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PUBLIC FINANCES (JERSEY) LAW 2005: REPORT ON THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO FINANCIAL PLANNING

**Presented to the States on 5th June 2007
by the Minister for Treasury and Resources**

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REPORT ON THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO FINANCIAL PLANNING

1. The administration of the public finances of Jersey

In accordance with the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2005 (the ‘Law’) (including Regulations approved under that Law and Financial Directions) certain matters are required to be reported to the States twice-yearly by the Minister for Treasury and Resources (the ‘Minister’).

This report sets out those matters for the 6 month period ended 31st December 2006.

2. Financial Directions

Matters to be reported by the Minister twice-yearly relate solely to financial planning. The Financial Directions (‘FD’) referred to in this report – which have all been issued under certain Articles of the Law and provide instructions and guidance on the Law and any Regulations that are in place – are all relevant.

2.1. FD 3.1 – Financial administration of Trading Operations (Article 26)

This Direction supports paragraphs (2) and (3) of Regulation 22, which states that the Minister may in certain circumstances approve variations to capital and/or revenue expenditure (FD sections 5.13-5.15 refer).

2.2. FD 3.2 – Borrowing (Article 21)

Under Regulation 9, the Minister may authorise certain borrowings in the name of, and on behalf of the States. The ‘Borrowing by the Minister for Treasury and Resources’ section of this Direction provides guidance on the aforementioned. This function has partly been delegated to the Treasurer of the States (the Treasurer) – as permitted by Regulation 10, and FD sections 5.12 and 5.18 refer.

2.3. FD 3.3 – Lending (Article 23)

Sections 5.6 and 5.7 of this Direction support Regulation 13, which authorises the Minister to lend certain money of the States. ‘Lending by the Treasurer of the States’ (FD section 5.9) relates to Regulation 14 which authorises the Minister to delegate to the Treasurer, wholly or partly, a function vested in the Minister by Regulation 13.

2.4. FD 3.6 – Variations to heads of expenditure (Article 15)

This Direction specifies how and when an application for the Minister’s approval under paragraph (1) of Article 15(a) of the Law may be made. Transfers between heads of expenditure are covered in FD sections 5.7-5.13, and the carry-forward of revenue balances is referred to in section 5.15 and FD 6. Carry-forward of revenue balances.

3. Reporting on Ministerial and delegated approvals

With the exception of borrowing and variations to heads of expenditure, there is nothing to report in any of the abovementioned areas of administration.

3.1 Borrowing

In accordance with the requirements of FD 3.3, the Minister approved borrowing (by way of Loan guarantees) of up to £2,000,000 in the form of four separate £500,000 agreements, each of which is with a different bank (MD-TR-2006-0127 refers).

3.2 Variations to heads of expenditure

Financial Direction 3.6 identifies requirements and provides advice on the procedures when variations to revenue and capital heads of expenditure are being considered.

A ‘head of expenditure’ is defined in section 5.1 of the FD as either –

- the annual net revenue budget of a States funded body; or
- the amount allocated for each capital project.

3.2.1 Transfers between revenue heads of expenditure

Transfers between revenue heads are categorised in section 5.7 as –

- non-contentious transfers of up to £100,000, in which case the approval of the Treasurer of the States, or in his absence another person nominated by the Treasurer is required; and
- all other instances, where the approval of the Minister is required.

Revenue transfers during the period ended 31st December 2006 amounted to £13,986,741 (Appendix A refers).

3.2.2 Transfers between capital heads of expenditure

Capital to capital transfers are categorised in sections 5.8-5.10 as –

- non-contentious transfers of up to £100,000 (5.8), which require the approval of the Treasurer of the States, or in his absence another person nominated by the Treasurer is required;
- all other transfers between existing capital heads (5.9), in which case the approval of the Minister is required; and
- transfers to new capital heads^[1] of expenditure (5.10), which require the approval of the Council of Ministers ('CoM') and the Minister.

Transfers between capital heads of expenditure amounted to £5,191,000 for the period (Appendix B refers). The transfer of £300,000 in respect of the Development and Regeneration Strategy was from an existing head of expenditure to a new head. Prior approval from the Council of Ministers had been received.

