

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **DRAFT ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2011 (P.99/2010): THIRD AMENDMENT (P.99/2010 Amd.(3)) – COMMENTS**

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**Presented to the States on 10th September 2010  
by the Council of Ministers**

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**STATES GREFFE**

## COMMENTS

The Council of Ministers opposes this amendment.

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier proposes that –

the net revenue expenditure of the Health and Social Services Department shall be increased £249,000 and not proceed with the Comprehensive Spending Review proposals –

- (a) HSS-S3 £6,000 prevent redesigning sports injury outpatients clinic;
- (b) HSS-S8 £153,000 reducing physio services; and
- (c) HSS-S18 £90,000 reducing gardening and non-essential engineering maintenance, reprofiling project management costs and engineers overtime; and

reduce net revenue expenditure of Treasury and Resources from Restructuring costs by the same amount.

### Comment

- (a) The proposal for the saving relates to a discontinuation of limited input from a general practitioner with sports injury specialist knowledge, one afternoon a week and is not a complete removal. There are other alternative private services available on the island.
- (b) The recently launched Voluntary Redundancy scheme has provided further scope for savings and this will be explored in relation to physiotherapy services.

Pregnant and post natal women will be referred to the midwifery team. The more complicated post natal disorders will still be seen by a qualified physiotherapist. Patients will be prioritised according to their needs, concentrating activity on those mothers who require essential post natal physiotherapy care.

The proposal to close the Hospital pool does not stop hydrotherapy per se. There are other facilities on the island that can be used in both the public and private sector.

The Hospital pool is 30 years old and coming to the end of its useful life. It will require significant capital investment in the future if it is to remain open in the long term. Other small island jurisdictions such as the Isle of Man and the Isle of Wight do not have these facilities within their Acute Hospital and it is therefore not inconceivable that Jersey could do the same.

- (c) This does not impact on patient or client care. The department has been carrying vacancies for some time and has therefore already been compelled to operate in an alternative way without detriment to its services. As such the loss of these posts will not incur redundancies. The cost of project

management will, in future, be included within the total contract price agreed for each capital project and therefore found within capital allocations.

**Financial implications**

The amendment proposes that the financial implications are neutral and this is achieved by reducing the central provision for restructuring costs held by Treasury and Resources.

Members are referred to the Council of Ministers comment to P.99/2010 Amd. where the Council has explained in detail the implications of using this central provision for restructuring to offset funding increases.