) will be used to support St. Helier’s Neighbourhood Improvement Area programmes, provided always that additional matching funding is contributed by the ratepayers of the Parish of St. Helier to meet the costs of the relevant projects.””.

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour (P.51/2024 Amd.(25)), and adopting an amendment of Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour (P.51/2024 Amd.(25).Amd.), agreed that –

in part 1 –

the figure “£12,000,000” should be substituted with the figure “£10,500,000”;

after the words “to reflect” there should be inserted the words “the cost of introducing.”;

after the words “holiday during 2025”, there should be inserted the words “, based on the Income Forecasting Group’s estimates from May 2024.”; and

the words “which will incur a flat 3% stamp duty rate” should be deleted; and

in part 2, the words “which will incur a flat 3% stamp duty rate” should be deleted.

THE STATES rejected the amendment of Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour, as amended, that –

in paragraph (a), after the words “Article 9(2)(a) of the Law”, there should be inserted –

“, except that in Summary Table 1 the income estimate for Stamp Duty in 2025 should be reduced by £10,500,000 to reflect the cost of introducing a stamp duty holiday during 2025, based on the Income Forecasting Group’s estimates from May 2024, the reduction of income being based upon Stamp Duty being levied at 0% on properties valued up to £700,000, at 2.5% for those valued between £700,000 and £1,000,000, and with a taper for those valued between £1,000,000 and £1,200,000, and properties over £1,200,000 remaining subject to Stamp Duty at the full rate, such reduction to exclude buy-to let properties.”; and

in paragraph (o), after the words “set out in the Appendix to the accompanying Report”, there should be inserted the words –

“, except that on page 30 after the words “the previously forecast”, there should be inserted the words “In order to promote a positive increase in the sale of residential properties a Stamp Duty holiday has been instigated for 2025, allowing properties up to a value of £700,000 to pay no Stamp Duty, with Stamp Duty levied at 2.5% on properties valued between £700,000 and £1,000,000 and a taper for properties valued between £1,000,000 and £1,200,000. Properties over £1,200,000 will remain subject to Stamp Duty at the full rate. This Stamp duty holiday will exclude buy-to let properties.”

Members present voted as follows –

**POUR: 7**

Connétable of St. Saviour  
Deputy L.M.C. Doublet  
Deputy I. Gardiner  
Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf  
Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache  
Deputy D.J. Warr  
Deputy K.M. Wilson

**CONTRE: 36**

Connétable of St. Helier  
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. Mary  
Deputy G.P. Southern  
Deputy C.F. Labey  
Deputy M. Tadier  
Deputy S.G. Luce  
Deputy K.F. Morel  
Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat  
Deputy S.M. Ahier  
Deputy R.J. Ward  
Deputy C.S. Alves  
Deputy I.J. Gorst  
Deputy L.J. Farnham  
Deputy K.L. Moore  
Deputy S.Y. Mézec  
Deputy T.A. Coles  
Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée  
Deputy H.M. Miles  
Deputy J. Renouf  
Deputy C.D. Curtis  
Deputy L.V. Feltham  
Deputy R.E. Binet  
Deputy H.L. Jeune  
Deputy M.E. Millar

**ABSTAIN: 1**

Connétable of St. Clement

Deputy A. Howell  
 Deputy M.R. Ferey  
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs  
 Deputy A.F. Curtis  
 Deputy B. Ward  
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106, the following Members declared an interest in the subject of the amendment of Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour, in that they were likely to be selling property in the near future –

The Connétable of St. Peter  
 The Connétable of St. Clement  
 Deputy Mary Rose Le Hegarat of St. Helier North  
 Deputy Ian Joseph Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter  
 Deputy Mary Rose Scott of St. Brelade

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour (P.51/2024 Amd.(28)), and, adopting an amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.51/2024 Amd.(28).Amd.), agreed that the words “reduced by £2,000,000 to reflect the removal of the current higher rate surcharge” should be substituted with the words “reduced by £665,000 to reflect the reduction of the current higher rate surcharge from 3 percentage-points to 2 percentage-points” and that the word “removed” should be substituted with the word “reduced”.

