STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT BUDGET STATEMENT 2016 (P.127/2015): FOURTH AMENDMENT (P.127/2015 Amd.(4)) – COMMENTS

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The Council of Ministers recognises that it is necessary to provide the Sea Cadets with an appropriate facility.

Ministers are, however, unable to accept the Connétable's proposal to reallocate funding from Jersey Fleet Management. This amendment would have a negative impact on the provision of frontline vehicles.

The schedule of those vehicles in need of replacement during this MTFP period includes –

- An ambulance
- Hospital transport vehicles
- Police cars and vans
- 3 Tenders
- Fire safety vehicles.

The £1.2 million sum is the last tranche of an agreed £5 million injection into the Jersey Fleet Management Trading Fund, topping up its available balance to fund replacement vehicles across the States up to the end of this MTFP period.

It is understood that the Sea Cadets Relocation Group has been working on a solution to providing new facilities, and has discussed conceptual designs with the Department of the Environment, but that further work is necessary before the concept can be progressed. It is also understood that Ports of Jersey, who own the land, are happy to lead on this project.

The Council of Ministers will make a commitment to the Connétable such that if the group requires immediate additional funding for feasibility or planning, up to £200,000 can be made available through the centrally held Planning Vote in 2016.

The question of funding the build has not yet been resolved by the Group and, to support the Group in delivering a new facility, the Council of Ministers will commit to providing funding of up to £1.2 million (inclusive of the above planning funding) within the constraints of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2016-2019 once Planning permission has been granted. The funding would be released once it has been demonstrated that any additional funding required for the facility has been secured.