



**THE STATES assembled on Thursday
24th November 2022, at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Sir Timothy John Le Cocq.**

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

Connétable Marcus O'Donnell Troy of St. Clement – ill
Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.56 a.m.)
Deputy Louise Mary Catherine Doublet of St. Saviour – ill
Deputy Kirsten Francis Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity – ill
Deputy Carina Soares Alves of St. Helier Central – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.36 a.m.)
Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North – ill
Deputy David James Warr of St. Helier South – excused attendance (arrived in the Chamber at 12.00 p.m.)

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.

Documents presented

Transfers between heads of expenditure under the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019: Article 18 – 21st November 2022. R.161/2022.
Presented: 24th November 2022, *Minister for Treasury and Resources.*

States of Jersey Law 2005: Delegation of Functions – Minister for External Relations and Financial Services – Delegation of Financial Services. R.162/2022.
Presented: 24th November 2022, *Minister for External Relations and Financial Services.*

Notification of lodged propositions

Proposed Government Plan 2023-2026 (P.97/2022): eighth amendment. P.97/2022.
Stamp Duty on Wills of Immovable Estate Amd.(8).
Lodged: 24th November 2022, *Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North.*

Cost of living crisis – Removal of 5% goods and services tax (GST) from food (excluding alcoholic drinks) P.100/2022

THE STATES resumed consideration of a proposition of Deputy Raluca Stefana Kovacs of St. Saviour entitled ‘Cost of living crisis – Removal of 5% goods and services tax (GST) from food (excluding alcoholic drinks)’ (P.100/2022) and rejected the proposition –

- (a) to refer to their Act dated 18th April 2007 in which they had approved the Draft Goods and Services Tax (Jersey) Law 200- and to agree to vary that decision in order to exempt or zero rate the following items –
- food (excluding alcoholic drinks), to be based upon the zero-rating categorisation of food utilised by United Kingdom Value Added Tax arrangements, as set out in the Appendix A or such other categorisation identified by the Minister for Treasury and Resources that respects the principle of exempting or zero-rating these items; and
- (b) to request the Minister of Treasury and Resources to bring forward for approval the necessary legislation to give effect to this decision at the earliest opportunity, but no later than 1st January 2024.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 17

Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Deputy G.P. Southern
 Deputy C.F. Labey
 Deputy M. Tadier
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat
 Deputy S.M. Ahier
 Deputy R.J. Ward
 Deputy C.S. Alves
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec
 Deputy T.A. Coles
 Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée
 Deputy C.D. Curtis
 Deputy L.V. Feltham
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

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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. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Deputy S.G. Luce
 Deputy I.J. Gorst
 Deputy L.J. Farnham
 Deputy K.L. Moore
 Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf
 Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache
 Deputy D.J. Warr
 Deputy H.M. Miles
 Deputy M.R. Scott
 Deputy J. Renouf
 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 K.M. Wilson
 Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson

ABSTAIN: 0

Changes in Presidency

The Bailiff retired from the Chamber during consideration of the proposition of Deputy Raluca Stefana Kovacs of St. Saviour entitled ‘Cost of living crisis – Removal of 5% goods and services tax (GST) from food (excluding alcoholic drinks)’ (P.100/2022) and the meeting continued under the Presidency of Mrs. Lisa-Marie Hart, Greffier of the States. The Bailiff returned to the Chamber during consideration of the same proposition and the meeting continued under his Presidency.

States of Jersey Development Company: reappointment of two non-Executive Directors P.101/2022

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Minister for Treasury and Resources entitled ‘States of Jersey Development Company: reappointment of two non-Executive Directors’ (P.101/2022) and, adopting the proposition –

- (a) re-appointed Tom Quigley and Richard Barnes as Non-Executive Directors of the States of Jersey Development Company Limited for a period of up to three years in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association to take effect from the delivery to the company of the notice referred to in paragraph (b) below; and
- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States for and on behalf of the States to deliver a notice to the States of Jersey Development Company Limited in accordance with Article 21(b) of the Memorandum and Articles of Association to give effect to such appointments.

Rent Control Tribunal: Chair and Member nominations P.106/2022

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Minister for Housing and Communities entitled ‘Rent Control Tribunal: Chair and Member nominations’ (P.106/2022) and adopted a proposition of Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade that, in accordance with Standing Order 83(1)(a), the matter should be referred back to the Minister for Housing and Communities in order that further information relating to the proposition could be provided to the Assembly.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 23

Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Deputy G.P. Southern
 Deputy M. Tadier
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat
 Deputy R.J. Ward
 Deputy C.S. Alves
 Deputy L.J. Farnham
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec
 Deputy T.A. Coles

CONTRE: 18

Connétable of St. Helier
 Deputy C.F. Labey
 Deputy S.G. Luce
 Deputy S.M. Ahier
 Deputy I.J. Gorst
 Deputy K.L. Moore
 Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf
 Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache
 Deputy D.J. Warr
 Deputy H.M. Miles
 Deputy M.R. Scott
 Deputy J. Renouf
 Deputy R.E. Binet
 Deputy M.E. Millar
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet
 Deputy A.F. Curtis
 Deputy K.M. Wilson
 Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson

ABSTAIN: 0

Deputy B.B. de S.V.M. Porée
 Deputy L.V. Feltham
 Deputy A. Howell
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

States Employment Board – Annual Reporting P.107/2022

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy Max Brennan Andrews of St. Helier North entitled ‘States Employment Board – Annual Reporting’ (P.107/2022) and, adopting the proposition, requested the States Employment Board, from January 2023, to publish annually –

