



**THE STATES assembled on Tuesday
3rd February 2015, at 09.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
William James Bailhache, Esquire.**

**His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
General Sir John McColl, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.
was present.**

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

Senator Alan John Henry Maclean – excused attendance (arrived in the Chamber at 10.05 a.m.)
Senator Sir Philip Martin Bailhache – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.39 a.m.)
Connétable Stephen William Pallett of St. Brelade – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.49 a.m.)
Connétable Michel Philip Sydney Le Troquer of St. Martin – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.49 a.m.)
Deputy Tracey Anne Vallois of St. John – en défaut (défaut raised at 10.02 a.m.)
Deputy Michael Roderick Higgins of St. Helier – en défaut
Deputy Kristina Louise Moore of St. Peter – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.49 a.m.)
Deputy Russell Labey of St. Helier – en défaut

Prayers read by the Deputy Greffier of the States

Bailiff – appointment and welcome

Connétable Leonard Norman of St. Clement, on behalf of all members, welcomed the newly appointed Bailiff, William James Bailhache, Esquire, to the Assembly.

The Bailiff responded and extended his thanks to the Assembly.

Subordinate enactments tabled

The following enactments were tabled, namely –

Road Traffic (Public Parking Places – Charges) (Amendment No. 6) (Jersey) Order 2015. <i>Minister for Transport and Technical Services.</i>	R&O.10/2015.
EU Legislation (Sanctions – Côte d’Ivoire) (Jersey) Order 2015. <i>Minister for External Relations.</i>	R&O.11/2015.

Documents presented or laid

Jersey Bank Depositors Compensation Board: Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the period ended 31st January 2014. Presented: 23rd January 2015. <i>Chief Minister.</i>	R.6/2015.
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States of Jersey Law 2005: delegation of functions – Treasury and Resources – revised delegations January 2015. R.7/2015.
Presented: 30th January 2015.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Council of Ministers' Proposed Strategic Priorities 2015–2018. R.8/2015.
Presented: 30th January 2015.
Council of Ministers.

Notification of lodged propositions

Draft Criminal Justice (Insane Persons) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201- P.160/2014.
(P.160/2014): amendment. Amd.
Lodged: 29th January 2015.
Chief Minister.

Draft Employment (Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Law 2014 (Appointed Day) Act 201-. P.9/2015.
Lodged: 26th January 2015.
Minister for Social Security.

Draft Video Recordings (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201-. P.10/2015.
Lodged: 28th January 2015.
Minister for Economic Development.

Public Holidays: designation of Friday 8th May 2015. P.11/2015.
Lodged: 2nd February 2015.
Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier.

Jersey Overseas Aid Commission: re-appointment of Commissioner. P.12/2015.
Lodged: 3rd February 2015.
Jersey Overseas Aid Commission.

Appointment of unelected members of the Public Accounts Committee

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 124(1), the following nominations were made by Deputy Andrew Lewis of St. Helier, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, as unelected members of the Public Accounts Committee –

Mr. Gary Drinkwater
Mr. Robert John Parker
Mr. Michael John Robinson.

There having been no further nominations, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 124(2), the Bailiff declared that the above persons had been duly appointed as unelected members of the Public Accounts Committee.

Written Questions

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Minister for Social Security tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding the increased use of food banks in the Island.

The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding population levels and the number of applicants for registration cards under the Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 2012.

The Minister for Home Affairs tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the numbers imprisoned at H.M.P. La Moye with mental health issues since 2009.

The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding the actions proposed by Ministers to address the requirement to reduce their budgets by 2% in 2015.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding the resolution of the JT/Gigabit dispute.

The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding measures to reduce poverty in the Island.

The Minister for Economic Development tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the number of licensed or registered posts created by inward investment.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the terms of reference for the appraisal of the site options for the new hospital.

The Minister for Social Security tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding tests used to assess the level of impairment suffered by applicants for medical components of income support.

The Chief Minister tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the acceptance of an economy 'where only a few do spectacularly well'.

The Minister for Housing tabled an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding limits on recharges applied by Andium Homes and other social housing trusts.

Oral Questions

(see Official Report/Hansard)

Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture regarding G.C.S.E. results comparisons with the U.K.

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding sanctions imposed on job-seekers leaving a job without sufficient reason.

Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding the JT/Gigabit dispute.

Deputy K.C. Lewis of St. Saviour asked a question of the Minister for Transport and Technical Services regarding delays in the implementation of the Draft Road Works and Events (Jersey) Law 201-.

Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding reform of the administrative structure of the Parish of St. Helier.

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding the assessment of the impairment components of Income Support.

Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for Housing regarding the introduction of empty property tax as a method to help alleviate the housing shortage and bring down rental prices.

Oral Questions without notice

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Minister for Housing answered questions without notice from members.

The Minister for Planning and Environment answered questions without notice from members.

Draft Public Elections (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Regulations 201- P.174/2014

THE STATES commenced consideration of the Draft Public Elections (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Regulations 201- and adopted the principles.

