

STATES OF JERSEY

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H.M. PRISON, LA MOYE: RECEPTION AND ACCOMMODATION BLOCK – APPROVAL OF DRAWINGS

**Lodged au Greffe on 29th April 2003
by the Home Affairs Committee**

STATES GREFFE

PROPOSITION

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

- (a) to approve drawings Nos. – 3.100 (rev 2), 3.101 (rev 5), 3.102 (rev 5), 3.103 (rev 6), 3.104, 3.105 (rev 1), 3.106 (rev 5), 3.107 (rev 5), 3.108 (rev 6), 3.112 (rev 3), 3.113 (rev 4), 3.114 (rev 3), 3.115 (rev 3), 3.116 (rev 5), 3.117 (rev 6), 3.118 (rev 1), 3.119, 100305, showing the proposed construction of a two-storey reception and accommodation block for prisoners within the boundary of H.M. Prison, La Moye, St. Brelade;
- (b) to authorise the Greffier of the States to sign the said drawings on behalf of the States.

HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

- Notes:
- 1. The Environment and Public Services Committee approved these drawings under Permit No. PB/2002/1395 dated 16th January 2003.
 - 2. The Finance and Economics Committee supports this proposition.

REPORT

H.M. Prison La Moye was first built in the mid-seventies. Certain modifications have been made to the buildings but no additional accommodation has been provided for some time. Recent trends in the population have resulted in the normal occupancy levels of 149 prisoners being exceeded on a regular basis with the net result that prisoners have had to be sent to the England and Wales Prison Service. In 2003, a figure of £820,000 was spent on prisoners in the U.K.

Trends in the prison population have been steadily rising and have resulted in the following average daily numbers –

<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>	<i>2002</i>
114	120	139	141	143

In March 2003, the prison population reached a new record figure of 172, which meant that accommodation that had been used for physical education and evening activities needed to be converted into dormitories. The need for additional accommodation is now critical and a plan has been devised to purchase some pre-engineered custodial accommodation similar to that which is in common use in the U.K.

The planned accommodation is designed to house 37 prisoners and will be used for those prisoners who are involved in the outside work scheme or are nearing eligibility for the scheme. It will take 26 weeks from receipt of the letter of intent to completion and hand-over. The accommodation should therefore be in use by this autumn.

The new accommodation will meet current standards, as identified by the report of Her Majesty's Inspector of Prisons, and will include integral sanitation in cells. This will also improve night security in that night staff will no longer be required to unlock prisoners to use communal toilet areas when staffing levels are low.

In view of the specialist, pre-fabricated style of build, single tender action has already been approved which is within the sum of £3 million allocated to the project.

There are no manpower implications arising from this proposition.

The Home Affairs Committee therefore asks the States to approve these drawings and to permit the project to proceed as planned.