



**THE STATES assembled on Thursday
24th September 2020, at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Timothy John Le Cocq, Esquire.**

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

Senator Ian Joseph Gorst – excused attendance (joined at 11.30 a.m.)
Senator Sarah Craig Ferguson – ill

Prayers read by the Greffier of the States

Standing Order 55A – meeting held remotely

THE STATES assembled remotely, in accordance with Standing Order 55A, as the Bailiff considered that it was not possible to convene or maintain a quorate meeting in view of a substantial risk to the health of both States Members and the public.

Documents presented

Establishment of a digital register of all commercial and residential properties P.93/2020.
(P.93/2020) – Addendum to the report. Add.
Presented: 24th September 2020.
Deputy M.R. Higgins.

Jersey Child Care Trust (JCCT): Alteration to the Constitution. R.100/2020.
Presented: 24th September 2020.
Minister for Education.

Statements on a matter of official responsibility

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Chief Minister made a statement regarding the work of the Government of Jersey on keeping the Island safe from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES noted that Deputy Lindsay Barry Edward Ash of St. Clement had informed the Greffier, in accordance with Standing Order 30(2), that his proposition entitled ‘Drinks Promotions’ (P.105/2020) would be deferred from the present meeting to the meeting of 6th October 2020.

Establishment of a digital register for all commercial and residential properties P.93/2020

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of Deputy Michael Roderick Higgins of St. Helier entitled ‘Establishment of a digital register for all commercial and residential properties’ (P.93/2020) and, adopting paragraph (a) of the proposition, requested the Council of Ministers to create a digital register of all commercial and residential properties in the Island that contained details of the

ultimate beneficial ownership of those properties for the purposes of aiding policy formation and if necessary the regulation of the housing and commercial property markets.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 37

Senator L.J. Farnham
 Senator T.A. Vallois
 Senator S.W. Pallett
 Senator S.Y. Mézec
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy of Grouville
 Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
 Deputy M. Tadier (B)
 Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
 Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
 Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
 Deputy of St. Martin
 Deputy of St. Ouen
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
 Deputy R. Labey (H)
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)
 Deputy of St. Mary
 Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
 Deputy J.H. Young (B)
 Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
 Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
 Deputy of Trinity
 Deputy of St. John
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H)
 Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)
 Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)
 Deputy R.J. Ward (H)
 Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
 Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)
 Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

CONTRE: 5

Senator I.J. Gorst
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of St. John
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)

ABSTAIN: 0

THE STATES rejected paragraph (b) of the proposition to request that the register of all commercial and residential properties in the Island that contained details of the ultimate beneficial ownership of those properties be operated on behalf of the States of Jersey by the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 14

Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)

CONTRE: 28

Senator I.J. Gorst
 Senator L.J. Farnham
 Senator T.A. Vallois

ABSTAIN: 0

Deputy of Grouville	Senator S.W. Pallett
Deputy M. Tadier (B)	Senator S.Y. Mézec
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)	Connétable of St. Clement
Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)	Connétable of St. Saviour
Deputy R. Labey (H)	Connétable of St. Brelade
Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)	Connétable of Grouville
Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)	Connétable of St. John
Deputy J.H. Young (B)	Connétable of St. Ouen
Deputy of St. John	Connétable of St. Martin
Deputy R.J. Ward (H)	Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)	Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
	Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
	Deputy of St. Martin
	Deputy of St. Ouen
	Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
	Deputy of St. Mary
	Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
	Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
	Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)
	Deputy of Trinity
	Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H)
	Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)
	Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)
	Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
	Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

THE STATES, adopting paragraph (c) of the proposition, requested that the register of all commercial and residential properties in the Island that contained details of the ultimate beneficial ownership of those properties be established by the Council of Ministers as soon as possible and not later than the end of 2021.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 34

Senator L.J. Farnham
 Senator T.A. Vallois
 Senator S.W. Pallett
 Senator S.Y. Mézec
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy of Grouville
 Deputy M. Tadier (B)
 Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
 Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
 Deputy of St. Martin
 Deputy of St. Ouen
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
 Deputy R. Labey (H)
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)

