



**THE STATES assembled on Tuesday
4th February 2025, at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Sir Timothy John Le Cocq.**

**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 –

Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier Central – ill
Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.36 a.m.)
Deputy Kristina Louise Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter – en défaut (défaut raised at 11.03 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 –

Deputy Mary Rose Scott of St. Brelade

Subordinate enactments tabled

The following enactments were tabled, namely –

Taxation (Implementation) (International Tax Compliance) (Common Reporting Standard) Regulations (Jersey) Amendment Order 2025. R&O.3/2025.
Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Documents presented

Reporting on Ministerial Activities (P.71/2024): amendment (P.71/2024 Amd.) – P.71/2024.
comments. Amd.Com.

Presented: 31st January 2025, *Privileges and Procedures Committee.*

Reporting on Ministerial Activities (P.71/2024): amendment (P.71/2024 Amd.) – P.71/2024.
comments. Amd.Com.

Presented: 31st January 2025, *Chief Minister.*

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Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.78/2024): second amendment. (P.78/2024 Amd.(2)) – comments. Presented: 31st January 2025, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.78/2024. Amd.(2). Com.
Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.78/2024): third amendment (P.78/2024 Amd.(3)) – comments. Presented: 31st January 2025, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.78/2024. Amd.(3). Com.
Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.78/2024): third amendment (P.78/2024 Amd.(3)) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 28th February 2025, <i>Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. Clement</i> .	P.78/2024. Amd.(3). Add.
Draft Children And Young People (Independent Advocates) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.87/2024): comments. Presented: 29th January 2025, <i>Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel</i> .	P.87/2024. Com.
Draft Children and Civil Status (Consequential Amendments) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.89/2024): comments. Presented: 31st January 2025, <i>Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel</i> .	P.89/2024. Com.
Promotion of Political Education (P.1/2025): comments. Presented: 24th January 2025, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee</i> .	P.1/2025. Com.
Draft Harbours (Inshore Safety) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202- (P.3/2025) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 28th January 2025, <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development</i> .	P.3/2025. Add.
Draft Shipping (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.4/2025) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 28th January 2025, <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development</i> .	P.4/2025. Add.
A National Day for Jersey (P.6/2025) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 3rd February 2025, <i>Minister for International Development</i> .	P.6/2025. Add.
Rate Appeal Board: Appointment of Members (P.7/2025) – Children’s Rights Impact Assessment. Presented: 3rd February 2025, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources</i> .	P.7/2025. Add.
Agent of the Impôts: confirmation of Appointment. Presented: 27th January 2025, <i>Minister for Justice and Home Affairs</i> .	R.12/2025.
Appointment of States Members Trustee to the Jersey Community Relations Trust. Presented: 27th January 2025, <i>Chief Minister</i> .	R.13/2025.
Births, Deaths, Stillbirths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships registered in the twelve parishes of the Island of Jersey for the year 2024. Presented: 31st January 2025, <i>Minister for Justice and Home Affairs</i> .	R.14/2025.
Secondary Education Funding Review (S.R.10/2024): Response of the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning. Presented: 24th January 2025, <i>Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning</i> .	S.R.10/2024. Res.
Acceptance of Cash Payments Review Report. Presented: 4th February 2025, <i>Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel</i> .	S.R.1/2025.

Notification of lodged propositions

Draft Employment and Discrimination (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- (P.78/2024): third amendment. Lodged: 28th February 2025, <i>Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. Clement.</i>	P.78/2024. Amd.(3).
Draft Harbours (Inshore Safety) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations 202-. Lodged: 28th January 2025, <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development.</i>	P.3/2025.
Draft Shipping (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-. Lodged: 28th January 2025, <i>Minister for Sustainable Economic Development.</i>	P.4/2025.
Amendment to Standing Orders – deadline for challenging written responses. Lodged: 30th January 2025, <i>Privileges and Procedures Committee.</i>	P.5/2025.
A National Day for Jersey. Lodged: 3rd February 2025, <i>Minister for International Development.</i>	P.6/2025.
Rate Appeal Board: Appointment of Members. Lodged: 3rd February 2025, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.7/2025.

Written Questions*(see Official Report/Hansard)*

- WQ.1/2025** 1. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 27th January 2025 to a question asked by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement regarding the Haut du Mont explosion.
- WQ.2/2025** 2. The Minister for Social Security had tabled an answer on 27th January 2025 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding the payment of Social Security contributions by employers on behalf of employees who had reached pensionable age and who were no longer required to pay contributions themselves.
- WQ.3/2025** 3. The Minister for Social Security had tabled an answer on 27th January 2025 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding annual increases to the States old age pension.
- WQ.4/2025** 4. The Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning had tabled an answer on 27th January 2025 to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding the teaching of Modern Foreign Languages in schools.
- WQ.5/2025** 5. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 27th January 2025 to a question asked by Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) Funding.
- WQ.6/2025** 6. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 27th January 2025 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding the Town car parks and capacity.
- WQ.7/2025** 7. The Minister for Children and Families had tabled an answer on 27th January 2025 to a question asked by Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour regarding publicly accessible outdoor play facilities.
- WQ.8/2025** 8. The Minister for the Environment had tabled an answer on 27th January 2025 to a question asked by Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement regarding Building Bye-Laws (Jersey) 2007 technical guidance document Part 8: Access to and use of buildings.

