

STATES OF JERSEY



COMPOSITION OF THE STATES: REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF SENATORS – REFERENDUM (P.198/2010) – COMMENTS

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by the Minister for Treasury and Resources**

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COMMENTS

The Minister for Treasury and Resources wishes to comment for the benefit of States Members on the financial and manpower implications of this proposition. Senator Cohen states: "As our system of elections and managing referenda is based on our longstanding tradition of honorary service the cost of implementing this referendum should be limited to the cost of additional officer time, printing and associated costs."

A realistic estimate of cost is contained within P.146/2009: Referendum: Position of the Connétables in the States, in which it is stated "The cost of running a referendum of this nature is estimated to be in the region of £15,000 to £20,000, a similar sum to the amount that is spent on a senatorial election". It is also stated: "...this should be funded by PPC". The Minister for Treasury and Resources believes, as for P.146/2009, that if this Proposition is approved by States Members the cost should be borne by the Privileges and Procedures Committee.