



STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

30th NOVEMBER 2020

SUMMARY

2.30 p.m.	Communications by the Presiding Officer and other announcements
	Appointments, matters of privilege, petitions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nomination of three members of the Public Accounts Committee who are not members of the States
Approx. 2.40 p.m. Up to 2 hours	Oral questions with notice
	<i>Urgent questions (if any)</i>
Up to 30 minutes, divided between the two Ministers	Oral questions without notice: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minister for Infrastructure• Chief Minister
	<i>Statements (if any)</i>
1st December 2020 Approx. 9.30 a.m.	Draft Customs and Excise (Export Declarations and Export Controls) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.134/2020)
	Draft EU Legislation (Welfare of Animals during Transport and Pet Travel) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.135/2020)
	Draft Income Support (Amendment No. 20) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.136/2020)
	Migration Control Policy (P.137/2020)
	Migration Control Policy (P.137/2020): amendment (P.137/2020 Amd.)
	Draft EU Legislation (Official Controls) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.138/2020)
	Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020)
	Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – amendment (P.139/2020 Amd.)
	Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – second amendment (P.139/2020 Amd.(2))
	Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – third amendment (P.139/2020 Amd.(3))
	Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – fourth amendment (P.139/2020 Amd.(4))
	Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – fifth amendment (P.139/2020 Amd.(5))



Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – sixth amendment (P.139/2020 Amd.(6))

Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – seventh amendment (P.139/2020 Amd.(7))

CI Lottery: Allocation of 2019 Proceeds (P.141/2020)

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CI Lottery: allocation of 2019 proceeds (P.141/2020) – amendment (P.141/2020 Amd.)

Jersey Heritage Trust: Amendments to Constitution (P.142/2020)

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Draft Amendment (No.49) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey (P.143/2020)

Draft Geographical Indications (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.145/2020)

Social Security Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of Chair (P.150/2020)

Jersey Employment and Discrimination Tribunal: appointment of members (P.151/2020)

Social Security Tribunal: appointment of Chair (P.152/2020)

Draft Amendment (No. 51) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey (P.153/2020)

Draft Amendment (No. 52) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey (P.154/2020)

Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of Chair (P.155/2020)

Safe Singing during Covid-19 (P.159/2020)

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Arrangement of public business at subsequent meetings

Lunch adjournment likely around 12.45 p.m., until 2.15 p.m.

If business is not completed by around 5.30 p.m. the Assembly usually adjourns for the evening and will resume its meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December 2020 if necessary.



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at 2.30 p.m.

A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

(Explanatory note attached)

Covid-19 (Workplace Restrictions) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Order 2020. R&O.144/2020.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

Long-Term Care Services (Health and Social Services Charges) (Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Order 2020. R&O.145/2020.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

Misuse of Drugs (Licence Fees) (Jersey) Order 2020. R&O.146/2020.
Minister for Health and Social Services.

Social Security (Parental Benefit) (Jersey) Order 2020. R&O.147/2020.
Minister for Social Security.

C. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

Composition and Election of the States: proposed changes (P.139/2020): P.139/2020.
comments. Com.
Presented: 25th November 2020, *Comité des Connétables.*

Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – 52 Don Street and 12, 14 and 16 Burrard Street, St. Helier – proposed sale. R.130/2020.
Presented: 19th November 2020, *Minister for Infrastructure.*

Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – H.M. Prison, La Moye, St. Brelade – Gatehouse West Project – Lease of Sub-Station. R.131/2020.
Presented: 19th November 2020, *Minister for Infrastructure.*

D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

Nomination of three members of the Public Accounts Committee who are not members of the States.

