



**THE STATES assembled on Tuesday
15th December 2020, at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Timothy John Le Cocq, Esquire.**

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

Deputy Russell Labey of St. Helier – excused attendance (joined at 11.43 a.m.)

Prayers

Standing Order 55A – meeting held remotely

THE STATES assembled remotely, in accordance with Standing Order 55A, as the Bailiff considered that it was not possible to convene or maintain a quorate meeting in view of a substantial risk to the health of both States Members and the public.

Oral Questions without notice

(see Official Report/Hansard)

A period of questions without notice was held, during which questions were permitted to any Minister on Covid-related matters.

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THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Government Plan 2021–2024’ (P.130/2020), as amended, and rejected an amendment of Deputy Michael Roderick Higgins of St. Helier (P.130/2020 Amd.(20)) that in paragraph (f), after the words “Appendix 2 – Summary Tables 5(i) and (ii) of the Report”, there should be inserted the words –

“, except that in Summary Table 5(ii) the overall head of expenditure shall be reduced by £1,000,000 through the removal of funding allocated to States of Jersey Police Firearms Range, and that the overall head of expenditure in Summary Table 5(i) shall be increased by £1,000,000 to allow for a grant to be given to the Sea Cadets Jersey to fund, either completely or substantially, the acquisition of new headquarters”

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 14

Senator S.C. Ferguson
Senator S.Y. Mézec
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of St. Peter
Connétable of St. Ouen
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy M. Tadier (B)
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

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Senator I.J. Gorst
Senator L.J. Farnham
Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré
Senator T.A. Vallois
Senator K.L. Moore
Senator S.W. Pallett
Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Saviour

ABSTAIN: 1

Connétable of St. John

Deputy of St. Mary	Connétable of Grouville
Deputy of St. John	Connétable of Trinity
Deputy R.J. Ward (H)	Connétable of St. Mary
Deputy C.S. Alves (H)	Connétable of St. Martin
Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)	Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
	Deputy of Grouville
	Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
	Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
	Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
	Deputy of St. Martin
	Deputy of St. Ouen
	Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
	Deputy R. Labey (H)
	Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)
	Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
	Deputy J.H. Young (B)
	Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
	Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
	Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)
	Deputy of St. Peter
	Deputy of Trinity
	Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H)
	Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)
	Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)
	Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 106(1)(c), Senator Sarah Craig Ferguson and the Connétable of St. John declared an interest which was not financial, and remained in the Chamber for the duration of the debate on the amendment of Deputy Michael Roderick Higgins of St. Helier (P.130/2020 Amd.(20)).

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, as amended, and commenced consideration of an amendment of Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier (P.130/2020 Amd.(9)).

Changes in Presidency

THE STATES re-assembled after the lunch adjournment under the Presidency of Mrs. Lisa-Marie Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States.

Government Plan 2021–2024 P.130/2020

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Government Plan 2021–2024’ (P.130/2020), as amended, resumed consideration of an amendment of Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier (P.130/2020 Amd.(9)) and rejected the amendment that, in paragraph (i), after the words “Appendix 2 – Summary Table 9 to the Report”, there should be inserted the words –

“, with the remaining balance from the Fund to be made available for use by the Minister for Infrastructure to provide for the establishment from 1st April 2021 of a bus pass scheme for all people eligible to pay fares under the age of 21 (for which a charge of £20 per annum should be levied on the individual), with the overall cost of, take-up of, and customer satisfaction with the scheme to be subsequently reviewed by the Minister and the outcome of the review to be published by the end of the third quarter of 2021”

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 18

Senator K.L. Moore
 Senator S.W. Pallett
 Senator S.Y. Mézec
 Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy M. Tadier (B)
 Deputy of St. Martin
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
 Deputy of St. John
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H)
 Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)
 Deputy R.J. Ward (H)
 Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
 Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)
 Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

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Senator I.J. Gorst
 Senator L.J. Farnham
 Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré
 Senator T.A. Vallois
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Saviour
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy of Grouville
 Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
 Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
 Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
 Deputy of St. Ouen
 Deputy R. Labey (H)
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)
 Deputy of St. Mary
 Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
 Deputy J.H. Young (B)
 Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
 Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)
 Deputy of St. Peter
 Deputy of Trinity
 Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)

ABSTAIN: 0**Changes in Presidency**

Mrs. Lisa-Marie Hart, Deputy Greffier of the States, retired from the Chair during consideration of the amendment of Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier (P.130/2020 Amd.(9)) to the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Government Plan 2021–2024’ (P.130/2020), as amended, and the meeting continued under the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff .

