

STATES OF JERSEY



PROPOSED GOVERNMENT PLAN 2022 - 2025 (P.90/2021): EIGHTH AMENDMENT (P.90/2021 AMD.(8)) – COMMENTS

JERSEY CHILD CARE TRUST GRANT

Presented to the States on 9th December 2021
by the Council of Ministers

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COMMENTS

The Minister for Children and Education, and the Council of Ministers as a whole, support this amendment and will maintain full support and commitment to continue working with the Jersey Childcare Trust (JCCT).

The partnership work with JCCT is invaluable in supporting children, staff, and families in the early years, particularly those children with special educational needs and disabilities.

We are pleased to accept this amendment as it a concrete example of how committed this Government is to putting children first. Research shows that evidenced investment made in the early years is a wise investment, with higher rates of social, educational, and economic returns.

Financial Implications

The amendment as proposed increases Consolidated Fund Expenditure by £30,000 in 2022. As this is a relatively small amount, it can be absorbed in 2022.

In total it increases expenditure by £120,000 over the period of the Plan. If accepted this amendment will result in lower surpluses in 2023-2025 years of the plan, preventing them being available to be applied to reduce borrowing for Covid.

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 due to time constraints from the States Meeting being moved forward to Monday 13th December, which in turn affected the final deadline for Comments, and the requirement to undertake final due diligence and review processes.