G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

H. PETITIONS



I. QUESTIONS

(a) – Written Questions (attached)

- WQ.450/2020 1. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Senator S.Y. Mézec regarding the payment of the Living Wage by Government of Jersey contractors.
- WQ.451/2020 2. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Senator S.C. Ferguson regarding the application of V.A.T. to goods ordered online in Jersey.
- WQ.452/2020 3. The Minister for Infrastructure will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Peter regarding the transport of loose material.
- WQ.453/2020 4. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.M. Ahier of St. Helier regarding the Business Disruption Loan Guarantee Scheme.
- WQ.454/2020 5. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding hospital doctors who have been suspended from duty.
- WQ.455/2020 6. The Minister for the Environment will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the inspection of Jersey care homes.
- WQ.456/2020 7. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the undertaking of wills by video link.
- WQ.457/2020 8. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the spread of Covid-19 in Jersey.
- WQ.458/2020 9. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the operations of Jersey Post.
- WQ.459/2020 10. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding staff vacancies in the Department of Health and Community Services.
- WQ.460/2020 11. The Minister for Children and Housing will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier regarding the recommendation for a Jersey Care memorial.
- WQ.461/2020 12. The Minister for Infrastructure will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier regarding expenditure on the LibertyBus contract.
- WQ.462/2020 13. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier regarding the decision not to proceed with the Jersey Care memorial.
- WQ.463/2020 14. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier regarding use of the Spend Local cards.
- WQ.464/2020 15. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier regarding leaving packages for senior civil servants.
- WQ.465/2020 16. The Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture will table an answer to a question asked by the Connétable of St. Helier regarding the impact of proposed changes to Springfield Stadium on green space.
- WQ.466/2020 17. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding access to affordable primary care.



- WQ.467/2020 18. The Minister for Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier regarding the delivery of the Jersey Care Model.
- WQ.468/2020 19. The Minister of Social Security will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy G.P. Southern regarding the impact of Covid-19 on households with the lowest income.
- WQ.469/2020 20. The Chief Minister will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier regarding Subject Access Requests submitted to Government departments.
- WQ.470/2020 21. The Minister for Education will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier regarding mental health support to students.
- WQ.471/2020 22. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier regarding the administration of the decrease in the G.S.T. *de minimis* threshold.

(b) – Oral Questions
(120 minutes)

- OQ.350/2020 1. Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –
- “Given that Jersey’s performance framework shows that, since 2008, the percentage of Islanders with physical or mental health conditions lasting (or expected to last) for 12 months or more has remained unchanged, despite the Island’s population increasing by more than 12,000, will the Minister advise what measures are being undertaken to improve the long-term mental and physical health needs of Islanders?”
- OQ.354/2020 2. Deputy G.J. Truscott of St. Brelade will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –
- “Will the Minister provide the Assembly with an update on the performance of the Jersey Covid Alert App in terms of its impact on understanding and controlling the spread of Covid-19 in Jersey?”
- OQ.355/2020 3. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –
- “Will the Minister inform Members which, if any, groups of vulnerable patients have been selected to receive affordable primary care through subsidized G.P. consultations, as required by P.125/2019; and furthermore, provide an estimated date for delivery of this service?”
- OQ.346/2020 4. Deputy S.M. Ahier of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –
- “Will the Minister provide his assessment of the appropriateness of the offer by D2 Real Estate to acquire a driveway near Overdale, taking into consideration the adoption of ‘Our Hospital Site Selection: Overdale’ (P.123/2020), as amended?”
- OQ.352/2020 5. Deputy K.G. Pamplin of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –
- “With regards to the complaint against the Chief Operating Office that is currently being investigated by the States of Jersey Complaints Panel, will the Chief Minister explain how he and the Chief Operating Office have engaged with the complaints process; and, if they have refused to engage, will he explain when such refusal was communicated to the Complaints Panel?”