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THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Government Plan 2021–2024’ (P.130/2020), as amended, rejected an amendment of Senator Kristina Louise Moore (P.130/2020 Amd.(15)) that in paragraph (i), after the words “Appendix 2 – Summary Table 9 to the Report”, there should be inserted the words –

“, with the remaining balance from the Fund to be made available to allow for the introduction of a scheme whereby the GST paid on the following items may be refunded, with the Minister for Treasury and Resources requested to introduce such a scheme with effect from 1st January 2021 –

- (i) photovoltaics and solar panels,
- (ii) ground and air source heat pumps,

- (iii) electric boilers,
- (iv) electric cars, motorbikes, scooters and vans,
- (v) electric bikes and cargo bikes,
- (vi) loft and cavity wall insulation, and
- (vii) double glazing”.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 20

Senator K.L. Moore
 Senator S.W. Pallett
 Senator S.Y. Mézec
 Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Lawrence
 Connétable of St. Brelade
 Connétable of Grouville
 Connétable of St. Peter
 Connétable of St. Martin
 Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
 Deputy M. Tadier (B)
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)
 Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
 Deputy of St. John
 Deputy M.R. Le Hégarat (H)
 Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)
 Deputy R.J. Ward (H)
 Deputy C.S. Alves (H)
 Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)
 Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

CONTRE: 25

Senator I.J. Gorst
 Senator L.J. Farnham
 Senator S.C. Ferguson
 Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré
 Senator T.A. Vallois
 Connétable of St. Clement
 Connétable of St. John
 Connétable of Trinity
 Connétable of St. Mary
 Connétable of St. Ouen
 Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
 Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
 Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
 Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
 Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
 Deputy of St. Ouen
 Deputy R. Labey (H)
 Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)
 Deputy of St. Mary
 Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
 Deputy J.H. Young (B)
 Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
 Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)
 Deputy of St. Peter
 Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)

ABSTAIN: 0

THE STATES, resuming consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, as amended, rejected an amendment of Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier (P.130/2020 Amd.(18)) that in paragraph (i), after the words “Appendix 2 – Summary Table 9 to the Report”, there should be inserted the words –

“, except that in Summary Table 5(i) the Revenue Head of Expenditure for Covid-19 Response shall be reduced by £573,717 and such funding allocated to the Head of Expenditure for Children, Young People, Education and Skills to allow for the extension of the school meals pilot to all fully state-funded primary schools with a view to Island-wide provision being in place by the start of term in September 2021 at the latest, or earlier if practicable.”

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 22

Senator K.L. Moore
 Senator S.W. Pallett
 Senator S.Y. Mézec
 Connétable of St. Helier
 Connétable of St. Lawrence

CONTRE: 25

Senator I.J. Gorst
 Senator L.J. Farnham
 Senator S.C. Ferguson
 Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré
 Senator T.A. Vallois

ABSTAIN: 0

Connétable of St. Peter	Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Martin	Connétable of St. Brelade
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)	Connétable of Grouville
Deputy M. Tadier (B)	Connétable of St. John
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)	Connétable of St. Mary
Deputy of St. Martin	Connétable of St. Ouen
Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S)	Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy of St. Mary	Deputy of Grouville
Deputy J.H. Young (B)	Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy of St. John	Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H)	Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)	Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy J.H. Perchard (S)	Deputy R. Labey (H)
Deputy R.J. Ward (H)	Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H)
Deputy C.S. Alves (H)	Deputy G.J. Truscott (B)
Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)	Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C)
Deputy I. Gardiner (H)	Deputy K.F. Morel (L)
	Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L)
	Deputy of St. Peter
	Deputy of Trinity

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Wednesday 16th December 2020 to continue consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled ‘Government Plan 2021–2024’ (P.130/2020), as amended, the outstanding accompanying amendments and the other outstanding items of public business listed for the meeting.

THE STATES rose at 5.35 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Deputy Greffier of the States