

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **DRAFT GAMBLING (2010 FEES) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200- (P.141/2009): AMENDMENT (P.141/2009 Amd.) – COMMENTS**

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## COMMENTS

The decision of the Deputy of St. Martin to bring this set of amendments goes against the public interest in a number of ways. The Minister has noted that the industry has been protected from facing the full cost of its regulation for a number of years through benign neglect, but can no longer be allowed such an extravagance. In line with the States 'user pays' principles, the Minister has accordingly agreed a level of fee increases that are above RPI, but which vitally do not inflict a full cost-recovery measure in one year. The industry has argued, and the Minister has agreed, that a stepped approach is fairer and will allow the industry flexibility to adjust the impact on its costs.

The increases proposed in P.141/2009 are high, but they are below the full cost incurred and have been a part of Ministerial policy and public consultation that has taken place over the past 2 years. These amendments would restrict increases to the level commensurate with the RPI and in so doing keep the current public subsidy for gambling regulation artificially high. Such a measure at a time of increasing pressure on public finances is not defensible, and accordingly the Minister opposes these amendments.