- (a) a breakdown of civil servant and public sector worker remuneration across salary bands, to be presented as percentages of government department payroll expenditure and overall government department expenditure across all government departments;
- (b) civil servant remuneration over £100,000, to be presented as a percentage of government department payroll expenditure and overall government department expenditure across all government departments; and
- (c) combined consultants’ aggregate remuneration, to be presented as a percentage of government department expenditure across all government departments.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 38

CONTRE: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Martin
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 Deputy R.E. Binet
 Deputy M.E. Millar
 Deputy A. Howell
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs
 Deputy A.F. Curtis
 Deputy K.M. Wilson
 Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson
 Deputy M.B. Andrews

Arrangement of public business for future meetings

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee, agreed that, at the next meeting of the Assembly, the lunchtime adjournment would be taken between 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. on each meeting day.

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

12th December 2022

(Meeting to commence at 1.30 p.m. on Monday 12th December 2022. Consideration of Public Business to commence at 9.30 a.m. on 13th December 2022.)

Proposed Government Plan 2023-2026. Lodged: 4th October 2022, <i>Council of Ministers</i> .	P.97/2022.
Proposed Government Plan 2023-2026 (P.97/2022): amendment Tobacco Lodged: 15th November 2022, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North</i> .	P.97/2022. Amd.
Proposed Government Plan 2023-2026 (P.97/2022): second amendment Stamp Duty of buy to let investments, second homes and holiday homes Lodged: 21st November 2022, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North</i> .	P.97/2022. Amd.(2).
Proposed Government Plan 2023-2026 (P.97/2022): third amendment Stamp Duty Lodged: 21st November 2022, <i>Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour</i> .	P.97/2022. Amd.(3).
Proposed Government Plan 2023-2026 (P.97/2022): fourth amendment HIF Transfers Lodged: 21st November 2022, <i>Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel</i> .	P.97/2022. Amd.(4).
Proposed Government Plan 2023-2026 (P.97/2022): fifth amendment. Country Parks Lodged: 23rd November 2022, <i>Connétable of St. Helier</i> .	P.97/2022. Amd.(5).
Proposed Government Plan 2023-2026 (P.97/2022): sixth amendment. Walking and Cycling routes Lodged: 23rd November 2022, <i>Connétable of St. Helier</i> .	P.97/2022. Amd.(6).
Proposed Government Plan 2023-2026 (P.97/2022): seventh amendment. St. Helier Conseil Municipal Lodged: 23rd November 2022, <i>Connétable of St. Helier</i> .	P.97/2022. Amd.(7).

Draft Finance (2023 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202-. Lodged: 31st October 2022, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.102/2022.
Draft Finance (2023 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202-: addendum. Lodged: 31st October 2022, <i>Minister for Treasury and Resources.</i>	P.102/2022. Amd.
Draft Finance (2023 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202-. (P.102/2022): amendment Lodged: 15th November 2022, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North.</i>	P.102/2022. Amd.
Draft Finance (2023 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202-. (P.102/2022): second amendment Lodged: 21st November 2022, <i>Deputy M.B. Andrews of St Helier North.</i>	P.102/2022. Amd.(2).
Draft Finance (2023 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202-. (P.102/2022): third amendment Lodged: 21st November 2022, <i>Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour.</i>	P.102/2022. Amd.(3).
Draft Criminal Justice (Deferred Prosecution Agreements) (Jersey) Law 202-. Lodged: 31st October 2022, <i>Minister for Home Affairs.</i>	P.103/2022.
Draft Criminal Justice (Deferred Prosecution Agreements) (Jersey) Law 202- (P.103/2022): amendment. Lodged: 23rd November 2022, <i>Minister for Home Affairs.</i>	P.103/2022. Amd.
Draft Non-Profit Organisations (Amendment of Law) (Jersey) Regulations 202- Lodged: 31st October 2022, <i>Minister for External Relations and Financial Services.</i>	P.104/2022.
Draft Food (Jersey) Law 202- Lodged: 1st November 2022, <i>Minister for the Environment.</i>	P.105/2022.
Rent Control Tribunal: Chair and Member nominations. Lodged: 1st November 2022, <i>Minister for Housing and Communities.</i>	P.106/2022.
<i>Note: The debate would resume following the decision by the Assembly on 24th November 2022 that the proposition should be referred back to the Minister for Housing and Communities in order that further information relating to the proposition could be provided to the Assembly.</i>	
Our Hospital Project: Reporting. Lodged: 16th November 2022, <i>Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter.</i>	P.109/2022.
<u>17th January 2023</u>	
Re-instatement of Senators. Lodged: 14th November 2022, <i>Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter.</i>	P.108/2022.
Re-instatement of Senators (P.108/2022): amendment. Lodged: 14th November 2022, <i>Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity.</i>	P.108/2022. Amd.
Re-instatement of Senators (P.108/2022): second amendment. Lodged: 14th November 2022, <i>Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade.</i>	P.108/2022. Amd.(2).
Draft Social Security (Amendment of Law No. 17) (Jersey) Regulations 202-. Lodged: 18th November 2022, <i>Minister for Social Security.</i>	P.110/2022.

Draft Health Insurance Fund (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment No.4) (Jersey) Law 202- P.111/2022.

Lodged: 22nd November 2022, *Minister for Social Security*.

THE STATES rose at 3.47 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Greffier of the States