

**THE STATES assembled on Wednesday,
13th September 2006, at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff,
Michael Cameron St. John Birt, Esquire.**

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

Senator Leonard Norman – en défaut
Senator Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf – en défaut (défaut raised at 10.14 a.m.)
Connétable Alan Simon Crowcroft of St. Helier– en défaut (défaut raised at 02.17 p.m.)
Connétable Richard Edward Norwood Dupré of St. John– excused.

Prayers read by the Greffier of the States.

Documents presented or laid

Jersey Child Care Trust: Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General. R.72/2006.
Presented: 13th September 2006.
Comptroller and Auditor General.

Notification of lodged propositions

Goods and Services Tax: exempt or zero-rated items (P.86/2006) – second P.86/2006. Amd.
amendment. (2)
Lodged: 13th September 2006.
Senator S. Syvret.

Code of Practice for Scrutiny Panels and the Public Accounts Committee P.101/2006.
(P.101/2006): second amendment. Amd.(2)
Lodged: 13th September 2006.
Council of Ministers.

Draft Housing (General Provisions) (Amendment No. 23) (Jersey) Regulations P.109/2006.
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Lodged: 13th September 2006.
Minister for Housing.

Draft Rates (Apportionment) (Jersey) Regulations 200-. P.110/2006.
Lodged: 13th September 2006.
Comité des Connétables.

Withdrawal of lodged proposition

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 34(1), the proposer of the following proposition lodged “au Greffe” had informed the Greffier of the States that it had been withdrawn –

Goods and Services Tax: exempt or zero-rated items (P.86/2006) – amendment. P.86/2006. Amd.
Lodged: 7th July 2006.
Deputy A. Breckon of St. Saviour.

Annual Business Plan 2007 – P.92/2006 Amendments

THE STATES resumed consideration of a proposition of the Chief Minister regarding the Annual Business Plan 2007, and, adopting paragraph (a)(vi) of the proposition, approved the summary key objectives and performance criteria for 2007 of the Housing Department, as detailed in page 74 of the Annex to the draft Annual Business Plan 2007.

THE STATES, adopting paragraph (a)(vii) of the proposition, approved the summary of key objectives and performance criteria for 2007 of the Planning and Environment Department, as detailed in page 81 to 83 of the Annex to the draft Annual Business Plan 2007.

THE STATES commenced consideration of paragraph (a)(viii) of the proposition requesting that they approve the summary key objectives and performance criteria for 2007 of the Social Security Department as detailed on pages 94 to 95 of the Annex to the draft Annual Business Plan 2007, and of an amendment of Senator Ben Edward Shenton that in paragraph (a)(viii), after the words “pages 94 and 95 of the Annex”, there be inserted the words –

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“except that in Objective 1, on page 94 of the Annex, for the words “*Winter fuel payment for pensioners introduced in 2007*” substitute the words –

- *Agreement reached by the Council of Ministers on an appropriate reallocation of expenditure within existing States expenditure limits by February 2007 to fund a new winter fuel payment for pensioners, with the scheme introduced by April 2007.”,*

and adopted an amendment to that amendment of the Chief Minister that for the words “by April 2007”, there be substituted the words “by November 2007”.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 40

Senator S. Syvret
Senator F.H. Walker

Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Senator T.J. Le Main
Senator F.E. Cohen
Senator J.L. Perchard
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Saviour
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Peter
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. Martin
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)

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Senator B.E. Shenton
Deputy C.J. Scott Warren
(S)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy S. Pitman (H)
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

ABSTAIN: 0

Deputy P.N. Troy (B)
Deputy R.G. Le Hérisssier (S)
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
Deputy G.W.J. de Faye (H)
Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)
Deputy D.W. Mezbourian
(L)
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy A.J.H. Maclean (H)
Deputy of St. John
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)
Deputy of St. Mary

THE STATES adopted the amendment of Senator Ben Edward Shenton to paragraph (a)(viii), as amended, and further adopted paragraph (a)(viii), as amended.

THE STATES commenced consideration of paragraph (a)(ix) of the proposition requesting that they approve the summary key objectives and performance criteria for 2007 of the Transport and Technical Services Department as detailed on pages 104 and 105 of the Annex to the draft Annual Business Plan 2007, and adopted an amendment of Deputy Roy George Le Hérisssier of St. Saviour that in paragraph (a)(ix), after the words “pages 104 and 105 of the Annex”, there be inserted the words –

– “except that in Objective 4, on page 104 of the Annex, for the words “*Increased number of bus passengers*” substitute the words –

- *Public Transport Strategy presented to the Assembly by 30th June 2007 with all viable options identified and costed.*”

THE STATES adopted, as amended, paragraph (a)(ix).