3.2.3 Transfers between revenue and capital heads of expenditure

Transfers between revenue and capital heads are categorised in sections 5.11-5.13 as –

- non-contentious transfers of up to £100,000 (5.11), in which case the approval of the Treasurer of the States, or in his absence another person nominated by the Treasurer is required;
- all other transfers (5.12), which require the approval of the Minister; and
- transfers to new capital heads of expenditure (5.13), in which case the approval of the CoM and the Minister are required.

Transfers between revenue and capital heads of expenditure amounted to £8,558,762 (Appendix C

refers^[2]). There were no transfers from revenue heads to new capital heads of expenditure during the period.

3.3 Carry-forwards

Total carry-forwards of £9,739,053 were approved during the 2005 annual Accounts process. These are detailed in Appendix D.

APPENDIX A
TRANSFERS BETWEEN REVENUE HEADS OF EXPENDITURE TO 31ST DECEMBER 2006

	CMD £	EDD £	ES&C £	H&SS £	Home Affairs £	Soc Sec £	TTS £	T&R £	NMSFB** £	Comments:-
(i) Non-contentious transfers of up to £100k										
Finance Officer Transfer	5,418	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,418)	-	Transfer to CMD from T&R(0.46 FTE & full funding for the post of Finance Officer.
PECRS Past Service Liability Funding	48,600	(48,600)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Transfer to CMD from EDD to enable the repayment & servicing of PECRS pre 1987 debt (MD-E-2006-0105, MD-TR-2006-0031).
PECRS Past Service Liability Funding	780	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(780)	Transfer to CMD from Overseas Ad enable the repayment & servicing of PECRS pre 1987 debt (MD-E-2006-0105, MD-TR-2006-0031).
PECRS Past Service Liability Funding	2,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,050)	Transfer to CMD from CAGs above
PECRS Past Service Liability Funding	17,330	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(17,330)	Transfer to CMD from Probations above.
PECRS Past Service Liability Funding	3,510	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,510)	Transfer to CMD from Data Protection above.
PECRS Past Service Liability Funding	1,320	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,320)	Transfer to CMD from Lt. Governors above.
PECRS Past Service Liability Funding	5,840	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,840)	Transfer to CMD from Official Analysts above.
PECRS Past Service Liability Funding	16,460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(16,460)	Transfer to CMD from Viscount's Department above.
PECRS Past Service Liability Funding	32,890	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(32,890)	Transfer to CMD from Judicial Greffes above.
PECRS Past Service Liability Funding	8,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(8,000)	Transfer to CMD from Bailiff's Chamber above.
PECRS Past Service Liability Funding	23,140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(23,140)	Transfer to CMD from States Assembly above.
Internet Budget	15,000	(15,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Transfer to CMD from ED(transfer of the management of Tourism's JerseyLink' booking system).
Home/School Liaison Officer	-	-	19,800	(19,800)	-	-	-	-	-	Transfer to ES&C from H&SS of 1 FTE and 50% of the funding for the post of Home/School liaison Officer (MD-ESC-2006-0077/M-D-HSS-2006-0046, MD-TR-2007-0002).
DVS IT Transformation Costs	-	-	-	-	6,850	-	(6,850)	-	-	Transfer to Home Affairs from TTS for costs deducted in error from the Home Affairs Department's cash limit (MD-T-2006-0055 MD-HA-2006-0033).
Cyril Le Marquand House Rent to Property Holdings Depart (PHD)	-	(28,247)	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,247	Transfer to T&R from EDD(transfer of budget surplus for maintenance of public buildings.

APPENDIX A (cont'd.)

	CMD £	EDD £	ES&C £	H&SS £	Home Affairs £	Soc Sec £	TTS £	T&R £	NMSFB** £
(ii) All remaining instances									
PECRS Past Service Liability Funding	169,400	-	-	-	-	-	(169,400)	-	
Post Custodial Supervision	-	-	-	-	(124,650)	-	-	124,650	
Estates Management to PHD	-	-	(3,763,395)	-	-	-	3,763,395	-	
Island-wide Rate & Parish Welfare	-	-	-	-	6,600,000	-	(6,600,000)		
Court and Case Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,444,754	(2,444,754)	
Court and Case Costs	-	-	-	-	469,395	-	(469,395)	-	
Cyril Le Marquand House Rent to PHD	(132,844)	-	-	-	-	-	132,844	-	
Property Maintenance to PHD	-	-	-	-	-	(41,068)	41,068	-	
Transfer to CMD from T&R : to enable the repayment & servicing of PECRS pre 1987 debt (MD-TR-2006-0030).									
Transfer to Probation from Home Affairs : for 50% of the budget for Post-Custodial Supervision (MD-HA-2006-0027, MD-TR-2006-0090).									
Transfer to T&R from ES&C : transfer of the administration of States property to PHD (MD-ESC-2006-0074, MD-PH-2006-0106), Transfer to Soc Sec from General Funds : transfer of parish welfare from the parishes to the States (MD-TR-2006-0085).									
Transfer to T&R from NMSFB : for cases with costs that exceed £50,000 (MD-TR-2007-0003).									
Transfer to Home Affairs from T&R : to meet the overspend on Court and Case Costs (MD-TR-2007-0003, MD-HA-2007-0013).									
Transfer to T&R from CMD : transfer of budget surplus for the maintenance of public buildings.									
Transfer to T&R from TTS : transfer of responsibility for the maintenance of public buildings & markets to PHD (MD-TR-2006-0091, MD-T-2006-0032).									

