

# THE STATES assembled on Wednesday 27th November 2024, at 9.30 a.m. under the Presidency of Mrs. Lisa-Marie Hart, Greffier of the States.

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

Connétable Deidre Wendy Mezbourian of St. Lawrence – ill Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour – en défaut (défaut raised at 09:51 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 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, resuming consideration of a proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028' (P.51/2024), as amended, rejected an amendment of the Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel (P.51/2024 Amd.(20)) that –

in paragraph (g), after the words "Summary Tables 5(i) and (ii) of the Report" there should be inserted the words –

- ", except that, for the purpose of maintaining the Government of Jersey grants to Jersey Business and Digital Jersey at a sufficient level, in Summary Table 5(i) –
- (i) the expenditure for 'Economic Development, Tourism, Sport & Culture' should be increased by £286,000; and
- (ii) the expenditure for 'Central Reserve' should be decreased by £286,000."

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 47, figures in the line "Arm's Length and Regulatory Organisations" in Table 14 should be reduced by £286,000 in each year".

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Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 18 CONTRE: 27 ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Grouville Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy G.P. Southern Connétable of St. John Deputy M. Tadier Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Connétable of St. Mary Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy B.B.de S.V.M. Porée Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat

Deputy D.J. Warr
Deputy H.M. Miles
Deputy J. Renouf
Deputy C.D. Curtis
Deputy R.J. Ward
Deputy L.J. Gorst
Deputy S.Y. Mézec
Deputy R.S. Kovacs
Deputy Sir P.M. Bai

Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache
Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy T.A. Coles

Deputy T.A. Coles
Deputy M.R. Scott
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 A.F. Curtis
Deputy B. Ward

Deputy M.B. Andrews

#### **Changes in Presidency**

The Greffier of the States retired from the Chamber during consideration of the amendment of the Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel to the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028' (P.51/2024), as amended, and the meeting continued under the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff.

### Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee, agreed that the Assembly would meet until 8.30 p.m. on Thursday 28th November 2024, adjourning at 5.30 p.m. that day for a period of 15 minutes before continuing at 5.45 p.m.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 33 CONTRE: 10 ABSTAIN: 1

Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Deputy S.Y. Mézec Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Martin Deputy R.J. Ward

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Connétable of St. John

Connétable of St. Clement

Connétable of Grouville

Connétable of St. Mary

Connétable of St. Saviour

Deputy G.P. Southern

Deputy M. Tadier

Deputy S.G. Luce

Deputy L.M.C. Doublet

Deputy K.F. Morel

Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat

Deputy S.M. Ahier

Deputy C.S. Alves

Deputy I.J. Gorst

Deputy L.J. Farnham

Deputy K.L. Moore

Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf

Deputy T.A. Coles

Deputy D.J. Warr

Deputy H.M. Miles

Deputy M.R. Scott

Deputy C.D. Curtis

Deputy L.V. Feltham

Deputy R.E. Binet

Deputy M.E. Millar

Deputy T.J.A. Binet

Deputy M.R. Ferey

Deputy R.S. Kovacs

Deputy B. Ward

Deputy K.M. Wilson

Deputy M.B. Andrews

Deputy I. Gardiner

Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache

Deputy J. Renouf

Deputy H.L. Jeune

Deputy A. Howell

Deputy A.F. Curtis

## **Changes in Presidency**

The Deputy Bailiff retired from the Chamber after consideration of the proposition of the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee and the meeting continued under the Presidency of the Bailiff.

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

THE STATES, resuming consideration of a proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028' (P.51/2024), as amended, rejected an amendment of Deputy Sir Philip Martin Bailhache of St. Clement (P.51/2024 Amd.), that –

in paragraph (g), after the words "Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 5(i) and (ii) of the Report" there should be inserted the words –

", except that in Summary Table 5(i) the head of expenditure for Grants to States Funds shall be increased by £10,000,000 to £129,821,000, to adjust the States grant to the Social Security Fund back to the full formula value.".

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

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", except that on page 85, in Table 48: Social Security Fund, the Grant to Social Security Fund row shall be increased by £10,000,000 in both 2025 and 2026, to £90,368,000 and £91,936,000. respectively, and on page 76, Table 40: Consolidated Fund shall be adjusted to reflect a decrease of £10,000,000 for both 2025 and 2026".

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 21 **CONTRE: 25** ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy G.P. Southern Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy M. Tadier Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy M.R. Scott Deputy J. Renouf Deputy I.J. Gorst Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy A. Howell Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy T.A. Coles

Deputy B. Ward Deputy B.B.de S.V.M. Porée

Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy M.B. Andrews Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy T.J.A. Binet Deputy R.S. Kovacs

#### **Changes in Presidency**

The Bailiff retired briefly from the Chamber during consideration of the amendment of Deputy Sir Philip Martin Bailhache of St. Clement to the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Proposed Budget (Government Plan) 2025-2028' (P.51/2024), as amended, and the meeting continued under the Presidency of Mrs. Lisa-Marie Hart, Greffier of the States, until the Bailiff's return.

#### Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Thursday 28th 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 5.22 p.m.

L.-M. HART

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Greffier of the States