Members present voted as follows –

**POUR: 30**

Connétable of St. Helier  
 Connétable of Trinity  
 Connétable of St. Peter  
 Connétable of St. John  
 Connétable of Grouville  
 Connétable of St. Ouen  
 Connétable of St. Mary  
 Deputy G.P. Southern  
 Deputy C.F. Labey  
 Deputy S.G. Luce  
 Deputy K.F. Morel  
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat  
 Deputy R.J. Ward  
 Deputy C.S. Alves  
 Deputy I. Gardiner  
 Deputy I.J. Gorst  
 Deputy L.J. Farnham  
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec  
 Deputy T.A. Coles  
 Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée  
 Deputy M.R. Scott  
 Deputy C.D. Curtis  
 Deputy L.V. Feltham  
 Deputy R.E. Binet  
 Deputy M.E. Millar  
 Deputy A. Howell  
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet

**CONTRE: 14**

Connétable of St. Martin  
 Connétable of St. Clement  
 Connétable of St. Saviour  
 Deputy S.M. Ahier  
 Deputy K.L. Moore  
 Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf  
 Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache  
 Deputy D.J. Warr  
 Deputy H.M. Miles  
 Deputy J. Renouf  
 Deputy H.L. Jeune  
 Deputy A.F. Curtis  
 Deputy K.M. Wilson  
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

**ABSTAIN: 0**



Deputy M.R. Ferey  
Deputy R.S. Kovacs  
Deputy B. Ward

THE STATES rejected the amendment of Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour, as amended, that –

in paragraph (a), after the words “Article 9(2)(a) of the Law” there should be inserted the words –

“, except that in Summary Table 1 the income estimate for Stamp Duty in 2025 should be reduced by £665,000 to reflect the reduction of the current higher rate surcharge from 3 percentage-points to 2 percentage-points”; and

in paragraph (o), after the words “set out in the Appendix to the accompanying Report” there should be inserted the words –

“, except that on page 30 after the words “the previously forecast.”, there should be inserted the words “In order to promote a positive increase in the sale of residential properties the additional higher rate of Stamp Duty in relation to the sale and purchase of second homes has been reduced for one year.”.

Members present voted as follows –

**POUR: 23**

Connétable of St. Helier  
Connétable of St. Brelade  
Connétable of Trinity  
Connétable of St. Peter  
Connétable of St. John  
Connétable of Grouville  
Connétable of St. Saviour  
Deputy S.G. Luce  
Deputy K.F. Morel  
Deputy M.R. Le Hégarat  
Deputy I.J. Gorst  
Deputy L.J. Farnham  
Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf  
Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache  
Deputy D.J. Warr  
Deputy M.R. Scott  
Deputy R.E. Binet  
Deputy M.E. Millar  
Deputy A. Howell  
Deputy T.J.A. Binet  
Deputy M.R. Ferey  
Deputy B. Ward  
Deputy K.M. Wilson

**CONTRE: 24**

Connétable of St. Martin  
Connétable of St. Clement  
Connétable of St. Ouen  
Connétable of St. Mary  
Deputy G.P. Southern  
Deputy C.F. Labey  
Deputy M. Tadier  
Deputy L.M.C. Doublet  
Deputy S.M. Ahier  
Deputy R.J. Ward  
Deputy C.S. Alves  
Deputy I. Gardiner  
Deputy K.L. Moore  
Deputy S.Y. Mézec  
Deputy T.A. Coles  
Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée  
Deputy H.M. Miles  
Deputy J. Renouf  
Deputy C.D. Curtis  
Deputy L.V. Feltham  
Deputy H.L. Jeune  
Deputy R.S. Kovacs  
Deputy A.F. Curtis  
Deputy M.B. Andrews

**ABSTAIN: 0**

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour (P.51/2024 Amd.(24)), and, adopting an amendment of Deputy Hiliary Louise Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity, agreed that, in part 1, after the words “cannabis in Jersey” there should be inserted the words “, that will be used in cannabis-based products for medicinal use”; and that, in part 2, after the words “cannabis in Jersey” there should be inserted the words “, that will be used in cannabis-based products for medicinal use”.

Members present voted as follows –

**POUR: 27**

Connétable of St. Martin  
 Connétable of St. Clement  
 Connétable of St. Saviour  
 Deputy S.G. Luce  
 Deputy K.F. Morel  
 Deputy S.M. Ahier  
 Deputy I. Gardiner  
 Deputy I.J. Gorst  
 Deputy L.J. Farnham  
 Deputy K.L. Moore  
 Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf  
 Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache  
 Deputy T.A. Coles  
 Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée  
 Deputy D.J. Warr  
 Deputy H.M. Miles  
 Deputy M.R. Scott  
 Deputy J. Renouf  
 Deputy H.L. Jeune  
 Deputy A. Howell  
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs  
 Deputy A.F. Curtis  
 Deputy K.M. Wilson  
 Deputy M.B. Andrews  
 Deputy C.F. Labey  
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet  
 Deputy R.E. Binet

**CONTRE: 18**

Connétable of St. Helier  
 Connétable of St. Brelade  
 Connétable of St. Peter  
 Connétable of St. John  
 Connétable of Grouville  
 Connétable of St. Ouen  
 Connétable of St. Mary  
 Deputy G.P. Southern  
 Deputy M. Tadier  
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat  
 Deputy R.J. Ward  
 Deputy C.S. Alves  
 Deputy C.D. Curtis  
 Deputy L.V. Feltham  
 Deputy M.E. Millar  
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet  
 Deputy M.R. Ferey  
 Deputy B. Ward

**ABSTAIN: 0****Suspension of Meeting**

The Deputy Bailiff, following the adoption of the amendment of Deputy Hiliary Louise Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity to the amendment of Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour to the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028’ (P.51/2024), suspended the meeting for a period of 20 minutes, in accordance with Standing Order 46, in order to consider a ruling on the amendment of the Council of Ministers (P.51/2024 Amd.(24).Amd.(2)) to the same amendment.

