

STATES OF JERSEY



JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS: CESSATION OF RESTRUCTURE (P.24/2019) – COMMENTS

Presented to the States on 26th March 2019
by the Chief Minister

STATES GREFFE

COMMENTS

Further to the Comments of the Minister for Home Affairs ([P.24/2019 Com.](#)) on the proposition from the Deputy of St. John ([P.24/2019](#)), the Council of Ministers agrees that any necessary changes in legislation required as part of reorganising government departments should be presented to the Assembly for consideration before the relevant elements are implemented, where legislation is required.

Correctly, public services operate within the legislative framework decided by the Assembly. This is an essential feature of our democratic system of government. Ministers and public servants are required to uphold the law at all times, including when implementing changes to departmental functions that are regulated in statute.

The Council is, therefore, fully supportive of the important role of the Assembly in continuing to decide upon changes to the legislative framework for public service functions. Much of the reorganisation of government has proceeded and can proceed without legislative change, and in such instances will proceed as planned.

The Council will, therefore, discuss and agree the policy as requested by part (b) of the Proposition as a matter of priority, and will present this policy, in line with part (b), to the Assembly at the earliest opportunity.

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

These comments were submitted to the States Greffe after the noon deadline as set out in Standing Order 37A in order that final review processes could be completed.