

THE STATES assembled on Wednesday 23rd October 2024, at 9.30 a.m. under the Presidency of the Bailiff, Sir Timothy John Le Cocq.

All members were present at roll call with the exception of –

Connétable Deidre Wendy Mezbourian of St. Lawrence – ill

Connétable Karen Shenton-Stone - ill

Connétable Andrew Nicholas Jehan of St. John – excused attendance

Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier Central – en défaut (arrived in the Chamber at 9:32)

Deputy Mary Rose Le Hegarat of St. Helier North – excused attendance

Deputy Ian Joseph Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter – absent on States Business

Deputy Beatriz Borges de Sousa Vaz Moreno Porée of St. Helier South – absent on States Business

Deputy Lucy Kate Frances Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter – parental responsibilities

Standing Order 55A – remote participation

THE STATES, with reference to their Act dated 14th September 2021, in which they had agreed that, notwithstanding Standing Order 55A(1), members who did not wish to attend in the States Chamber might continue to take part in States meetings using Microsoft Teams (until the States had considered and voted upon a proposition to re-apply Standing Order 55A(1) or to repeal or vary the terms of the Standing Order), assembled in accordance with Standing Order 55A with members able to participate remotely using Microsoft Teams. The following Members attended remotely, either for all or part of the meeting –

Connétable Richard Anthony Kingston Honeycombe of St. Ouen Deputy Carina Soares Alves of St. Helier Central

Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 34(1), Deputy David James Warr of St. Helier had informed the Greffier of the States that his proposition entitled 'Management and Maintenance of Havre des Pas Bathing Pool and Café' (P.68/2024) had been withdrawn.

Urgent Oral Question

Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade asked the following question of the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development which the Bailiff had allowed in accordance with Standing Order 15 relating to urgent oral questions –

"Will the Minister provide further information on the ramifications of the statement yesterday that the Chief Officer in the Economic Development is stepping aside from the ferry tendering process owing to an error of judgement?"

Marine Spatial Plan P.44/2024

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Minister for the Environment entitled 'Marine Spatial Plan' (P.44/2024), and rejected part 1 of an amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (P.44/2024 Amd.) that, after the words "accompanying this proposition", there should be inserted "except that page 124 and Figure 80 should be amended to include the area east of Les Ecréhous within the extension of the Marine Protected Area Network, as outlined in Action NB5a, with any consequential amendments to the Jersey Marine Spatial Plan made accordingly."

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 15	CONTRE: 27	ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Mary Deputy G.P. Southern Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy M. Tadier Connétable of Trinity Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Connétable of St. Peter Deputy S.M. Ahier Connétable of St. Clement Deputy I. Gardiner Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy K.L. Moore Connétable of Grouville Deputy T.A. Coles Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy J. Renouf Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy M.B. Andrews Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache Deputy M.R. Scott Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy T.J.A. Binet Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy B. Ward

THE STATES rejected part 2 of the amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (P.44/2024 Amd.) that, after the words "accompanying this proposition", there should be inserted "except that page 124 and Figure 80 should be amended to include the part of the basin between Les Écréhous and Les Anquettes within the extension of the Marine Protected Area Network, as outlined in Action NB5a, with any consequential amendments to the Jersey Marine Spatial Plan made accordingly."

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 17 CONTRE: 25 ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of St. Saviour
Connétable of St. Saviour
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Peter
Deputy M. Tadier
Connétable of Grouville

Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy C.F. Labev Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy J. Renouf Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy M.R. Scott Deputy M.B. Andrews

Deputy M.R. Scott
Deputy C.D. Curtis
Deputy L.V. Feltham
Deputy R.E. Binet
Deputy M.E. Millar
Deputy A. Howell
Deputy T.J.A Binet
Deputy M.R. Ferey
Deputy R.S. Kovacs
Deputy B. Ward

THE STATES rejected part 3 of the amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (P.44/2024 Amd.) that, after the words "accompanying this proposition", there should be inserted "except that page 124 and Figure 80 should be amended to include areas to the east and west of Les Minquiers within the extension of the Marine Protected Area Network, as outlined in Action NB5a, with any consequential amendments to the Jersey Marine Spatial Plan made accordingly."

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 16 CONTRE: 26 ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy G.P. Southern Connétable of Trinity Deputy M. Tadier Connétable of St. Peter Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Connétable of St. Clement Deputy S.M. Ahier Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy I. Gardiner Connétable of Grouville Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy J. Renouf Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache Deputy M.B. Andrews Deputy M.R. Scott

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Deputy R.E. Binet
Deputy M.E. Millar
Deputy A. Howell
Deputy T.J.A. Binet
Deputy M.R. Ferey
Deputy R.S. Kovacs
Deputy B. Ward

Deputy C.S. Alves

THE STATES rejected part 4 of the amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (P.44/2024 Amd.) that, after the words "accompanying this proposition", there should be inserted "except that page 124 should be amended to allow for the introduction of immediate protection of the south-eastern edges of Les Ecréhous within the Marine Protected Area Network (rather than phased protection), with any consequential amendments to the Jersey Marine Spatial Plan made accordingly."

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 19	CONTRE: 23	ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy G.P. Southern Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy M. Tadier Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy I. Gardiner Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy M.R. Scott Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy J. Renouf Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy A. Howell Deputy M.B. Andrews Deputy T.J.A. Binet Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy B. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves

THE STATES rejected part 5 of the amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (P.44/2024 Amd.) that, after the words "accompanying this proposition", there should be inserted "except that page 124 should be amended to allow for the introduction of immediate protection of the south-eastern edges Les Minquiers within the Marine Protected Area Network (rather than phased protection), with any consequential amendments to the Jersey Marine Spatial Plan made accordingly."

