

## **Tuesday 22nd September 2015**

#### A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

### B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

(Explanatory note attached)

Road Racing (Motor Vehicle Rally) (No. 2) (Jersey) Order 2015. R&O.101/2015. *Minister for Transport and Technical Services*.

Road Traffic (Trinity) (Amendment No. 9) (Jersey) Order 2015. R&O.102/2015. *Minister for Transport and Technical Services*.

Immigration (Port Facilities) (Jersey) Order 2015.

\*\*R&O.103/2015.\*\*

\*\*R&O.103/2015.\*\*

R&O.103/2015.\*\*

Motor Traffic (Third-Party Insurance) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Order 2015. R&O.109/2015. *Minister for Transport and Technical Services*.

Pedal Cycles (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Order 2015. R&O.110/2015. *Minister for Transport and Technical Services.* 

Road Traffic (Grouville) (Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Order 2015. R&O.111/2015. *Minister for Transport and Technical Services.* 

#### C. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED OR LAID

Red Houses Car Park: lease (P.73/2015) – comments.

Presented: 18th September 2015.

Com.

Council of Ministers.

Draft Act annulling the Income Support (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 17) (Jersey) Order 2015 (P.106/2015): comments.

Com. Presented: 18th September 2015.

R.101/2015.

Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – lease of Harbour properties to

Ports of Jersey Ltd.
Presented: 14th September 2015.

Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Disposal of former Ann Court Site to Andium Homes. R.102/2015.

Presented: 14th September 2015.

Council of Ministers.

Minister for Transport and Technical Services.

States Employment Board: Annual Report 2014. R.103/2015.

Presented: 16th September 2015. *States Employment Board.* 



## D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 – 2019 (P.72/2015): second amendment. Lodged: 16th September 2015.  Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.	P.72/2015. Amd.(2)
Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 – 2019 (P.72/2015): third amendment. Lodged: 18th September 2015. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.72/2015. Amd.(3)
Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 – 2019 (P.72/2015): fourth amendment. Lodged: 18th September 2015. Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.	P.72/2015. Amd.(4)
Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 – 2019 (P.72/2015): fifth amendment. Lodged: 18th September 2015. Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.	P.72/2015. Amd.(5)
Draft Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Liability and Compensation) (Jersey) Law 2015 (Appointed Day) Act 201 Lodged: 15th September 2015.  Minister for Economic Development.	P.107/2015.
Draft Taxation (Exchange of Information with Third Countries) (Amendment No. 13) (Jersey) Regulations 201 Lodged: 17th September 2015.  Minister for External Relations.	P.108/2015.
Draft Taxation (Double Taxation) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Regulations 201 Lodged: 17th September 2015. <i>Minister for External Relations</i> .	P.109/2015.
Draft Honorary Police (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations 201 Lodged: 18th September 2015. Comité des Connétables.	P.110/2015.

## E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

## F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Appointment of the Bailiff's Consultative Panel. (*Explanatory note attached*)

## G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

## H. PETITIONS



## I. QUESTIONS

## (a)- Written Questions

(attached)

- 1. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding Operation Whistle.
- 2. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding the potential acquisition of the St. Saviour's Hospital buildings.
- 3. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding options for the future use of the St. Saviour's Hospital site.
- 4. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding the future usage of the Les Quennevais School site.
- 5. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade regarding tax contributions made by Islanders to the Church of England.
- 6. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding meetings held with union representatives.
- 7. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding the public sector voluntary redundancy scheme.
- 8. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding the impact of a higher rate of income tax on high earners.
- 9. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding the expansion of Jersey's digital industry.
- 10. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier regarding cuts to the States of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service.
- 11. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding inflation-linked funding.
- 12. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding Income Support savings.
- 13. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the closure of community homes.
- 14. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding grant aid to Family Nursing and Home Care.
- 15. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding changes to service delivery in the department.
- 16. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier regarding cancer survival rates.
- 17. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier regarding construction costs for the Jersey International Finance Centre.



18. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by the Deputy of St. John regarding investment in services.

