

STATES OF JERSEY



ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN 2007 (P.92/2006): COMMENTS

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by the Environment Scrutiny Panel**

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COMMENTS

The Environment Panel notes that paragraph (g) of the proposition invites the States –

‘to approve **in principle** the total net revenue expenditure for the States funded bodies, as set out in Summary Table C, page 58, for the period 2008 to 2011 and the proposed programme of capital project for the States funded bodies for 2008 to 2011 as set out in the Summary Tables F to I, pages 61 to 64 respectively;’

The Panel also notes that, in the proposed programme of capital projects for 2008 – 2011, a sum in excess of £2.9 million has been provisionally allocated to a sludge treatment dryer.

It is understood by the Panel that the working group headed by Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire of St. Helier is due to report imminently on possible alternative solutions for processing the Island’s compostable waste. It further understands that the content of that report may include information regarding solutions that are also capable of dealing effectively with some liquid waste material. On that basis the Panel wishes to inform the States that, while it is not necessarily opposed to paragraph (g) as reprinted above, it reserves the right to bring an amendment to future annual business plans should it subsequently be demonstrated that expenditure on the sludge treatment dryer, or indeed any other proposed capital bid listed within Tables F to I, represents a debatable use of public funds from an environmental and/or a best value perspective.