

# STATES OF JERSEY ORDER PAPER

#### 24th MARCH 2020

#### **SUMMARY**

9.30 a.m. Communications by the Presiding Officer and other announcements

Appointments, matters of privilege, petitions (if any)

Approx. 9.40 a.m. Up to 2 hours

Oral questions with notice

*Urgent questions (if any)* 

Up to 30 minutes, divided between the two Ministers

Oral questions without notice:

- Minister for External Relations
- Chief Minister

Statements (if any)

Approx. 11.15 a.m. **Social Security Tribunal: appointment of members** (P.2/2020)

**Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of members** (P.3/2020)

**Social Security Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of member** (P.4/2020)

Social Security Medical Appeal Tribunal: re-appointment of medical practitioner members (P.15/2020)

Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of lay member and re-appointment of medical practitioner member (P.16/2020)

Social Security Tribunal: appointment of panel member (P.17/2020)

**Jersey Heritage Trust: appointment of Chair** (P.18/2020)

Note: Because of the requirement for a four-week lodging period, the minimum lodging period of the proposition lodged by the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture will expire on Friday 27th March 2020. The Minister will therefore seek the agreement of the Assembly, under Standing Order 26(7), to reduce the lodging period in order that this matter can be debated at the meeting.

Arrangement of public business at subsequent meetings

Lunch adjournment likely around 12.45 p.m., until 2.15 p.m. If business is not completed by around 5.30 p.m. the Assembly usually adjourns for the evening and will resume its meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March 2020 if necessary.



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#### A. COMMUNICATIONS BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

#### B. TABLING OF SUBORDINATE ENACTMENTS

(Explanatory note attached)

Sea Fisheries (Bag Limits) (Jersey) Order 2020. R&O.22/2020. *Minister for the Environment.* 

#### C. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

Island Plan Review 2021–2030: in-committee debate – March 2020. R.22/2020. Presented: 13th March 2020, *Minister for the Environment*.

Procedures for allocations from the Reserve: revised policy March 2020. R.23/2020. Presented: 18th March 2020, *Minister for Treasury and Resources*.

Accounting Standards to be adopted for the States of Jersey's Annual Financial R.24/2020. Statements 2019.

Presented: 19th March 2020, *Minister for Treasury and Resources*.

#### D. NOTIFICATION OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey)
Regulations 201- (P.106/2019): third amendment.

Amd.(3)
Lodged: 12th March 2020, *Minister for the Environment*.

Bus service: introduction of through-fares. P.19/2020. Lodged: 12th March 2020, *Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade*.

#### E. WITHDRAWAL OF LODGED PROPOSITIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 34(1), the proposer of the following proposition lodged 'au Greffe' has informed the Greffier of the States that it is to be withdrawn –

Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey) P.106/2019. Regulations 201- (P.106/2019): amendment. Amd. Lodged: 13th December 2019, *Minister for the Environment*.

#### F. APPOINTMENT OF MINISTERS, COMMITTEES AND PANELS

#### G. MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE

#### H. PETITIONS



# I. QUESTIONS

# (a) - Written Questions

(attached)

WQ.131/2020

- 1. The Minister for the Environment will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy K.F. Morel of St. Lawrence regarding the Climate Emergency Fund.
- WQ.133/2020 2. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to a question asked by Senator S.C. Ferguson regarding the 5G network.
- WQ.135/2020 3. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Senator S.C. Ferguson regarding the measures being taken to address the current situation with Covid-19.
- WQ.136/2020 4. The Minister for the Environment will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy S.M. Ahier of St. Helier regarding the quality of raw water in Jersey.
- WQ.137/2020 5. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the number of ventilators in the Island.
- WQ.138/2020 6. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the use of private sector health facilities during the Coronavirus emergency.
- WQ.139/2020 7. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to a question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier regarding the testing of Islanders for Covid-19.

#### (b) - Oral Questions

(120 minutes)

OQ.87/2020

- 1. Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture
  - "Will the Minister advise what plans are in place to ensure that the ports that serve Jersey will continue to operate to allow the maintenance of supplies to the Island during the current Coronavirus situation?"
- OQ.91/2020 2. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services
  - "Will the Minister authorise a significant increase in the rate of testing for Coronavirus in the Island along the lines of World Health Organisation recommendations, in order to limit the spread of the virus; and if not, why not?"

OQ.85/2020

- 3. Deputy K.F. Morel of St. Lawrence will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security
  - "Given the likelihood that many families and individuals will find themselves struggling to pay their rent over the coming months, what measures is the Minister taking to ensure that no Islanders are left without a home during the coronavirus crisis?"



OQ.83/2020

4. Deputy K.G. Pamplin of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

"Will the Minister explain how it is planned to mitigate the impact on staff at the Hospital, both in terms of their workload and their wellbeing, in the event that they have to deal with a large volume of cases requiring critical care during the current Coronavirus situation?"