#### (b) - Oral Questions

(120 minutes)

- 1. Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
  - "What alternative educational options are available for children suffering from mental health issues, such as social anxiety, which are severe enough to prevent them from attending mainstream school?"
- Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –
  - "Can the Minister provide the department's expenditure on supporting children in Income Support families whose fathers do not contribute to their upbringing and state what the department's policy is on pursuing fathers who do not financially support their children?"
- 3. Deputy P.D. McLinton of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture
  - "Given that the Island has expertise in the fields of agriculture, fisheries, finance and the hospitality industry, among others, and following the recent Tera Allas review which eluded to innovation and economic growth being closely linked to the existence of a university in situ, would the Minister give consideration to the foundation of a specialist university in Jersey focusing on the Island's aforementioned skills and if not, why not?"
- 4. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources
  - "Will the Minister advise the Assembly whether he intends to reverse the reduction to the marginal rate of tax introduced by his predecessor in 2014 and, if so, when will he do so, and if not, why not?"
- 5. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables
  - "Given that rate payers who are in a same-sex relationship could be denied the right to marry in Church of England churches under the proposals of the Chief Minister relating to same-sex marriage, what redress, if any, will the Comité be proposing to compensate such individuals, perhaps via a rate rebate since the parish churches are maintained through parish rates?"
- 6. Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Housing
  - "What measures, if any, will the Minister be proposing to help address the housing shortage by reducing the number of vacant properties?"
- 7. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security
  - "Will the Minister detail for members the extent to which the impact of the Medium Term Financial Plan proposals to deliver £10 million in benefit savings by 2019 have been subject to research or consultation, and in particular whether a distributional impact assessment has been conducted, and if not, why not?"



8. Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables –

"Following the low turnout in the recent elections for Procureur du Bien Public, what discussions, if any, have taken place on what can be done to increase the profile of these elections and increase democratic participation in future?"

9. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

"Will the Chief Minister inform members whether a distributional impact assessment has been conducted on the full package of measures contained in the Medium Term Financial Plan on particular groups and sectors of the economy, and if not, why not?"

10. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Treasury and Resources –

"Given that the Fiscal Policy Panel's Annual Report stated that 'the changes proposed in the draft MTFP may not be sustainable' and there was a risk that they 'may not be seen to be "fair", will the Minister set out the distributional effect of the measures proposed and advise what steps will be taken to ensure that the burden is shared by all parties rather than just a few?"

11. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

"Will the Minister give an update on promises made by his predecessor to work with parents to improve the facilities offered at the play park on Les Quennevais playing fields?"

(c) – Questions to Ministers without notice (30 minutes) –

1st question period – Minister for Economic Development

2nd question period – Minister for Housing

## J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

## K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

Draft Public Finances (Amendment of Law No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

P.57/2015.

Lodged: 22nd May 2015.

Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Chief Officer of the States of Jersey Police Force: re-appointment.

P.70/2015.

Lodged: 8th July 2015.

Minister for Home Affairs. (Consideration 'in camera'.)

Same-sex marriage, divorce and dissolution.

P.77/2015.

Lodged: 14th July 2015.

Chief Minister.

Draft International Criminal Court (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 201-.

P.86/2015.

Lodged: 3rd August 2015.

Chief Minister.



Draft Dentistry (Jersey) Law 201-. P.89/2015. Lodged: 10th August 2015. Minister for Health and Social Services. Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Jersey and the Republic P.90/2015. of Rwanda for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income. Lodged: 11th August 2015. Minister for External Relations. Draft Taxation (Double Taxation) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. P.91/2015. Lodged: 11th August 2015. Minister for External Relations. Draft Licensing (Licence Fees) (Jersey) Regulations 201-. P.94/2015. Lodged: 11th August 2015. Minister for Economic Development. Greffier of the States: consent to appointment. P.101/2015. Lodged: 25th August 2015. Privileges and Procedures Committee. (Consideration 'in camera'.) Draft Act annulling the Income Support (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 17) P.106/2015. (Jersey) Order 2015. Lodged: 28th August 2015. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier. Draft Act annulling the Income Support (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 17) P.106/2015. (Jersey) Order 2015 (P.106/2015): comments. Com. Presented: 18th September 2015. Council of Ministers. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS 6th October 2015 Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 – 2019. P.72/2015. Lodged: 14th July 2015. Council of Ministers. Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 – 2019 (P.72/2015) – addendum. P.72/2015. Presented: 15th July 2015. Add. Council of Ministers. Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 – 2019 (P.72/2015) – draft annex. P.72/2015. Presented: 24th July 2015. Add.(2) Council of Ministers. Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 – 2019 (P.72/2015) – amendment. P.72/2015. Lodged: 7th September 2015. Amd. Council of Ministers. Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 – 2019 (P.72/2015): second amendment. P.72/2015.