**Amendments to the Twenty-Fourth Amendment to ‘Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028’ (P.51/2024) – ruling by the Deputy Bailiff**

The Deputy Bailiff made the following ruling regarding the interaction between the amendments that had been lodged to the amendment of Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour (P.51/2024 Amd.(24)) to the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028 (P.51/2024) –

“In adopting the amendment that Deputy Jeune lodged to the twenty-fourth amendment, which of course still must be debated as amended, the Assembly has adopted an amendment to the effect that loans from the Agricultural Loans Fund cannot be used for any purpose related to the cultivation of cannabis used in products for medicinal use. The Council of Ministers’ second amendment has as its central purpose the permitting of loans from the fund for the purpose of assisting medicinal cannabis

producing businesses. Accordingly, in view of the Assembly’s adoption of the first amendment, in my judgment the Council’s amendment must fall away. Indeed, the only effect of the Council of Ministers’ amendment if it was debated and adopted would be to limit the extent to which loans could be made to hemp producers, which as a consequence of the adoption of the first amendment are currently not subject to any such exclusion.”

### **Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028 P.51/2024**

THE STATES noted that, following the ruling of the Deputy Bailiff and in light of the Assembly’s adoption of the amendment of Deputy Hiliary Louise Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity to the amendment of Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour to the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028 (P.51/2024), the amendment of the Council of Ministers to the same amendment (P.51/2024 Amd.(2)) was deemed to have been withdrawn.

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, rejected the amendment of Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour, as amended, that –

in paragraph (e), after the words “identified before 31st December 2025” there should be inserted the words –

“, subject also to restrictions on the provision of Agricultural Loans to exclude provision of such loans for any purposes relating to the cultivation of cannabis in Jersey, that will be used in cannabis-based products for medicinal use”; and

in paragraph (o), after the words “as set out in the Appendix to the accompanying Report” there should be inserted the words –

“, except that that on page 75, after the bullet points, there should be inserted a new paragraph as follows –

“The utilisation of funds from the Agricultural Loans Fund will be subject to restrictions and exclude the provision of such Loans for any purposes relating to the cultivation of cannabis in Jersey, that will be used in cannabis-based products for medicinal use”.

Members present voted as follows –

#### **POUR: 19**

Connétable of St. Martin  
 Connétable of St. Clement  
 Connétable of Grouville  
 Connétable of St. Saviour  
 Connétable of St. Ouen  
 Deputy C.F. Labey  
 Deputy I. Gardiner  
 Deputy I.J. Gorst  
 Deputy K.L. Moore  
 Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf  
 Deputy Sir Bailhache  
 Deputy D.J. Warr  
 Deputy H.M. Miles  
 Deputy M.R. Scott  
 Deputy J. Renouf  
 Deputy H.L. Jeune  
 Deputy B. Ward

#### **CONTRE: 24**

Connétable of St. Helier  
 Connétable of St. Brelade  
 Connétable of Trinity  
 Connétable of St. Peter  
 Connétable of St. John  
 Connétable of St. Mary  
 Deputy G.P. Southern  
 Deputy M. Tadier  
 Deputy K.F. Morel  
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat  
 Deputy S.M. Ahier  
 Deputy R.J. Ward  
 Deputy C.S. Alves  
 Deputy L. J. Farnham  
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec  
 Deputy T.A. Coles  
 Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée

#### **ABSTAIN: 3**

Deputy A. Howell  
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs  
 Deputy A.F. Curtis

Deputy K.M. Wilson  
Deputy M.B. Andrews

Deputy C.D. Curtis  
Deputy L.V. Feltham  
Deputy M.E. Millar  
Deputy T.J.A. Binet  
Deputy M.R. Ferey  
Deputy L.M.C Doublet  
Deputy R.E. Binet

### **Adjournment**

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Wednesday 27th November 2024 in order to continue consideration of a proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028' (P.51/2024), as amended and the other outstanding items of public business.

THE STATES rose at 5.32 p.m.

**L.-M. HART**

*Greffier of the States*