- OQ.344/2020 6. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of H.M. Attorney General –
- “Will H.M. Attorney General advise the Assembly of the legal rights of prisoners at H.M. Prison La Moye to make and receive telephone calls to friends, family and outside organisations; and state what legitimate and proportionate restrictions, if any, there exist to such rights?”
- OQ.349/2020 7. The Connétable of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –
- “Following the adoption of my amendment to ‘Our Hospital Site Selection’ (P.123/2020), will the Minister explain how the Parish of St. Helier, including the Deputies and residents of St. Helier No. 3/4, are to be involved in the investigation into alternative access arrangements to Overdale and the consideration of mitigating the destruction of property and natural amenity, as well as potential financial savings?”
- OQ.347/2020 8. The Connétable of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee –
- “Will the Chair state the minimum amount of time needed for the States Assembly to approve and install a new voting system for elections in Jersey in time for the 2022 General Election; and will he set out, with reference to the allocated campaign periods and estimated cost, a possible timeline for organising and holding a referendum on electoral reform in 2021, should Amendment 4 to P.139/2020 be adopted?”
- OQ.351/2020 9. Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for the Environment –
- “Will the Minister advise how long it is estimated that current landfill space in Jersey can be used and whether any other sites are being investigated; and, if so, will he state which sites are under consideration and what is being done to reduce waste and to enable a sustainable approach to waste management?”
- OQ.345/2020 10. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Children and Housing –
- “Will the Minister advise the Assembly what steps, if any, he is taking to ensure that Children’s Services records are accurate; to enable all service users to review their records, particularly any in which there may be accusations of child abuse or neglect; and to ensure that no inaccurate information is provided to the Courts when they are considering matters that could potentially see a child removed from their parents?”
- OQ.348/2020 11. The Connétable of St. Martin will ask the following question of the Chair of the Privileges and Procedures Committee –
- “Will the Chair state what consideration, if any, has been given by the Committee to providing alternative voting options or processes to Members, such as the Indicative Votes system used by the U.K.’s House of Commons in 2003, 2007, and 2019, to allow Members to debate and vote according to the merits of each amendment to P.139/2020, as well as the proposition itself?”



OQ.353/2020 12. Deputy K.G. Pamplin of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

“Will the Minister explain why the minutes of the Scientific and Technical Advisory Cell (S.T.A.C) for the period July to November 2020 have not yet been published, despite this having been explicitly requested by the States Assembly with its adoption of P.88/2020?”

OQ.356/2020 13. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –

“Will the Minister explain how the £6.6 million additional investment allocated to the Jersey Care Model (reference CSP2-1-05) in the Government Plan 2021-2024 will be spent in 2021 and state how much will be spent on the Model in 2022, 2023 and 2024; and will she set out the proposed order in which the services involved will be delivered?”

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

1st question period – Minister for Infrastructure

2nd question period – Chief Minister

J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

(Consideration of Public Business to commence at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday 1st December 2020)

Draft Customs and Excise (Export Declarations and Export Controls) (Jersey) Regulations 202-. P.134/2020.

Lodged: 16th October 2020, *Minister for Home Affairs.*

Draft EU Legislation (Welfare of Animals during Transport and Pet Travel) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 202-. P.135/2020.

Lodged: 16th October 2020, *Minister for the Environment.*

Draft Income Support (Amendment No. 20) (Jersey) Regulations 202-. P.136/2020.

Lodged: 20th October 2020, *Minister for Social Security.*

Migration Control Policy. P.137/2020.

Lodged: 20th October 2020, *Chief Minister.*

Migration Control Policy (P.137/2020): amendment. P.137/2020.

Lodged: 23rd October 2020, *Deputy J.H. Perchard of St. Saviour.* Amd.

Draft EU Legislation (Official Controls) (Jersey) Regulations 202-. P.138/2020.

Lodged: 20th October 2020, *Minister for the Environment.*

Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes. P.139/2020.

Lodged: 20th October 2020, *Privileges and Procedures Committee.*

Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – amendment. P.139/2020.

Lodged: 27th October 2020, *Deputy J.M Maçon of St. Saviour.* Amd.

(re-issue)



Composition and Election of the States: proposed changes (P.139/2020): P.139/2020.
comments. Com.
Presented: 25th November 2020, *Comité des Connétables*.

Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – second amendment. P.139/2020.
Amd.(2).
Lodged: 29th October 2020, *Connétable of St. Clement*.

Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – third amendment. P.139/2020.
Amd.(3).
Lodged: 12th November 2020, *Connétable of St. Martin*.

Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – fourth amendment. P.139/2020.
Amd.(4).
Lodged: 13th November 2020, *Connétable of Grouville*.

Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – fifth amendment. P.139/2020.
Amd.(5).
Lodged: 17th November 2020, *Senator L.J. Farnham*.

Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – sixth amendment. P.139/2020.
Amd.(6).
Lodged: 17th November 2020, *Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier*.

Composition and Election of the States: Proposed Changes (P.139/2020) – seventh amendment. P.139/2020.
Amd.(7).
Lodged: 17th November 2020, *Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré*.

CI Lottery: Allocation of 2019 Proceeds. P.141/2020.
Lodged: 21st October 2020, *Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture*.

Note: Because of the requirement for a six-week lodging period, the minimum lodging period of the proposition of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture will expire on Wednesday 2nd December 2020. The Minister has therefore given notice of his intention to propose, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), that the minimum lodging period for the amendment be reduced in order that it can be debated at the meeting.

CI Lottery: allocation of 2019 proceeds (P.141/2020) – amendment. P.141/2020.
Amd.
Lodged: 2nd November 2020, *Deputy G.C.U. Guida of St. Lawrence*

Jersey Heritage Trust: Amendments to Constitution. P.142/2020.
Lodged: 21st October 2020, *Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture*.

Note: Because of the requirement for a six-week lodging period, the minimum lodging period of the proposition of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture will expire on Wednesday 2nd December 2020. The Minister has therefore given notice of his intention to propose, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), that the minimum lodging period for the amendment be reduced in order that it can be debated at the meeting.

Draft Amendment (No.49) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey. P.143/2020.
Lodged: 22nd October 2020, *Deputy S.M. Wickenden of St. Helier*.

Draft Amendment (No. 49) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey P.143/2020.
(P.143/2020): comments. Com.
Presented: 4th November 2020, *Privileges and Procedures Committee*.



- Draft Geographical Indications (Jersey) Regulations 202-** P.145/2020.
Lodged: 30th October 2020, *Minister for External Relations.*
- Social Security Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of Chair.** P.150/2020.
Lodged: 2nd November 2020, *Minister for Social Security.*
- Jersey Employment and Discrimination Tribunal: appointment of members.** P.151/2020.
Lodged: 2nd November 2020, *Minister for Social Security.*
- Social Security Tribunal: appointment of Chair.** P.152/2020.
Lodged: 2nd November 2020, *Minister for Social Security.*
- Draft Amendment (No. 51) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.** P.153/2020.
Lodged: 3rd November 2020, *Privileges and Procedures Committee.*
- Draft Amendment (No. 52) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.** P.154/2020.
Lodged: 3rd November 2020, *Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour.*
- Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of Chair.** P.155/2020.
Lodged: 3rd November 2020, *Minister for Social Security.*
- Safe Singing during Covid-19.** P.159/2020.
Lodged: 17th November 2020, *Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour.*

Note: Because of the requirement for a four-week lodging period, the minimum lodging period of the proposition of Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour will expire on Tuesday 15th December 2020. The Deputy has therefore given notice of her intention to propose, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), that the minimum lodging period for the proposition be reduced in order that it can be debated at the meeting.