CONTRE: 7

Senator I.J. Gorst
 Connétable of St. John
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
 Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
 Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)

ABSTAIN: 0

Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
Deputy J.H. Young (B)
Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy of St. John
Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H)
Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)
Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)
Deputy R.J. Ward (H)
Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)
Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

Ministerial Government: Review P.98/2020

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy John Hilary Young of St. Brelade entitled 'Ministerial Government: Review' (P.98/2020) and rejected the proposition –

- (a) to agree that an independent panel should be established to review the operation of the current machinery of government in Jersey and, in particular, to consider –
 - (i) the role of the Council of Ministers, Ministers and Assistant Ministers and whether the current division of duties and responsibilities between these and officers is appropriate.
 - (ii) the government departmental structure and whether the current political oversight, direction and control of government departments is effective and appropriate.
 - (iii) the role of scrutiny panels and the Public Accounts Committee.
 - (iv) the role of Policy Development Boards.
 - (v) whether the current machinery of government enables all elected States members to make an effective and meaningful contribution to policy development and its implementation and, if not, what changes would be appropriate to enable greater involvement of all elected members in these matters.
- (b) to agree –
 - (i) that the Chair and members of the panel should be appointed by the States and that the panel should be chaired by an appropriately qualified person and be comprised of four other members, all with relevant knowledge and experience.
 - (ii) that the panel should, on completion of its review, produce and present to the States, through the Privileges and Procedures Committee, a report setting out its findings and recommendations.
 - (iii) that the panel should be requested to complete its review no later than the end of July 2021 to enable its recommendations to be considered and, where appropriate, implemented at the time of the appointment of the new Council of Ministers after the May 2022 elections;

- (c) to request the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee, in consultation with the President of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee and Chief Minister, with administrative support from the Greffier of the States –
- (i) to take the necessary steps to identify, for approval by the States, the Chair, and members of the panel through a transparent process agreed with the Jersey Appointments Commission.
- (ii) to draft, for early approval by the States, detailed terms of reference for the panel.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 7

Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
 Deputy J.H. Young (B)
 Deputy of St. John
 Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)
 Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

CONTRE: 37

Senator I.J. Gorst
 Senator L.J. Farnham
 Senator T.A. Vallois
 Senator K.L. Moore
 Senator S.W. Pallett
 Senator S.Y. Mézec
 Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy of Grouville
 Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
 Deputy M. Tadier (B)
 Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
 Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
 Deputy of St. Martin
 Deputy of St. Ouen
 Deputy R. Labey (H)
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)
 Deputy of St. Mary
 Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
 Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
 Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
 Deputy of St. Peter
 Deputy of Trinity
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H)
 Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)
 Deputy R.J. Ward (H)
 Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
 Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)

ABSTAIN: 2

Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)

Changes in Presidency

The Bailiff retired from the Chamber during consideration of the proposition of Deputy John Hilary Young of St. Brelade entitled 'Ministerial Government: Review' (P.98/2020) and the meeting continued under the Presidency of Dr. Mark Egan, Greffier of the States.

Foreshore: policy for alleged encroachment payments P.101/2020

THE STATES, commencing consideration of a proposition of the Deputy of Grouville entitled 'Foreshore: policy for alleged encroachment payments' (P.101/2020), commenced consideration of an amendment of the Minister for Infrastructure (P.101/2020 Amd.).

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106(1)(a), Senator Ian Joseph Gorst and Deputy Susan Jane Pinel of St. Clement declared an interest and withdrew from the Chamber for the duration of the debate on the proposition of the Deputy of Grouville.

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Friday 25th September 2020 to continue consideration of the proposition of the Deputy of Grouville entitled 'Foreshore: policy for alleged encroachment payments' (P.101/2020), the accompanying amendment, and the other outstanding items of public business listed for the meeting.

THE STATES rose at 5.30 p.m.

DR. M. EGAN

Greffier of the States