



**THE STATES assembled on Wednesday
20th May 2020, at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Timothy John Le Cocq, Esquire.**

**His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor,
Air Chief Marshall Sir Stephen Dalton, G.C.B., LL.D. (Hon.), D.Sc. (Hon.), B.Sc., F.R.Ae.S.,
C.C.M.I. was present.**

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

Senator Sarah Craig Ferguson – excused attendance (joined at 12.15 p.m.)

Deputy Louise Mary Catherine Doublet of St. Saviour – excused attendance (joined at 9.37 a.m.)

Prayers

Standing Order 55A – meeting held remotely

THE STATES assembled remotely, in accordance with Standing Order 55A, as the Bailiff considered that it was not possible to convene or maintain a quorate meeting in view of a substantial risk to the health of both States Members and the public.

Covid-19 Elimination Strategy P.61/2020

THE STATES resumed consideration of a proposition of Deputy Jessica Harriet Perchard of St. Saviour entitled ‘Covid-19 Elimination Strategy’ (P.61/2020) and, adopting an amendment of the Chief Minister (P.61/2020 Amd.(2)), agreed that –

in paragraph (a) –

after the word “implement” for the words “a new” there should be substituted the words “an updated”;

after the word “ ‘Covid-19” the word “elimination” should be deleted;

after the word “strategy’,” for the words “arising from which the Government of Jersey should revise its” there should be substituted the words “adapting the”;

after the words “ ‘safe exit framework’ to” there should be inserted the words “ensure the continued control and suppression of the virus in a safe and sustainable way that protects Islanders by causing the least overall harm”;

the words “reflect this new strategy” should be deleted;

in paragraph (b) –

after the words “that the” for the word “elimination” there should be substituted “Covid-19”;

after the words “plan of action that will” there should be inserted the words “seek to keep the virus at very low levels and”;

after the words “be implemented” the words “with the explicit aim of eliminating the virus in Jersey” should be deleted;

after the words “measures used to” there should be inserted the words “control, suppress and ultimately”;

after the words “eliminate infectious diseases” there should be inserted the words “, based on professional advice including”;

in the third bullet-point, after the word “quarantine” there should be inserted the words “and/or rigorous testing”;

in the fourth bullet-point, after the word “lockdown;” the word “and” should be deleted;

in the fifth bullet-point, after the word “strategy” the words “for elimination” should be deleted, and after the semi-colon there should be inserted the word “and”;

in paragraph (c) –

after the words “to request the Chief Minister to publish this” for the word “elimination” there should be substituted “Covid-19”; and

after the words “and to publish updated versions of the strategy whenever” for the word “guidance” there should be substituted the word “it”.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 43

Senator I.J. Gorst
 Senator L.J. Farnham
 Senator S.C. Ferguson
 Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré
 Senator T.A. Vallois
 Senator S.W. Pallett
 Senator S.Y. Mézec
 Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy of Grouville
 Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

CONTRE: 6

Senator K.L. Moore
 Connétable of Grouville
 Deputy of St. Martin
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
 Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)
 Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

ABSTAIN: 0

Deputy M. Tadier (B)
 Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
 Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
 Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
 Deputy of St. Ouen
 Deputy R. Labey (H)
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)
 Deputy of St. Mary
 Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
 Deputy J.H. Young (B)
 Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
 Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)
 Deputy of St. Peter
 Deputy of Trinity
 Deputy of St. John
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H)
 Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)
 Deputy R.J. Ward (H)
 Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
 Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)

Following the adoption of the amendment of the Chief Minister, the Deputy Bailiff informed the Assembly that the amendment of the Chief Minister (P.61/2020 Amd.Amd.) to the amendment of Deputy Kirsten Francis Morel of St. Lawrence (P.61/2020 Amd.) to the proposition of Deputy Jessica Harriet Perchard was deemed to have been withdrawn.

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of Deputy Jessica Harriet Perchard of St. Saviour, as amended, and, adopting an amendment of Deputy Kirsten Francis Morel of St. Lawrence, agreed that in the third bullet-point of paragraph (b), after the words “border controls with high-quality quarantine” there should be inserted the words “, or rapid P.C.R. (Polymerase Chain Reaction) testing”.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 47

CONTRE: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

Senator I.J. Gorst
 Senator L.J. Farnham
 Senator S.C. Ferguson
 Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré
 Senator T.A. Vallois
 Senator K.L. Moore
 Senator S.W. Pallett
 Senator S.Y. Mézec
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Mary

Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)

Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy of Grouville
 Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
 Deputy M. Tadier (B)
 Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
 Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
 Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
 Deputy of St. Martin
 Deputy of St. Ouen
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
 Deputy R. Labey (H)
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)
 Deputy of St. Mary
 Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
 Deputy J.H. Young (B)
 Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
 Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
 Deputy of St. Peter
 Deputy of Trinity
 Deputy of St. John
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H)
 Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)
 Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)
 Deputy R.J. Ward (H)
 Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
 Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)
 Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of Deputy Jessica Harriet Perchard of St. Saviour, as amended, and, adopting an amendment of Deputy Kevin Glyn Pamplin of St. Saviour, agreed that after paragraph (b), there should be inserted the following new paragraph, with the remaining paragraphs re-designated accordingly –