M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

14th December 2020

- Government Plan: 2021-24.** P.130/2020
Lodged: 12th October 2020, *Council of Ministers.* (Re-issue)
- Government Plan: 2021-24 – Annex. R.111/2020.
Presented: 12th October 2020, *Council of Ministers.*
- Draft Finance (2021 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202-** P.147/2020.
Lodged: 2nd November 2020, *Minister for Treasury and Resources.*
- Draft Act declaring that the Finance (2021 Budget) (Jersey) Law 202- has P.147/2020.
immediate effect: addendum to P.147/2020. Add.
Presented: 4th November 2020, *Minister for Treasury and Resources.*
- Draft Social Security (Amendment of Law No. 15) (Jersey) Regulations 202-** P.148/2020.
Lodged: 2nd November 2020, *Minister for Social Security.*
- Draft Health Insurance Fund (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 202-** P.156/2020.
Lodged: 5th November 2020, *Minister for Social Security.*

Note: Because of the requirement for a six-week lodging period, the minimum lodging period of the proposition of the Minister for Social Security will expire on Thursday 17th December 2020.



The Minister has therefore given notice of her intention to propose, in accordance with Standing Order 26(7), that the minimum lodging period for the proposition be reduced in order that it can be debated at the meeting.

19th January 2021

Encroachments on the Foreshore: revised policy. P.111/2020.
Lodged: 18th September 2020, *Minister for Infrastructure.*

Secondary Employment of Public Sector Employees: Review of Policies. P.146/2020.
Lodged: 30th October 2020, *Deputy J.M. Maçon of St. Saviour.*

9th February 2021

Draft Wildlife (Jersey) Law 202-. P.110/2020.
Lodged: 11th September 2020, *Minister for the Environment.* (Re-issue)

Note: The 2nd reading of the Draft Regulations will resume, following adoption of the principles on 3rd November 2020 and the subsequent referral to the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel under Standing Order 72(1).

Draft Wildlife (Jersey) Law 2020- (P.110/2020): amendment. P.110/2020.
Lodged: 21st October 2020, *Deputy of St. Martin.* Amd.

Draft Wildlife (Jersey) Law 202- (P.110/202): amendment (P.110/2020 Amd.) – P.110/2020.
comments. Amd.Com.
Presented: 30th October 2020, *Minister for the Environment.*

Immigration Acts: extension to Jersey by Order in Council. P.119/2020.
Lodged: 22nd September 2020, *Chief Minister.*

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Greffier of the States

25th November 2020

Note –

In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2019 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December 2020.



Explanatory Note regarding subordinate legislation tabled at this meeting.

(See Item B)

R&O.144/2020.

Covid-19 (Workplace Restrictions) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Order 2020.

This Order further amends the Covid-19 Workplace Restrictions (Jersey) Order 2020 by imposing further restrictions on opening of food and drink premises that are part of licensed premises (within the meaning of the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974). The premises may not be open –

- (a) for the purpose of selling alcoholic beverages after 10 p.m. on any evening (except as room service to hotel residents); or
- (b) to members of the public (not including hotel residents) after 10.30 p.m. on any evening.

This provision does not affect the existing restriction on opening applying to places of entertainment nor any other condition to which a licence issued under the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974 is subject.

The restrictions come into force at 2 a.m. on Friday 20th November 2020.

R&O.145/2020.

Long-Term Care Services (Health and Social Services Charges) (Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Order 2020.

This Order amends the Long-Term Care Services (Health and Social Services Charges) (Jersey) Order 2014, to increase by approximately 1.1% the charges payable, from 1st January 2021, for the provision of long-term care services to persons aged 18 years or over in a care home or group home.

R&O.146/2020.

Misuse of Drugs (Licence Fees) (Jersey) Order 2020.

The Misuse of Drugs (Licence Fees) (Jersey) Order 2020 sets out fees to be charged for certain licences issued by the Minister for Health and Social Services under the Misuse of Drugs (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 2009 and the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law 1978. It also provides that the Minister may waive any fee payable at the Minister's discretion. The Order comes into force on 26th November 2020.

R&O.147/2020.

Social Security (Parental Benefit) (Jersey) Order 2020.