Amd.(2)

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Lodged: 16th September 2015.

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier.



Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 – 2019 (P.72/2015): third amendment. Lodged: 18th September 2015. <i>Council of Ministers.</i>	P.72/2015. Amd.(3)
Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 – 2019 (P.72/2015): fourth amendment. Lodged: 18th September 2015. Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.	P.72/2015. Amd.(4)
Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 – 2019 (P.72/2015): fifth amendment. Lodged: 18th September 2015. Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel.	P.72/2015. Amd.(5)
Strategic Reserve Fund: funding for Independent Jersey Care Inquiry and transfers from and to the Consolidated Fund. Lodged: 14th July 2015.  Minister for Treasury and Resources.	P.76/2015.
Strategic Reserve Fund: funding for Independent Jersey Care Inquiry and transfers from and to the Consolidated Fund (P.76/2015) – amendment. Lodged: 7th September 2015.  Minister for Treasury and Resources.	P.76/2015. Amd.
Independent Jersey Care Inquiry: amendment to Medium Term Financial Plan 2013 – 2015.  Lodged: 14th July 2015.  Council of Ministers.	P.75/2015.
Independent Jersey Care Inquiry: amendment to Medium Term Financial Plan 2013 – 2015 (P.75/2015) – amendment.  Lodged: 7th September 2015.  Council of Ministers.	P.75/2015. Amd.
Draft Christmas Bonus (Repeal) (Jersey) Law 201 Lodged: 25th August 2015. <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.102/2015.
Draft Income Support (Miscellaneous Provisions No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 201 Lodged: 25th August 2015. <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.103/2015.
Draft Social Security (Television Licence Benefit) (Jersey) Regulations 201 Lodged: 25th August 2015. <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.104/2015.
Draft Social Security (Amendment of Law No. 9) (Jersey) Regulations 201 Lodged: 25th August 2015. <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.105/2015.
Red Houses Car Park: lease. Lodged: 14th July 2015. Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade.	P.73/2015.
Red Houses Car Park: lease (P.73/2015) – comments. Presented: 18th September 2015.  Council of Ministers.	P.73/2015. Com.



#### 20th October 2015

Draft States of Jersey (Transfer of Functions No. 8) (Miscellaneous Transfers) P.46/2015. (Jersey) Regulations 201-. (re-issue) Lodged: 6th May 2015. Chief Minister. P.82/2015. Ex Gratia payment to Mr. Roy Boschat. Lodged: 24th July 2015. Deputy T.A. McDonald of St. Saviour. Ex Gratia payment to Mr. Roy Boschat (P.82/2015): addendum. P.82/2015. Presented: 30th July 2015. Add. Deputy T.A. McDonald of St. Saviour. Draft Criminal Justice (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law 201-. P.87/2015. Lodged: 4th August 2015. Chief Minister. Draft Shipping (Oil Pollution) (Liability and Compensation) (Jersey) Law 2015 P.107/2015. (Appointed Day) Act 201-. Lodged: 15th September 2015. Minister for Economic Development. 3rd November 2015 Draft Public Employees (Pension Scheme) (Administration) (Jersey) Regulations P.96/2015. 201-. Lodged: 17th August 2015. States Employment Board.

Draft Public Employees (Pension Scheme) (Funding and Valuation) (Jersey) P.97/2015. Regulations 201-.

Lodged: 18th August 2015. States Employment Board.

Draft Public Employees (Pension Scheme) (Membership and Benefits) (Jersey) P.98/2015. Regulations 201-.

Lodged: 18th August 2015. States Employment Board.

Draft Public Employees (Pension Scheme) (Transitional Provisions, Savings and P.99/2015. Consequential Amendments) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

Lodged: 18th August 2015. States Employment Board.

Draft Public Employees (Pensions) (Jersey) Law 2014 (Appointed Day) Act 201-. P.100/2015. Lodged: 18th August 2015. States Employment Board.

Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Jersey and the P.93/2015. Government of the Republic of Korea on the exchange of information relating to tax matters.

Lodged: 11th August 2015. Minister for External Relations.



Draft Taxation (Exchange of Information with Third Countries) (Amendment

No. 13) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

Lodged: 17th September 2015.

Minister for External Relations.

Ratification of the Agreement between the Government of Jersey and the

Government of the Republic of Seychelles for the avoidance of double taxation and

the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income.

Lodged: 12th August 2015.

Minister for External Relations.

Draft Taxation (Double Taxation) (Amendment No. 4) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

Lodged: 17th September 2015.

Minister for External Relations.

Draft Honorary Police (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Regulations 201-.

Lodged: 18th September 2015.

Comité des Connétables.

P.108/2015.

P.95/2015.

P.110/2015.

P.109/2015.

## M.N. DE LA HAYE, O.B.E. **Greffier of the States**

Thursday 17th September 2015

## Note -

In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2015 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September 2015.



#### Explanatory Note regarding subordinate legislation tabled at this meeting.

(See Item B)

#### R&O.101/2015.

This Order allows the Jersey Motor Cycle and Light Car Club to use public roads as courses for motor races, and to close them to general traffic, between specified times on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th October 2015. The detail of each of the 8 courses (affecting a total of 8 Parishes) is given in the Schedule to the Order.

The Order was made on 7th September 2015 and came into force on being made.

#### R&O.102/2015.

This Order amends the Road Traffic (Trinity) (Jersey) Order 1988 to extend the restrictions on waiting on parts of La Rue ès Picots. It also amends the description of the parts of La Rue ès Picots on which parking for 20 minutes with a disc is permitted.

The Order was made on 7th September 2015 and comes into force on 23rd September 2015.

#### R&O.103/2015.

Section 25 (provision of facilities for immigration control at ports) of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 of the United Kingdom is extended to Jersey, with exceptions and modifications, by the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (Jersey) Order 2003. That section requires the manager of a control port (i.e. a port which includes designated areas for the embarkation and disembarkation of passengers, by virtue of paragraph 26 of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 of the United Kingdom, as applied, with modifications, to Jersey by the Immigration (Jersey) Order 1993) to provide to the Minister for Home Affairs, free of charge, facilities which are directed by the Minister as being reasonably necessary for, or in connection with, the operation of immigration control in that port.

Such facilities comprise accommodation, facilities, equipment and services of a class or description to be specified by order under section 25(7). This Order, the first to be made in Jersey under this power, specifies (by *Article 2*) the facilities which are to be provided at Jersey Airport, Elizabeth Harbour and Gorey Harbour, by Ports of Jersey Limited as manager.

Article 3 brings this Order into force on either 1st October 2015 (i.e. the date on which the Air and Sea Ports (Incorporation) (Jersey) Law 2015 comes fully into force, establishing Ports of Jersey Limited and transferring control of Jersey's airport and harbours to that company), or immediately after transfer Regulations made under Part 5 of that Law (if such Regulations come into force later than that date).

The Order was made on 8th September 2015 and comes into force in accordance with Article 3.

#### R&O.109/2015.

This Order amends the Motor Traffic (Third-Party Insurance) (Jersey) Order 1961 to cater for the issue, delivery and printing of temporary insurance discs by means of electronic communication.

The Order was made on 14th September 2015 and came into force on 21st September 2015.

#### R&O.110/2015.

This Order amends the Pedal Cycles (Jersey) Order 1998 so as to require an electrically assisted pedal cycle to be fitted only with an electric motor that is incapable of propelling it when it is travelling at more than 15 mph, whereas previously it had only to be incapable of propelling it when it was being pedalled at that speed. The Order also removes the provision applicable to pedal cycles constructed after



1st June 2011 for the engine to be incapable of propelling the pedal cycle when it is not being pedalled at more than 4 mph.

The Order was made on 14th September 2015 and came into force on 21st September 2015.

## R&O.111/2015.

This Order amends the Road Traffic (Grouville) (Jersey) Order 2002 so as to increase the extent of the prohibition on waiting in La Rue de la Ville-ès-Renauds (Article 4(e) – first entry) and reduce it in New Road in Gorey Village (Article 4(g)). A new restriction is inserted to give effect to the prohibition on waiting on part of La Rue à Don next to La Rue de la Ville-ès-Renauds (Article 4(d)(ii) – last entry). The other changes made by the Order all result from corrections to the descriptions of roads in Grouville and do not affect current traffic restrictions in the parish.