“(c) that the strategy must include explicit provision for how, at each stage of the strategy’s implementation, mental health services will be provided and enhanced by the Government of Jersey in order to support Islanders during the Covid-19 pandemic; and”,

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 40

Senator I.J. Gorst
 Senator L.J. Farnham
 Senator S.C. Ferguson
 Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré
 Senator T.A. Vallois
 Senator K.L. Moore
 Senator S.Y. Mézec
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Saviour

CONTRE: 3

Senator S.W. Pallett
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of St. Brelade

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. John
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Martin
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy M. Tadier (B)
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
Deputy R. Labey (H)
Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)
Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
Deputy J.H. Young (B)
Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy of St. John
Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H)
Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)
Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)
Deputy R.J. Ward (H)
Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)
Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

THE STATES, adopting the proposition of Deputy Jessica Harriet Perchard of St. Saviour, as amended –

- (a) requested the Chief Minister to develop and implement an updated ‘Covid-19 strategy’, adapting the ‘delay, contain, shield’ policy and the ‘safe exit framework’ to ensure the continued control and suppression of the virus in a safe and sustainable way that protected Islanders by causing the least overall harm;
- (b) agreed that the ‘Covid-19 strategy’ must detail a plan of action that would seek to keep the virus at very low levels and be implemented through well-recognised measures used to control, suppress and ultimately eliminate infectious diseases, based on professional advice including –
 - rapid case detection identified by widespread testing, and rapid case isolation and contact tracing;
 - continued intensive hygiene promotion;
 - border controls with high-quality quarantine, or rapid P.C.R. (Polymerase Chain Reaction) testing, and/or rigorous testing, of those arriving in Jersey;
 - intensive physical distancing that may include various severities of lockdown;
 - a co-ordinated communication strategy; and

- (c) agreed that the strategy must include explicit provision for how, at each stage of the strategy's implementation, mental health services would be provided and enhanced by the Government of Jersey in order to support Islanders during the Covid-19 pandemic; and
- (d) requested the Chief Minister to publish this 'Covid-19 strategy' in a report to the States within 2 weeks of the date this proposition was adopted, and to publish updated versions of the strategy whenever it was altered, in order to ensure that everyone remained fully informed about the current strategy.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 44

CONTRE: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

Senator I.J. Gorst
 Senator L.J. Farnham
 Senator S.C. Ferguson
 Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré
 Senator T.A. Vallois
 Senator K.L. Moore
 Senator S.Y. Mézec
 Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Connétable of St. Brelade
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 Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)

Connétable of St. Clement
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)

Deputy R.J. Ward (H)
 Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
 Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)
 Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

Changes in Presidency

The Bailiff retired from the Chamber during consideration of the proposition of Deputy Jessica Harriet Perchard of St. Saviour entitled 'Covid-19 Elimination Strategy' (P.61/2020) and the meeting continued under the Presidency of Mrs. Lisa-Marie Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States. The Bailiff returned to the Chamber during consideration of the same proposition and the meeting continued under his Presidency.

Arrangement of public business for future meetings

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) –

2nd June 2020

Draft Amendment (No. 44) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey. P.12/2020.
 Lodged: 14th February 2020.
Scrutiny Liaison Committee.

Draft Amendment (No. 45) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey. P.13/2020.
 Lodged: 14th February 2020.
Scrutiny Liaison Committee.

Bus service: introduction of through-fares. P.19/2020.
 Lodged: 12th March 2020.
Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade.

Putting Jersey businesses first. P.56/2020.
 Lodged: 1st May 2020.
Deputy K.F. Morel of St. Lawrence.

16th June 2020

Draft Taxation (Implementation) (International Tax Compliance) (Mandatory Disclosure Rules for CRS Avoidance Arrangements and Opaque Offshore Structures) (Jersey) Regulations 202-. P.129/2019.
 Lodged: 31st December 2019.
Minister for External Relations.

Draft Road Traffic (No. 64) (Jersey) Regulations 202-. P.10/2020.
 Lodged: 3rd February 2020.
Minister for Infrastructure.

Draft Air Navigation (Rules of the Air) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 202-. P.55/2020.
 Lodged: 29th April 2020.
Minister for External Relations.

Regulation of Covid-19 testing undertaken by private entities. P.62/2020.
Lodged: 18th May 2020.
Deputy K.F. Morel of St. Lawrence.

Draft Employment (Amendment No. 11) (Jersey) Law 2020 (Appointed Day) Act 202-. P.63/2020.
Lodged: 19th May 2020.
Minister for Social Security.

Banning the sale of single-use carrier bags. P.64/2020.
Lodged: 19th May 2020.
Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier.

Priorities for the next Island Plan
(Consideration In-Committee Debate)

8th September 2020

Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations P.106/2019.
201-
Lodged: 1st October 2019.
Minister for the Environment.

Minimum standards for rented dwellings: licensing regulations. S.R.1/2020.
Presented: 21st February 2020.
Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel.

Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations P.106/2019.
201- (P.106/2019): second amendment. Amd.(2)
Lodged: 20th February 2020.
Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel.

Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) Regulations P.106/2019.
201- (P.106/2019): third amendment. Amd.(3)
Lodged: 12th March 2020.
Minister for the Environment.

THE STATES rose at 5.12 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Deputy Greffier of the States