Total transfers between revenue heads of expenditure amounted to £13,986,741 for the six months to 31st December:

	CMD £	EDD £	ES&C £	H&SS £	Home Affairs £	Soc Sec £	TTS £	T&R £	NMSFB £	Total transfers £
Transfers from revenue heads	349,738 (132,844)	-	19,800 (3,763,395)	-	4,762,245 (124,650)	6,600,000 -	(47,918)	6,416,308 (644,213)	124,650 (9,156,074)	13,986,741 (13,986,741)
Transfers to revenue heads	-	(91,847)	-	(19,800)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net transfers	216,894	(91,847)	(3,745,595)	(19,800)	351,595	6,600,000	(47,918)	5,772,055	(9,031,424)	-

** Non Ministerial States Funded Body (NMSFB)

APPENDIX B TRANSFERS BETWEEN CAPITAL HEADS OF EXPENDITURE TO 31ST DECEMBER 2006

	CMD £	Home Affairs £	P&E £	TTS £	T&R £	Harbours £	Comments:-
(i) Non-contentious transfers of up to £100k							
Biometric Passports							Transfer within Home Affairs: for set-up costs associated with the introduction of biometric passports (delegated authority).
(ii) Other transfers							
Energy from Waste Strategy							Revisions to 2006 budget: (MD-T-2007-0008, MD-TR-2007-02) Solid Waste Strategy (EW Planning Process) Contingency for existing plant failure Sludge: Phase I - Thickener
Energy from Waste Strategy							Revisions to 2006 budget: (MD-T-2007-0008, MD-TR-2007-02) Sludge: Phase I - Thickener
Development & Regeneration Strategy for St Helier	(300,000)			300,000			Transfer to P&E from CMD : to contribute towards the costs of preparing a Development & Regeneration Strategy (MD-TR-2007-0002),
St Catherine's Breakwater Restoration Project							Transfer to Harbours from the Capital Reserve : in order that Jersey Harbours may accept the lowest tender (MD-TR-2006-0093).
Total transfers between existing capital heads of expenditure amounted to £5,191,000 to 31st December:							
Transfers from capital heads	CMD £	Home Affairs £	P&E £	TTS £	T&R £	Harbours £	Total transfers £
Transfers to capital heads	(300,000) -	(100,000) -	300,000	(427,000) 427,000	(518,000) -	518,000	(5,191,000) 5,191,000
Net transfers	(300,000) -	300,000 -	300,000 -	(518,000) -	(518,000) -	518,000 -	