The Order was made on 14th September 2015 and came into force on 21st September 2015.



On 7th July 1992 the States, adopting a proposition of Senator R.J. Shenton, "agreed to establish a Consultative Panel of elected members of the States with whom the Bailiff would be able to meet in order to consult on a confidential basis in appropriate cases".

The composition of the Panel has been amended on a number of occasions since 1992 to reflect changes to the machinery of government and the current composition, agreed on 16th May 2006, is as follows –

the Chairman of the Comité des Connétables;

the Chief Minister:

the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee;

the Minister for Treasury and Resources; and

five other members elected by ballot by the States for a period of 3 years.

In 2012 the States appointed Senator L.J. Farnham, the Connétables of St. Lawrence and St. Mary, the Deputy of Grouville and Deputy S.J. Pinel of St. Clement as the 5 members elected by ballot for 3 years.

Although the Panel does not meet frequently it nevertheless enables the Bailiff to discuss various matters with elected members. For example, matters discussed by the Panel in the past few years have included the plans for Liberation Day and Royal visits, the arrangements for the departure of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the arrival of his successor, the appointment of Crown Officers and the appropriate way to mark the retirement of the Bailiff.

As the 3 year term of office of the 5 members elected by ballot in 2012 has expired it is necessary to reappoint members. In accordance with the procedure followed in 2012 nominations will be invited from the floor at this meeting and each nomination will need to be seconded. If there are more than 5 nominations made a ballot will be held and the 5 members receiving the largest numbers of votes will be elected as members of the Panel. In the ballot each member will be able to cast up to 5 votes.



(See Item I(a))

1. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

"Further to her answer given on 8th September 2015 to oral question 8939, could the Minister inform members when the previously mentioned arrests were made in relation to Operation Whistle, how many suspects have been questioned, and whether anyone has been charged in relation to the investigation and, if so, how many? Could she also advise what steps have been taken to date to encourage potential alleged victims or witnesses of abuse to come forward, including press releases and press conferences, for example?"

2. The Minister for Housing will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

"What talks, if any, has the Minister and/or the Strategic Housing Unit had with Ministerial colleagues, Property Holdings, or any other relevant parties for the potential acquisition of the current St. Saviour's Hospital buildings by Andium Homes? If none, can the Minister give an assurance that serious consideration will be given to maintaining the current site either in direct States ownership, or in the ownership of Andium Homes, for the exclusive purpose of building social housing, and she will resist any attempt to sell the site to a private developer?"

3. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

"What plans, if any, are there for the disposal of the current St. Saviour's Hospital site, and what discussions and offers have been made, if any, for the possible uses of the site? Moreover, does the Minister have a preferred option for the future usage of the site?"

4. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

"In the event of the successful relocation of Les Quennevais School, what does the Minister consider to be the government's preferred usage of the existing site, and can be give an assurance that views of local residents and representatives will be given sufficient weight and consideration before any future decisions are made?"

5. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade –

"Can the Chief Minister advise what services the Church of England offers to Islanders in return for their tax contributions and state what the total contribution by tax payers is, per annum, to the Church of England in Jersey, and what this works out to, on average, for every taxpayer in the Island?"

6. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier –

"Further to his answer to written question 8927 of 8th September, could the Chief Minister provide the dates of his face to face meetings, if any, with representatives from the following unions –



- Unite the Union
- National Union of Teachers
- Jersey branch of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT)
- Jersey Nursing Association?"
- 7. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier –

"Further to his answer to written question 8926 of 8th September 2015, could the Chief Minister provide a breakdown of the pay grades of those public sector workers whose applications for Voluntary Redundancy/Early Voluntary Retirement/Voluntary Severance were accepted and an equivalent breakdown for those whose applications were not accepted?"

8. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier –

"Following statements he made in the Assembly during question time on 8th September 2015, could the Chief Minister provide details about what, if any, government commissioned research has been carried out on the potential economic impact of a higher rate of income tax for high earners? Could he further provide details of who undertook this research, what their terms of reference were and what conclusions were reached?"

