

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **DRAFT BUDGET 2012 (P.159/2011): THIRD AMENDMENT (P.159/2011 Amd.(3)) – COMMENTS**

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**Presented to the States on 7th November 2011  
by the Council of Ministers**

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**STATES GREFFE**

## COMMENTS

The Council of Ministers supports part (b) of this amendment but does not support part (c).

Part (b): The Council of Ministers considers that this part of the amendment should be supported, to the extent that it is intended to oblige the Minister for Treasury and Resources to ensure that the significant work on tax policy which is currently underway is completed in a timely manner. The Council does not, however, consider that a second Fiscal Strategy Review process is required or desirable.

Part (c): The Council of Ministers does not support this part of the amendment and urges Members to reject it.

Adopting this part of the amendment would impose an undue constraint on the ability of the incoming States to react to changing financial pressures. The outgoing States should not hinder its successor in this way.

The Council of Ministers supports the comments of the Minister for Treasury and Resources and urges States members to reject this part of the amendment.

### **Statement under Standing Order 37A [Presentation of comment relating to a proposition]**

These Comments were late in distribution due to the Council having had limited opportunities to meet and consider the comments following the recent public elections and following the deadline for lodging amendments to the draft Budget.