APPENDIX C

TRANSFERS BETWEEN REVENUE AND CAPITAL HEADS OF EXPENDITURE TO 31ST DECEMBER

	CND £	EDD £	ES&C £	HSS £	PE £	Soc Sec £	TTS £	TBR £	Total transfers £	Comments:
(i) Non-contentious transfers of up to £100k										
JD Edwards (DE) Replacement Funding	(34,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Transfer between CND/revenue & capital : to acquire funds for the replacement of JD Edwards in 2009 (PSCR Order Act 16/2004).
Panning Permit Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	17,900	-	-	(17,900)	-	Transfer to RE from the Contingency Fund : to contribute towards the legal costs incurred in the negotiation and planning permit (MD-PE-2007-0012, MD-TR-2007-002).
Greenfields Building Costs to PHD	-	-	-	(100,000)	-	-	-	100,000	-	Transfer to TBR from HSS : transfer of the remaining revenue contribution for the Greenfields scheme (MD-HSS-2007-003, MD-TR-2007-002).
Abatior Funding	-	(100,000)	-	-	-	-	100,000	-	-	Transfer to TTS from EDD : to contribute towards the costs of upgrading the abatior (ED Close act ESD-2010/005, MD-T-2007-002).
(ii) Other transfers										
PECRIS 2% Arrears	2,461,356	-	-	-	-	-	(2,461,356)	-	-	Transfer to CND from the Contingency Fund : to cover the arrears arising from the shortfall of the States contribution to PECRIS (are 1887 debt 0.31/2005 & to prevent further interest accruing on the arrears (MD-TR-2005-003)).
CND/SIS financing of revenue expenditure	(2,802,457) 2,802,457	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Transfer between CND/capital & revenue : to fund the overspend (MD-TR-2007-003).
Island Plan	-	(150,000)	-	-	150,000	-	-	-	-	Transfer to RE from EDD : to contribute towards the cost of preparing the Island Plan (MD-PE-2007-001, MD-TR-2007-002).
VRF/VER Funding	-	-	-	-	(230,000) 230,000	-	-	-	-	Transfer between PE/capital & revenue : created as a result of changes in accounting treatment (VRF/VER (MD-PE-2007-0012), MD-TR-2007-002).
Income Support	-	-	-	-	-	1,417,800	-	(1,417,800)	-	Transfer to Soc Sec from the Contingency Fund : for income support costs (MD-T-2007-002).
Parish Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	714,414	-	(714,414)	-	Transfer to Soc Sec from the Contingency Fund : interim funding in advance of the Standard Rate, agreed as part of the carry forward process.
GST	-	-	-	-	-	-	(483,825)	-	-	Transfer to TBR from the Contingency Fund : for GST startup costs, agreed as part of the carry forward process.
Student Grants Funding	-	-	-	1,200,000	-	-	-	(1,200,000)	-	Transfer to ESD from the Contingency Fund : to meet the one-off grant for Higher Education in 2006 (MD-ESD-2006/002, MD-TR-2007-001).
ICT Strategy/funding	-	-	(515,000) 515,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	Transfer between ESS/revenue & capital : to fund phase II of the ICT strategy (MD-ESS-2007-003, MD-TR-2007-002).
Pandemic Flu	-	-	-	-	131,355	-	-	(131,355)	-	Transfer to HSS from the Contingency Fund : to fund public flu vaccine (MD-HSS-2007-004, MD-TR-2007-002).
Total transfers between revenue & capital heads amounted to £3,558,762 for the six months to 31st December:										
Net transfers (from) capital heads	CND £	EDD £	ES&C £	HSS £	PE £	Soc Sec £	TTS £	TBR £	Total transfers £	
Net transfers (to) revenue heads	(2,802,457) 5,358,823	(250,000)	(260,000)	515,000 765,000	(80,000) 247,900	31,355	100,000 213,214	(6,466,660) (483,825)	(8,601,117) (3,680,117)	

APPENDIX D

CARRY-FORWARDS TAKEN TO 31ST DECEMBER 2006

Carry Forwards

Department	Carry Forwards Approved					
	Amt Available	3% Carry Forward	Amt Returned	Reallocated	Total C/Fwd	£
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Chief Minister	675,803	336,000	339,803	-	-	336,000
Economic Development	1,830,557	1,260,960	569,597	-	-	1,260,960
Education, Sport and Culture	140,448	140,448	-	1,273,000	1,413,448	
Health and Social Services	(47,162)	(47,162)	-	936,000	888,838	
Home Affairs	(82,848)	(82,848)	-	1,153,365	1,070,517	
Housing	(152,717)	(152,717)	-	153,000	283	
Planning and Environment	1,158,919	286,400	872,519	-	286,400	
Social Security	2,088,270	885,000	1,203,270	853,646	1,738,646	
Transport and Technical Services	612,600	612,600	-	-	612,600	
Treasury and Resources	2,738,089	1,691,840	1,046,249	-	1,691,840	
Non Ministerial States Funded Bodies	268,604	268,604	-	-	268,604	
States Assembly	508,490	170,917	337,573	-	170,917	
	9,739,053	5,370,042		4,369,011	4,369,011	9,739,053

[1] ‘New’ capital heads of expenditure refers to capital projects that have been initiated without States approval.

[2] All transfers shown in Appendix C are transfers from capital to revenue heads of expenditure.