OQ.89/2020

5. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –

"Will the Minister advise members whether she will make a cash payment to all adults, possibly on a monthly basis as a form of universal benefit, so that no member of the public goes without during the current pandemic and so that businesses can continue to operate and workers to be employed?"

OQ.90/2020

6. Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Health and Social Services –

"Will the Minister advise members how many people have been admitted to hospital to date with Covid-19 and what the estimates are for future such admissions on the basis of the models being used by the Government?"

OQ.84/2020

7. Deputy K.G. Pamplin of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

"Will the Chief Minister explain how, if at all, the Bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey are helping and supporting each other during the current Coronavirus situation and what level of communication is being maintained between the Islands' governments?"

OQ.86/2020

8. Deputy K.F. Morel of St. Lawrence will ask the following question of the Chief Minister –

"Will the Chief Minister state what assessment, if any, has been undertaken of any risks arising from Government workers who continue to travel between their homes in the U.K. and their workplaces in Jersey; and will he state when, if at all, any such workers will be required to choose whether to stay in Jersey to work or to remain in the U.K. for the duration of the Coronavirus crisis?"

OO.88/2020

9. Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Home Affairs –

"Will the Minister advise what actions have been taken (or are being considered) within his portfolio to ensure that people who need to self-isolate following Government advice in fact do so during the current Coronavirus situation?"

OQ.92/2020

10. Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier will ask the following question of the Minister for Social Security –

Will the Minister agree to widen the eligibility criteria for Income Support in order to alleviate any hardship caused by the response to the Coronavirus and the anticipated reduction in income for many families in the short and long term and, in particular, to prevent any threat of evictions caused by rent arrears; and if not, why not?

(c) – Questions to Ministers without notice (30 minutes) –

1st question period – Minister for External Relations

2nd question period - Chief Minister



# J. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

#### K. STATEMENTS ON A MATTER OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY

#### L. PUBLIC BUSINESS

<b>Social Security Tribunal: appointment of members.</b> Lodged: 10th January 2020, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.2/2020.
<b>Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of members.</b> Lodged: 10th January 2020, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.3/2020.
<b>Social Security Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of member.</b> Lodged: 10th January 2020, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.4/2020.
Social Security Medical Appeal Tribunal: re-appointment of medical practitioner members.  Lodged: 25th February 2020, Minister for Social Security.	P.15/2020.
Income Support Medical Appeal Tribunal: appointment of lay member and re-appointment of medical practitioner member.  Lodged: 25th February 2020, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.16/2020.
<b>Social Security Tribunal: appointment of panel member.</b> Lodged: 25th February 2020, <i>Minister for Social Security</i> .	P.17/2020.

Jersey Heritage Trust: appointment of Chair.

P.18/2020.

Lodged: 28th February 2020, Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture.

Note: Because of the requirement for a four-week lodging period, the minimum lodging period of the proposition lodged by the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture will expire on Friday 27th March 2020. The Minister will therefore seek the agreement of the Assembly, under Standing Order 26(7), to reduce the lodging period in order that this matter can be debated at the meeting.

#### M. ARRANGEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

# **21st April 2020**

Foreshore: policy for alleged encroachment compensation payments.	P.6/2020.
Lodged: 27th January 2020, Deputy of Grouville.	
The Communications (Jersey) Order 2020: extension to Jersey by Order in	P.14/2020.
Council.	
Lodged: 19th February 2020, Chief Minister.	
The Communications (Jersey) Order 2020: extension to Jersey by Order in	P.14/2020.
Council (P.14/2020) – addendum to report.	Add.
Presented: 25th February 2020, Chief Minister.	

# Bus service: introduction of through-fares.

P.19/2020.

Lodged: 12th March 2020, Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade.



#### 12th May 2020

Ban on the sale of plastic bags.	P.11/2020.
Lodged: 12th February 2020, Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier.	(re-issue)

#### 2nd June 2020

Draft Amendment (No. 44) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.	P.12/2020.
Lodged: 14th February 2020, Scrutiny Liaison Committee.	

Draft Amendment (No. 45) of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey.	P.13/2020.
Lodged: 14th February 2020. Scrutiny Liaison Committee.	

#### 16th June 2020

<b>Draft Public Health</b>	and Safety	(Rented	<b>Dwellings</b> )	(Licensing)	(Jersey)	P.106/2019.
Regulations 201						

Lodged: 1st October 2019, Minister for the Environment.

Minimum standards for rented dwellings: licensing regulations.	S.R.1/2020.
Presented: 21st February 2020.	
Environment Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel	

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Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey)	P.106/2019.
Regulations 201- (P.106/2019): second amendment.	Amd.(2)
Lodged: 20th February 2020, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny	
Panel.	

Draft Public Health and Safety (Rented Dwellings) (Licensing) (Jersey)	P.106/2019.
Regulations 201- (P.106/2019): third amendment.	Amd.(3)
Lodged: 12th March 2020, Minister for the Environment.	