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 16 CONTRE: 26 ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Trinity Deputy G.P. Southern Deputy M. Tadier Connétable of St. Peter Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Connétable of St. Clement Deputy S.M. Ahier Connétable of Grouville Deputy I. Gardiner Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy K.L. Moore Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy T.A. Coles Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy K.F. Morel

Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy J. Renouf Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy M.B. Andrews

Deputy M.R. Scott Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy T.J.A. Binet Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy B. Ward Deputy C.S. Alves

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Minister for the Environment, commenced consideration of an amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (P.44/2024 Amd.(2)) and rejected an amendment of Deputy Jonathan Renouf of St. Brelade (P.44/2024 Amd.(2).Amd) that, after the words "Marine Protected Area Network" there should be inserted ", with a final status to be assigned to areas undergoing such further research by the end of 2025 and with all subsequent amendments to the Marine Spatial Plan to be completed by the end of the Assembly's current term of office.".

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 16 CONTRE: 26 ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Helier Deputy G.P. Southern Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy M. Tadier Connétable of Trinity Deputy L.M.C. Doublet Connétable of St. Peter Deputy I. Gardiner Connétable of St. Clement Deputy K.L. Moore Connétable of St. Quen Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache Connétable of Grouville Deputy T.A. Coles Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy D.J. Warr Deputy H.M. Miles Deputy S.G. Luce Deputy J. Renouf Deputy H.L. Jeune Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy R.J. Ward Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy M.B. Andrews

Deputy C.F. Labey Deputy K.F. Morel Deputy S.M. Ahier Deputy C.S. Alves Deputy L.J. Farnham Deputy S.Y. Mézec Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy M.R. Scott Deputy C.D. Curtis Deputy L.V. Feltham Deputy R.E. Binet Deputy M.E. Millar Deputy A. Howell Deputy T.J.A. Binet Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy B. Ward

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Minister for the Environment entitled 'Marine Spatial Plan' (P.44/2024), and, adopting the amendment of the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (P.44/2024 Amd.(2)), designated the existing paragraph as paragraph (a) and, after that paragraph, agreed that the following should be inserted –

"(b) to request the Minister for the Environment to establish a framework, timeline and tracker for monitoring the implementation of the Jersey Marine Spatial Plan and for conducting any further research on areas remaining for inclusion in the Marine Protected Area Network."

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Minister for the Environment, as amended, and, adopting the proposition –

- (a) agreed that the proposed Jersey Marine Spatial Plan was the roadmap to managing Jersey's marine environment, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report accompanying the proposition; and
- (b) requested the Minister for the Environment to establish a framework, timeline and tracker for monitoring the implementation of the Jersey Marine Spatial Plan and for conducting any further research on areas remaining for inclusion in the Marine Protected Area Network.

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 40 CONTRE: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Helier

Connétable of St. Brelade

Connétable of Trinity

Connétable of St. Peter

Connétable of St. Clement

Connétable of St. Ouen

Connétable of Grouville

Connétable of St. Mary

Connétable of St. Saviour

Deputy G.P. Southern

Deputy M. Tadier

Deputy S.G. Luce

Deputy L.M.C. Doublet

Deputy K.F. Morel

Deputy S.M. Ahier

Deputy R.J. Ward

Deputy I. Gardiner

Deputy L.J. Farnham

Deputy K.L. Moore

Deputy S.Y. Mézec

Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf

Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache

Deputy T.A. Coles

Deputy D.J. Warr

Deputy H.M. Miles

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Deputy M.E. Millar

Deputy A. Howell

Deputy T.J.A. Binet Deputy M.R. Ferey Deputy R.S. Kovacs Deputy A.F. Curtis Deputy B. Ward Deputy K.M. Wilson Deputy M.B. Andrews

Changes in Presidency

The Bailiff retired briefly from the Chamber during consideration of the of the proposition of the Minister for the Environment entitled 'Marine Spatial Plan' (P.44/2024) and the meeting continued under the Presidency of Mrs. Lisa-Marie Hart Greffier of the States, until the Bailiff's return.

Delivery of three bilingual primary schools P.45/2024

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy Sir Philip Martin Bailhache of St. Clement entitled 'Delivery of three bilingual primary schools' (P.45/2024) and, adopting an amendment of Deputy Sir Philip Martin Bailhache of St. Clement (P.45/2024 Amd.) agreed to re-designate the existing paragraph as (a) and that, for the words "to request the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to take the necessary steps to convert, by the beginning of the academic year 2025-2026, a minimum of three" there should be substituted the words "to approve in principle the conversion of at least two"; and that the words "in 2025" should be deleted; and after paragraph (a) there should be inserted the following new paragraphs (b) and (c) –

- "(b) to request the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to conduct a survey, in cooperation with Statistics Jersey, of the views of parents of pre-school children as to the desirability of establishing bilingual English-French primary schools in Jersey, and their willingness to send their children to such a school; and
- (c) to request the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to appoint, subject to a positive outcome from the survey referred to in paragraph (b) above, an appropriately qualified project manager to ensure a smooth transition to bilingual teaching, and to establish at least two bilingual English-French primary schools by the beginning of the academic year 2026-27."

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Thursday 24th October 2024 to continue consideration of the proposition of Deputy Sir Philip Martin Bailhache of St. Clement entitled 'Delivery of three bilingual primary schools' (P.45/2024) and the other outstanding propositions listed for consideration at the meeting.

THE STATES rose at 5.25 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Greffier of the States