THE STATES, having been informed that the relevant scrutiny panel had indicated that it did not wish to scrutinise the draft legislation, adopted Regulations 1 and 2.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 44

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Senator P.F. Routier
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean
 Senator I.J. Gorst
 Senator P.M. Bailhache
 Senator A.K.F. Green
 Senator Z.A. Cameron
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of Trinity
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy of Grouville
 Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
 Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)
 Deputy of Trinity

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
 Deputy M. Tadier (B)
 Deputy E.J. Noel (L)
 Deputy of St. John
 Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
 Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
 Deputy of St. Martin
 Deputy R.G. Bryans (H)
 Deputy of St. Peter
 Deputy R.J. Rondel (H)
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec (H)
 Deputy A.D. Lewis (H)
 Deputy of St. Ouen
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)
 Deputy S.M. Brée (C)
 Deputy M.J. Norton (B)
 Deputy T.A. McDonald (S)
 Deputy of St. Mary
 Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
 Deputy P.D. McLinton (S)

THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 7(2) and 72 of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002, made Regulations entitled the Public Elections (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Regulations 2015.

H.M.S. Iron Duke: authority to march ‘with Colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed’ in Jersey P.177/2014

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Minister for Home Affairs, agreed to authorise the Ship’s Company of H.M.S. Iron Duke to exercise the privilege of ‘marching with Colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed’ in Jersey.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 46

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Senator P.F. Routier
 Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
 Senator A.J.H. Maclean
 Senator I.J. Gorst
 Senator L.J. Farnham
 Senator P.M. Bailhache
 Senator A.K.F. Green
 Senator Z.A. Cameron
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. Saviour

Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. John
Connétable of Trinity
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy M. Tadier (B)
Deputy E.J. Noel (L)
Deputy of St. John
Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy R.G. Bryans (H)
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy R.J. Rondel (H)
Deputy S.Y. Mézec (H)
Deputy A.D. Lewis (H)
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Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)
Deputy S.M. Brée (C)
Deputy M.J. Norton (B)
Deputy T.A. McDonald (S)
Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
Deputy P.D. McLinton (S)

Ratification of the Agreement on the exchange of information relating to tax matters between the Government of Jersey and the Government of Romania P.178/2014

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Minister for External Relations, agreed to ratify the Agreement for the exchange of information related to tax matters between the Government of Jersey and the Government of Romania as set out in the Appendix to the report of the Minister for External Relations dated 15th December 2014.

Draft Taxation (Exchange of Information with Third Countries) (Amendment No. 12) (Jersey) Regulations 201- P.179/2014

THE STATES commenced consideration of the Draft Taxation (Exchange of Information with Third Countries) (Amendment No. 12) (Jersey) Regulations 201- and adopted the principles.

THE STATES, having been informed that the relevant scrutiny panel had indicated that it did not wish to scrutinise the draft legislation, adopted Regulations 1 and 2.

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 2(1) of the Taxation (Implementation) (Jersey) Law 2004, made Regulations entitled the Taxation (Exchange of Information with Third Countries) (Amendment No. 12) (Jersey) Regulations 2015.

Arrangement of public business for future meetings

THE STATES agreed the following arrangement of public business for future meetings proposed, as amended, by the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 88(3) –

24th February 2015

Draft Criminal Justice (Insane Persons) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201-. P.160/2014.
Lodged: 27th October 2014.
Chief Minister.

Draft Criminal Justice (Insane Persons) (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201- P.160/2014.
(P.160/2014): amendment. Amd.
Lodged: 29th January 2015.
Chief Minister.

Draft Amendment (No. 27) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey. P.1/2015.
Lodged: 13th January 2015.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

Draft Planning and Building (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. P.2/2015.
Lodged: 13th January 2015.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

Planning Appeals: fees. P.3/2015.
Lodged: 13th January 2015.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

Draft Planning and Building (Amendment No. 6) (Jersey) Law 2014 (Appointed Day) P.7/2015.
Act 201-.
Lodged: 16th January 2015.
Minister for Planning and Environment.

Law Revision Board: appointment of member. P.8/2015.
Lodged: 20th January 2015.
Chief Minister.

Draft Employment (Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Law 2014 (Appointed Day) Act 201-. P.9/2015.
Lodged: 26th January 2015.
Minister for Social Security.

Council of Ministers' Proposed Strategic Priorities 2015–2018. R.8/2015.
Presented: 30th January 2015.
Council of Ministers. (Consideration 'in Committee')

10th March 2015

Draft Loi (1914) sur la Voirie (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. P.4/2015.
Lodged: 14th January 2015.
Comité des Connétables.

Draft Proceeds of Crime (Financial Intelligence) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. P.6/2015.
Lodged: 16th January 2015.
Chief Minister.

Public Holidays: designation of Friday 8th May 2015. P.11/2015.
Lodged: 2nd February 2015.
Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier.

Jersey Overseas Aid Commission: re-appointment of Commissioner. P.12/2015.
Lodged: 3rd February 2015.
Jersey Overseas Aid Commission.

24th March 2015

Draft Air and Sea Ports (Incorporation) (Jersey) Law 201-. P.5/2015.
Lodged: 15th January 2015.
Council of Ministers.

Draft Video Recordings (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201-. P.10/2015.
Lodged: 28th January 2015.
Minister for Economic Development.

THE STATES rose at 11.29 a.m.

L.-M. HART

Deputy Greffier of the States