Draft Taxation (Implementation) (International Tax Compliance) P.129/2019. (Mandatory Disclosure Rules for CRS Avoidance Arrangements and Opaque Offshore Structures) (Jersey) Regulations 202-.

Lodged: 31st December2019, Minister for External Relations.

# **Draft Road Traffic (No. 64) (Jersey) Regulations 202-.**Lodged: 3rd February 2020, *Minister for Infrastructure*.

#### **Priorities for the next Island Plan**

(Consideration In-Committee Debate)

# DR. M. EGAN Greffier of the States

19th March 2020

#### Note -

In accordance with the meeting dates fixed for 2019 by the Privileges and Procedures Committee, this meeting will continue, if necessary, on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March 2020.



# Explanatory Note regarding subordinate legislation tabled at this meeting.

(See Item B)

#### R&O.22/2020.

Sea Fisheries (Bag Limits) (Jersey) Order 2020.

This Order makes provision for the daily limit of fish that may be taken by any person, vessel or fishing boat (other than in relation to the taking of bass or tope by any person on a British fishing boat or French fishing boat in any part of the territorial sea in which the boat is authorised to fish).

The daily limit of fish that may be taken by a vessel or fishing boat is subject to the daily limit of fish that may be taken by any person on the vessel or fishing boat.

The Order was made on 19th March 2020 and comes into force on 26th March 2020.



(See Item I(a))

1. The Minister for the Environment will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy K.F. Morel of St. Lawrence –

"How much had been raised as of 29th February 2020 for the Climate Emergency Fund through the extra 4 pence per litre levied on fuel duty; and where have those funds been spent?"

2. The Minister for Treasury and Resources will table an answer to the following question asked by Senator S.C. Ferguson –

"Given that the United Kingdom Government has proposed to limit participation by Huawei in the 5G network to 35%, will the Minister (as shareholder representative) state how it is anticipated this proposal will affect JT and the policy to be adopted in respect of the telecommunications industry in the Island?"

3. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Senator S.C. Ferguson –

"In respect of measures to be taken to address the current situation with Covid-19, will the Minister advise –

- (a) how many respirators are available for use in Jersey and what is considered the optimal number in the current circumstances;
- (b) whether any training of staff in the use of such respirators has been undertaken;
- (c) whether the current available supplies of oxygen are considered sufficient for anticipated demand;
- (d) how many ventilators are available for use in Jersey and what is considered the optimal number in the current circumstances, based on expected demand;
- (e) whether any consideration has been given to using hotel accommodation as an overflow for the Hospital;
- (f) whether operations which are not considered to be 'life or death' will be postponed; and
- (g) whether it is planned to use surgery areas as supplementary intensive care areas?"
- 4. The Minister for the Environment will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy S.M. Ahier of St. Helier –

"Will the Minister advise the Assembly of the current raw water quality in Jersey, including the levels to be found of nitrates and pesticides, as well as those of Oxadixyl, Azoxystrobin, Glyphosate, Metobromuron and Ethoprophos; and will he also advise how often testing of raw water quality is carried out?"



5. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier –

"Will the Minister advise Members -

- (a) how many ventilators are there in the public sector in the Island and, if he has access to this information, how many are there in the private health sectors;
- (b) how many of any such ventilators are fully serviceable;
- (c) how many such ventilators are on order, if any; how the size of any such order was determined and what the expected delivery date is; and
- (d) how many staff are trained in their use?"
- 6. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier
  - "What steps, if any, has the Minister taken to bring under public control, or direction, all private sector health beds, equipment and (if deemed necessary) staff to assist with the current Coronavirus emergency; and what plans does he have to take such steps?"
- 7. The Minister for Health and Social Services will table an answer to the following question asked by Deputy M.R. Higgins of St. Helier
  - "Will the Minister advise members how many people have been tested in the Island for COVID-19 each week from the date of the first test; what steps are being made to bring testing for COVID-19 into the Island; and when he expects the General Hospital to be able to conduct its own tests?"



# ORAL QUESTIONS TO MINISTERS WITHOUT NOTICE

(See Item I(c))

Questions without notice 2020			
April 21st	Environment	International Development	
May 12th	Treasury and Resources	Chief Minister	
June 2nd	International Development	Home Affairs	
June 16th	Social Security	Chief Minister	
June 30th	Infrastructure	Health and Social Services	
July 14th	Education	Chief Minister	
2nd Session 2020			
September 8th	Economic Development, Tourism, Environment Sport and Culture		
September 22nd			
October 6th	ctober 6th Children and Housing Treasury and Resour		
October 20th	Social Security	Chief Minister	
November 3rd	Home Affairs	International Development	
November 17th	Infrastructure	Chief Minister	
December 1st	Health and Social Services	Education	