The Social Security (Parental Benefit) (Jersey) Order 2020 repeals and replaces the Social Security (Maternity Benefit) (Jersey) Order 1975 and sets out the requirements for application for a parental grant (formerly a maternity grant or adoptive parent grant) and parental allowance (formerly maternity allowance).

The Order was made on 20th November 2020 and comes into force on 24th November 2020.



WRITTEN QUESTIONS

(See Item I(a))

1. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Senator S.Y. Mézec –

“Will the Chief Minister state how many Government contractors are paying their workers less than the Living Wage and, for any such contractors, will he confirm when their contracts?”

2. The Minister for Treasury and Resources Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Senator S.C. Ferguson –

“Will the Minister provide an update of the progress of any talks with major online retailers in order to ensure the deduction of V.A.T. (value added tax), and the addition of G.S.T. (goods and services tax), to the cost of goods ordered online for delivery to Jersey?”

3. The Minister for Infrastructure will table an answer to the following question asked by the Connétable of St. Peter –

“Will the Minister state what action, if any, his department has taken to ensure that vehicle operators transport loads of loose material with an appropriate cover to prevent dust from being inhaled by the public, given that this is a known health hazard; and if no such action has been taken, will the Minister explain why not?”

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

“Will the Minister inform the Assembly of the number of loans approved under the Business Disruption Loan Guarantee Scheme that have exceeded £50,000 and the number that have exceeded £250,000; and will she also advise whether any of the companies involved in the Scheme have ceased trading?”

5. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier –

“Will the Minister inform members whether any hospital doctors are currently suspended from duty in the hospital itself and, if so, will he state the reasons for any such suspension, including when it occurred and what steps and processes have been followed by the hospital to ensure that the matter has been dealt with expeditiously and fairly in the best interests of all parties (the doctor, the hospital and the public); and will he also explain the impact any such suspension has had on patient services?”

6. The Minister for the Environment will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier -

“Will the Minister advise members whether the Jersey Care Commission has visited all Jersey care homes in 2020 and, if not, will he state how many it has visited and when it is expected that all the homes will have been visited; and will he outline the main findings from the visits that have been carried out to date?”



7. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier -

“Following the introduction of emergency Covid legislation earlier this year to enable wills to be completed by video link, will the Minister advise members how many documents have been completed using this method, and, of any such wills, did the use of the video-link method, and the experiences of those who have used it, prompt any queries or review of the suitability of this process?”

8. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier -

“Will the Minister inform Members of the reasons identified for the increase in community spread of the Covid-19 virus and, in particular outline –

- (a) the role, if any, of opening the borders;
- (b) the impact from children who have returned from holidays off-Island subsequently infecting classmates; and

will he explain the nature and size of the spread, any lessons learnt and his assessment of how well the track-and-trace system has coped with the increasing numbers of people who have been infected?”

9. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier -

“Will the Minister, as shareholder representative for Jersey Post, advise Members of –

- (a) any problems Jersey Post experienced from the U.K. Authorities (for example Customs and Excise) and Royal Mail since the ending of Low Value Consignment Relief;
- (b) the justification for the current charges for mail and parcels to the U.K. when the speed of delivery, even on special delivery mail, has been reduced; and
- (c) why Jersey Post is charging customers V.A.T. (value added tax) on products that would not be subject to V.A.T. within the U.K. and
- (d) what action, if any, Jersey Post will undertake to address these issues?”

10. 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 information provided in response to Written Question 432/2020, will the Minister –

- (a) publish the monthly totals of vacancies for the 5 staff groups from January 2019 to September 2020;
- (b) explain the increase in nursing vacancies between August 2019 and August 2020;
- (c) provide a breakdown of the jobs within the manual workers group, together with an explanation for the increase in vacancies between August 2019 and August 2020;