- WQ.9/2025 9. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement regarding Aviemore and its intended sale.
- WQ.10/2025 10. The Minister for Housing had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding Social Housing.
- WQ.11/2025 11. The Minister for Housing had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South regarding Islanders in Social Housing who had a household income above the limits to qualify for the Affordable Housing Gateway.
- WQ.12/2025 12. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding a new Town skatepark facility.
- WQ.13/2025 13. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter regarding partners staying at the Maternity Unit before, during and following the birth of a child.
- WQ.14/2025 14. The Chair of the States Employment Board had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the current States employee headcount.
- WQ.15/2025 15. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding medical appointments cancelled by the Department.
- WQ.16/2025 16. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North regarding the Register of Names and Addresses (Jersey) Law 2012.
- WQ.17/2025 17. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour regarding sterilisation procedures.
- WQ.18/2025 18. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade regarding the report entitled Health and Care Services Division Annual Plan 2025.
- WQ.19/2025 19. The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central regarding making the tendering and procurement process of Government simpler and fairer for local businesses.
- WQ.20/2025 20. The Minister for Infrastructure had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central regarding Jersey's current recycling rate.
- WQ.22/2025 21. The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity regarding contingency ferries.
- WQ.23/2025 22. The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding resignations and redundancies within the Department for the Economy.
- WQ.24/2025 23. The Minister for Health and Social Services had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour regarding conversion therapy.

- WQ.25/2025 24. The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding the 1% revenue spending for Culture, Arts and Heritage.
- WQ.26/2025 25. The Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding a GCSE in French at the four non-fee-paying Government secondary schools.
- WQ.27/2025 26. The Minister for Social Security had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement regarding people in receipt of financial support from the Employment, Social Security and Housing Department.
- WQ.28/2025 27. The Chief Minister had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement regarding plans to pause, reduce or remove areas of regulation.
- WQ.30/2025 28. The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs had tabled an answer on 3rd February 2025 to a question asked by Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour regarding implementing the recommendations made in the report entitled 'The issue of violence against women and girls in Jersey'.

Oral Questions

(see Official Report/Hansard)

- OQ.29/2025 1. Deputy S.M. Ahier of St. Helier North asked a question of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding the Battle of Flowers Association.
- OQ.21/2025 2. The Connétable of St. Helier asked a question of H.M. Solicitor General regarding the time between a person being charged with an offence and subsequently either being discharged from prosecution or acquitted.
- OQ.22/2025 3. Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding an IT strategy and IT security framework for the Government.
- OQ.31/2025 4. Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity asked a question of the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs regarding corporate manslaughter.
- OQ.30/2025 5. Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour asked a question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding structural inflationary pressures in Jersey.
- OQ.19/2025 6. Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée of St. Helier South asked a question of the Minister for Social Security regarding the practices of the Employment Tribunal.
- OQ.25/2025 7. Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade asked a question of the Minister for Health and Social Services regarding evidence that informed the proposed reorganisation of the health service.
- OQ.18/2025 8. Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement asked a question of the Minister for External Relations regarding the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development's Global Tax Deal.
- OQ.27/2025 9. Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement asked a question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources regarding Commercial Services' procurement systems.
- OQ.24/2025 10. Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South asked a question of the Minister for Housing regarding processes that ensured social housing providers set rents at 80% of free market levels.

- OQ.28/2025 11. Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement asked a question of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding changes to the contracts for the sale of Government mapping data.
- OQ.20/2025 12. Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée of St. Helier South asked a question of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development regarding food supplies.
- OQ.34/2025 13. Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding registered and licensed workers.
- OQ.26/2025 14. Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade asked a question of the Chief Minister regarding amendments to the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011.
- OQ.32/2025 15. Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity asked a question of the Minister for the Environment regarding PFAS contamination in Jersey's water.
- OQ.23/2025 16. Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement asked a question of the Minister for Housing regarding a mix of housing types.
- OQ.33/2025 17. Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour asked a question of the Minister for the Environment regarding the Five Oaks Masterplan.

Oral Questions without notice

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development answered questions without notice from members.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources answered questions without notice from members.

The Chief Minister answered questions without notice from members.

Jersey Police Authority – appointment of member

In accordance with Article 5 of the States of Jersey Police Force Law 2012, the following nomination was made by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs as a member of the Jersey Police Authority –

Deputy Helen Mary Miles of St. Brelade

There being no other nominations, the Bailiff declared that Deputy Helen Mary Miles of St. Brelade had been duly appointed as members of the Jersey Police Authority.

Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 34(1), Deputy Kristina Louise Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter had informed the Greffier of the States that her proposition entitled 'Reporting on Ministerial Activities' (P.71/2024) had been withdrawn.

Modern Languages in Schools P.74/2024

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade entitled 'Modern Languages in Schools' (P.74/2024) and, adopting the first part of an amendment of the Minister

for Education and Lifelong Learning, (P.71/2024 Amd.) agreed that, in paragraph (b), for the word “States” there should be substituted the words “mainstream provided”.

Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade did not propose paragraph (c) of the proposition.

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of Deputy Montfort Tadier, as amended, commenced consideration of parts 3 and 4 of the amendment of the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning.

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Wednesday 5th February 2025 to resume consideration of the proposition of Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade entitled ‘Modern Languages in Schools’ (P.74/2024), and the other outstanding items of public business listed for the meeting.

THE STATES rose at 5.27 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Greffier of the States