9. The Minister for Economic Development will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier –

"Since the government decided to make it official policy to expand Jersey's digital industry, could the Minister outline how much public money has been spent pursuing this objective, how many businesses have either started or relocated to Jersey as a result of this promotion and, specifically, how many jobs have been created as a direct result?"

10. The Minister for Home Affairs will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier –

"What impact assessment, if any, has been carried out on the cuts to the States of Jersey Fire Service, specifically with regard to the impact on safety and fire prevention?"

11. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

"Further to the Minister's response to written question 8932 on 8th September 2015, will the Minister inform members what sums have been spent as part of the 2% inflation-linked funding referred to, on –

- staffing;
- rising drugs budget;
- commissioned local care packages;
- specialist U.K. care?

Will he further give details of the initiatives being delivered, including by which third party providers, under what terms, and with what savings to the department?



Will he also give details of the extent to which these services have been outsourced, what Service Level Agreements apply and how they compare with the previous in-house service?"

12. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

"Can the Minister confirm that the purchasing power of income support recipients has reduced since October 2008 by around 10% and that the proposal to freeze core components at 2015 rates for two years will reduce the spending power of pensioners and other Income Support recipients by some £9 per week and, if not, why not?

Can she also confirm that the change from a fixed to a percentage Income Support disregard for pension income for new single pensioners on a full States pension will reduce their income by a further £9 per week, and, if not, why not?

Can she further confirm that the proposals to reduce Income Support for those worst off pensioners in particular will reduce their income significantly, and may worsen the health of those affected, thereby increasing health interventions and costs on the part of the health department and, if not, why not?"

13. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

"Can the Minister confirm that over the past 4 years the following community homes have been closed and state how the support previously delivered to the clients is currently being delivered?

#### Special Needs Service

Admar Telvika Roseville Villas Azola St. Luke's

#### Elderly Care

The Limes (one wing closed, loss of 5 beds) Beech Ward (reduction in bed occupancy) Lavender Ward (closed)

#### Adult Mental Health

Clairvale recovery centre (8 beds lost) Old Mill House (4 beds lost) Maison Du Lac (8 beds)"

14. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

"Will the Minister advise members whether the withdrawal of the domestic cleaning service offered to elderly/disabled clients in need has been brought about by a reduction in the grant aid to Family Nursing and Home Care from Health and Social Services? Will he further inform members how many grade 1 domestic assistants have lost their positions due to this change and how many clients then needed to source alternatives?



Will he further inform members how much the Family Nursing and Home Care grant has been reduced by over the period 2014 to 2016 and whether any other services have been or are likely to be withdrawn?"

15. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier –

"Notwithstanding his response to written question 8928 of 8th September 2015, will the Minister inform members what changes/reductions to service delivery are being "worked through" or are under consideration from the 12 areas listed on page 83 of the Annex to the Medium Term Financial Plan as well as any others to be delivered in 2016 or beyond and, if not, will he assure members that he will bring these measures to the Assembly before the MTFP is debated on 6th October 2016?"

16. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier –

"Can the Minister advise what the five year survival rates are for –

- each of the ten most common cancers in Jersey, when measured using the same comparators as the U.K.; and
- each of the ten most common cancers in Germany, France and Spain, using the same comparators as the U.K.?

If there are different ways of measuring the survival rates can these be explained, along with the reason why they are different?

In addition, can the Minister advise whether there has been an increase in referrals for screening of asbestos related cancers in the past year and, if so, can he state whether this has resulted in an increase in diagnosis of asbestos related cancers compared to five and ten years ago?"

17. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy J.A. Hilton of St. Helier –

"Would the Minister confirm the most up to date amounts in respect of the construction costs on the Esplanade Car Park site of the Jersey International Finance Centre and would he also give the Assembly an indication as to whether the total costs incurred to date by the States of Jersey Development Company, specifically in respect of the contamination issues on the site for this year to date, are within anticipated costs and budgets?"

18. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by the Deputy of St. John –

"Following the adoption by the States on 23rd October 2012 of P.82/2012, "Health and Social Services: A New Way Forward", could the Minister advise of any progress made to date in terms of deliverables and investment in services?"



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