- (d) advise Members whether, in light of the 16 percent vacancy rate for nurses, any previously-delivered services have been reduced or cut and whether the NICE guidelines on safe staff-to-patient ratios for wards are still being met in all circumstances; and
 - (e) provide details of the amount of monies (if any) saved from the non-payment of salaries for the vacant posts in 2019 that was allocated to –
 - (i) increased pay for agency or locum posts;
 - (ii) a return to centrally-held Treasury funds; or
 - (iii) other services within the Department of Health and Community identified as underfunded?”
11. The Minister for Children and Housing will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier -
- “Will the Minister advise what consultation and communication with the Citizens’ Panel, if any, will be undertaken following the decision not to proceed with the recommendation of a Jersey Care memorial?”
12. The Minister for Infrastructure will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier –
- “Given the additional Covid-19 response funding allocations made to LibertyBus within the 2020 Government Plan over the period 2020 to 2024, will the Minister advise the total Government spend for the LibertyBus contract for each of the years during that period?”
13. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier –
- “Will the Chief Minister advise what consultation, if any, he had with the newly-appointed Minister for Children and Housing prior to the announcement of the decision not to proceed with the Jersey Care Memorial?”
14. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier –
- “Will the Minister advise –
- (a) what plans, if any, she has to use additional resources to top up the Spend Local cards; and
 - (b) what the mechanism is for making a decision to top up the cards?”
15. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier –
- “In relation to ‘leaving packages’ for senior civil servants, will the Minister advise –
- (a) what funds, if any, have been put aside for 2020 and 2021;
 - (b) what budget line will be responsible for this cost; and



(c) what projects / other items, if any, will be impacted by any unplanned increase in this type of expenditure?”

16. The Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture will table an answer to the following question asked by the Connétable of St. Helier –

“Will the Minister advise whether there will be any net loss of green space as a result of the changes to Springfield Stadium, as proposed in the current planning application (P/2020/1263)?”

17. 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 adoption of the Affordable Access to Primary Care Scheme (P.125/2019), will the Minister advise –

- (a) whether the vulnerable groups (those being in most in need of affordable health care) have been identified; and, if so, which specific groups are included; and
- (b) if not, when such identification will take place in the light of the requirement to agree the funding for such measures in the Government Plan?”

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

“Will the Minister advise when she expects to agree contracts for the delivery of the Jersey Care Model with G.P. representatives; and will she provide a detailed breakdown of the services to be delivered with the £6.6 million of additional investment required to fund the Jersey Care Model in 2021, especially for those vulnerable patient groups as identified in P.125/2019?”

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

“Will the Minister –

- (a) state what estimates, if any, are available for the impact of the latest Covid-19 figures on incomes in the lowest income households, particularly those in the bottom income quintile;
- (b) advise whether she is giving any consideration to increasing benefits temporarily in order to assist low income households (as has been the response by the U.K. Government) or equivalent measures and if so, to what extent; and if not, why not?”



20. The Chief Minister will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier –

“Further to the response to Written Question 441/2020, will the Chief Minister provide the following from May 2018 to date –

- (a) a breakdown of the number of Subject Access Requests that were submitted across all Government departments and, of those, how many were completed within –
 - (i) 4 weeks;
 - (ii) 12 weeks; or
 - (iii) in excess of 12 weeks;
- (b) the reasons given for extensions beyond the 4-week time limit;
- (c) details of the complaints procedure provided to those requesting a Subject Access Request; and
- (d) the number of complaints that have been received”

21. The Minister for Education will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier –

“Will the Minister advise what mental health support, if any, is being provided to students who have been required to isolate following contact with positive cases of Covid-19?”

22. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier –

“Will the Minister advise –

- (a) whether, since the decrease of the G.S.T. *de minimis* threshold, there has been any instruction issued from the Minister or any Government officers, to customs or postal service providers, to withhold and combine shipments that are destined to the same recipient in order to reach the G.S.T. *de minimis* level;
- (b) if such an instruction has been issued, the reasons for this; and
- (c) if no such instruction has been issued, whether she has been made aware of any occasions where this has happened, notwithstanding that there has been no instruction to do so?”