THE STATES commenced consideration of paragraph (a)(x) of the proposition requesting that they approve the summary key objectives and performance criteria for 2007 of the Treasury and Resources Department, as detailed in pages 114 and 115 of the Annex to the draft Annual Business Plan 2007, and adopted amendments of the Deputy of St. Ouen that in paragraph (a)(x), after the words “pages 114 and 115 of the Annex”, there be inserted the words –

– “except that –

- (i) in Objective 1, on page 115 of the Annex, after the words “*Strategic Reserve*” in the last performance/success indicator insert the words “*and submitted to the States for approval in 2007*”
- (ii) after Objective 1 insert the following new Objective and associated performance/success criteria and renumber subsequent Objectives accordingly –

Objective 2: Managing the States’ finances

Performance/success criteria

- *Clear financial targets by which performance can be monitored developed.*
- *Improved financial reporting systems and performance measures developed in conjunction with the Comptroller and Auditor General and the Public Accounts Committee.*
- *Revenue consequences of all capital projects and the legislation programme fully quantified prior to approval by the States.*
- *Whole life costing for all capital projects implemented.*

(iii) in Objective 3, on page 115 of the Annex, after the existing performance/success criteria, insert the following new item –

- *An asset register for all States property which shows initial costs, depreciation and replacement value created.*

(iv) in Objective 4, on page 115 of the Annex, after the existing performance/success criteria, insert the following new items –

- *Efficiency statements and use of resource statements introduced to assess departmental performance.*
- *Resource accounting implemented by 2008.”*

THE STATES adopted, as amended, paragraph (a)(x).

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 33

CONTRE: 2

ABSTAIN: 0

Senator S. Syvret
 Senator F.H. Walker
 Senator T.A. Le Sueur
 Senator P.F. Routier
 Senator M.E. Vibert
 Senator J.L. Perchard
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of t. Helier
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Deputy A. Breckon (S)
 Deputy J.J. Huet (H)
 Deputy of St. Martin
 Deputy C.J. Scott Warren (S)
 Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S)
 Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
 Deputy of St. Ouen
 Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
 Deputy of St. Peter
 Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
 Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)

Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)
 Deputy S. Pitman (S)

Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy A.J.H. Maclean (H)
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy of St. John
Deputy of St. Mary

THE STATES, adopting paragraphs (a)(xi) to (a)(xiii) of the proposition, approved the summary key objectives and performance criteria for 2007 of the States Assembly and its services, Jersey Airport and Jersey Harbours as detailed in pages 135 and 136, 142, and 148 to 150 respectively of the Annex to the draft Annual Business Plan 2007.

THE STATES, adopting paragraph (b) of the proposition, agreed that total States net expenditure for each of the years 2007 to 2011 should not exceed the amounts set out in Summary Table C on page 58 of the draft Annual Business Plan 2007.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 29

CONTRE: 1

ABSTAIN: 0

Senator F.H. Walker
Senator W. Kinnard
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator M.E. Vibert
Senator B.E. Shenton
Senator F.E. Cohen
Senator J.L. Perchard
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Peter
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of Trinity
Deputy A. Breckon (S)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy S.J. Scott Warren (S)
Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy S.C. Ferguson (B)
Deputy P.J.D. Ryan (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy of St. Peter
Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)
Deputy D.W. Mezbourian
(L)
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy S. Pitman (H)
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)

Deputy of St. Ouen

THE STATES commenced consideration of paragraph (c) of the proposition requesting that they approve the summary set out in the Summary Table A, page 56, being the gross revenue expenditure of each States funded body totalling £606,972,400, and, having taken into account any income due to each of the States funded bodies, the net revenue expenditure of each States funded body totalling £516,075,100, be withdrawn from the consolidated fund in 2007, and of an amendment of the Privileges and Procedures Committee that in paragraph (c), after the words“withdrawn from the consolidated fund in 2007”, there be inserted the words –

“except that the net revenue expenditure of each of the Ministerial Departments be reduced by £18,800 and the net revenue expenditure of the States Assembly and its services be increased by £188,000 in order to fund the establishment of an additional scrutiny panel to scrutinise social affairs”,

and, following consideration, agreed to a request by the Chairman of the Privileges and Procedures Committee that, in accordance with Standing Order 69(4), the amendment be withdrawn.

THE STATES commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Sean Seamus Patrick Augustine Power of St. Brelade that in paragraph (c), after the words “withdrawn from the consolidated fund in 2007”, there be inserted the words –

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“except that the net revenue expenditure of the Minister for Planning and Environment for 2007 be increased by £250,000 to fund the introduction of third party planning appeals and the net revenue expenditure of the Minister for Home Affairs be decreased by £250,000 by reducing the proposed allocation relating to discrimination legislation”,

and, following consideration, agreed to a request by Deputy Sean Seamus Patrick Augustine Power of St. Brelade that, in accordance with Standing Order 69(4), the amendment be withdrawn.

Deputy Peter Nicholas Troy, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106, declared an interest and withdrew from the Chamber for the duration of the debate of the amendment of Deputy Sean Seamus Patrick Augustine Power of St. Brelade relating to paragraph (c) of the proposition.

THE STATES adopted paragraph (c) of the proposition.

Change in presidency

The Deputy Bailiff retired from the chair during consideration of paragraph (a)(xiii) of the proposition of the Chief Minister regarding the Annual Business Plan 2007, (P.92/2006 lodged “au Greffe” on 18th July 2006), and the meeting continued under the presidency of Mr. Michael Nelson de la Haye, Greffier of the States.

The Deputy Bailiff returned to the Chamber during consideration of the amendment of the Privileges and Procedures Committee to paragraph (c) of the proposition of the Chief Minister, and resumed the presidency for the remainder of the meeting.

Adjournment

THE STATES then adjourned, having agreed to reconvene the next day, Thursday 14th September 2006, in order to continue consideration of the proposition of the Chief Minister regarding the Annual Business Plan 2007, (P.92/2006 lodged “au Greffe” on 18th July 2006), together with the outstanding matters of public business.

THE STATES rose at 5.30 p.m.

M.N. DE LA HAYE

Greffier of the States