

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT EMPLOYMENT OF STATES OF JERSEY EMPLOYEES (AMENDMENT No. 5) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 201- (P.22/2010): AMENDMENT (P.22/2010 Amd.) – COMMENTS

**Presented to the States on 7th May 2010
by the Council of Ministers**

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COMMENTS

1. Whilst the report to the Amendment correctly recalls the proposition which was ultimately agreed in November 2009 concerning the future constitution of the States Employment Board, the Council of Ministers is concerned that the amended proposition, as agreed, can result in important policy issues concerning the Management of the public service being made by members who do not have executive responsibility for the Government of the Island. For this reason, the Chief Minister has proposed that –
 - (i) appointment of elected members to the Board be made by the States on his recommendation;
 - (ii) a quorum for Board meetings contain at least 2 members of the Executive.
2. The principle of ensuring that a quorum contains a minimum of people of a specified category is already established, in that a quorum for a meeting of the Public Accounts Committee must contain a minimum number of elected members as opposed to non-elected members.
3. The Council considers that P.22/2010 succeeds in widening the political base of the Board, which it feels States Members are wanting, whilst at the same time retaining ultimate authority and responsibility for managing a public service which costs of the order of £320 million per annum, with the Executive.