

STATES OF JERSEY



PROPOSED GOVERNMENT PLAN 2023- 2026 (P.97/2022): TENTH AMENDMENT

CHANGES TO PROPOSED HEADS OF EXPENDITURE

Lodged au Greffe on 25th November 2022
by the Council of Ministers

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AMENDMENT

1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (e) –

After the words, “for each Head of Expenditure” insert the words “, except that, in Summary Table 5i, the line for Infrastructure, Housing and Environment should be deleted and replaced with two new lines as follows –

£'000	Income	Expenditure	Head of Expenditure
Infrastructure	22,950	68,201	45,251
Environment	8,227	18,481	10,254

2 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (e) –

After the words, “for each Head of Expenditure” insert the words “, except that, in Summary Table 5i, the line for Department for the Economy should be deleted and replaced with two new lines as follows –

£'000	Income	Expenditure	Head of Expenditure
Economic Development, Tourism, Sport & Culture	-	32,526	32,526
Financial Services	-	7,738	7,738

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Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

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

to receive the Government Plan 2023 – 2026 specified in Article 9(1) of the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 (“the Law”) and specifically –

- a) to approve the estimate of total States income to be paid into the Consolidated Fund in 2023 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 1 to the Report, which is inclusive of the proposed taxation and impôts duties changes outlined in the Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(a) of the Law;
- b) to approve the proposed Changes to Approval for financing/borrowing for 2023, as shown in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 2 to the Report, which may be obtained by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, as and when required, in line with Article 9 (2)(c) of the Law, of up to those revised approvals.

- c) to approve the transfers from one States fund to another for 2023 of up to and including the amounts set in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 3 in line with Article 9(2)(b) of the Law.
- d) to approve each major project that is to be started or continued in 2023 and the total cost of each such project and any amendments to the proposed total cost of a major project under a previously approved Government Plan, in line with Article 9(2)(d), (e) and (f) of the Law and as set out in Appendix 2 - Summary Table 4 to the Report.
- e) to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from the Consolidated Fund for 2023, for each Head of Expenditure, being gross expenditure less estimated income (if any), in line with Articles 9(2)(g), 10(1) and 10(2) of the Law, and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 5(i) and (ii) of the Report, **except that**
- (i). in Summary Table 5i, the line for Infrastructure, Housing and Environment should be deleted and replaced with two new lines as follows –

£'000	Income	Expenditure	Head of Expenditure
Infrastructure	22,950	68,201	45,251
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- (ii). in Summary Table 5i, the line for Department for the Economy should be deleted and replaced with two new lines as follows –

£'000	Income	Expenditure	Head of Expenditure
Departmental Expenditure			
Economic Development, Tourism, Sport & Culture	-	32,526	32,526
Financial Services	-	7,738	7,738

- f) to approve the estimated income, being estimated gross income less expenditure, that each States trading operation will pay into its trading fund in 2023 in line with Article 9(2)(h) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 6 to the Report;
- g) to approve the proposed amount to be appropriated from each States trading operation's trading fund for 2023 for each head of expenditure in line with Article 9(2)(i) of the Law and set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 7 to the Report;
- h) to approve the estimated income and expenditure proposals for the Climate Emergency Fund for 2023 as set out in Appendix 2 – Summary Table 8 to the Report;
- i) to approve, in accordance with Article 9(1) of the Law, the Government Plan 2023-2026, as set out at Appendix 3 to the Report.

REPORT

As part of ongoing work to strengthen ministerial accountability, changes are proposed to Heads of Expenditure in the Government Plan.

These changes disaggregate the Heads of Expenditure for “Infrastructure, Housing and Environment” and “Department for the Economy” into separate Heads of Expenditure for “Infrastructure”; “Environment”; “Financial Services”, “Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture”.

This improves the level of transparency in the Government Plan - so it can be more clearly seen what resources are at the disposal of different Ministers as they discharge their responsibilities, including the actions outlined in their Ministerial Plans.

Infrastructure, Housing and Environment

The Head of Expenditure for Infrastructure, Housing and Environment is divided into two new heads of expenditure to match the portfolios of the Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for the Environment.

Department for the Economy

The Department for the Economy discharges functions related to the economy as a whole, including Financial Services.

This amendment splits out the Financial Services directorates in the Department for the Economy into a separate new head of expenditure. This provides a clearer link with ministerial accountabilities. At the time of lodging the amendment, statutory responsibility lies with the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services.

The functions within the Department for the Economy which fall within the portfolio of the Minister for Economic for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport, and Culture will therefore fall under a separate Head of Expenditure, labelled Economic Development, Tourism, Sport, and Culture.

These changes have no implications for the departmental structure of government - but do show that expenditure can be readily analysed and moved, as needed, to support whatever department structures are agreed, and to make clear and strengthen ministerial lines of accountability.

Financial and manpower implications

There is no impact on overall expenditure.