

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT BUDGET STATEMENT 2015 (P.129/2014): FOURTH AMENDMENT

**Lodged au Greffe on 8th September 2014
by the Minister for Treasury and Resources**

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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (b) –

After the words “Summary Table D” insert the words “(with the removal of the item “JDE Development and Upgrade – £1,238,000)””, and for the amount “£76,382,000” substitute the amount “£75,144,000”.

2 PAGE 3, PARAGRAPH (h) –

For the amount “£2,000,000” substitute the amount “£6,500,000”.

MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES

REPORT

Amendment (1) – Re-phase the JDE Development and Upgrade Project from 2015 to 2016

Following a review of the timing of the expected spend on the JDE project, the Treasurer has been advised that the allocation for 2015 is not required until 2016.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources proposes an amendment to reduce the capital programme by £1,238,000 in 2015 by moving the JDE Development and Upgrade project from 2015 into 2016. This will form part of the proposed measures to manage the balance on the Consolidated Fund.

In proposing this amendment, the Minister has considered feedback from the Information Services Department indicating that this will not have an adverse effect on the current project delivery timeframe due to the availability of resources within the Department.

Financial and manpower implications

The financial implications of this amendment are that the total funding requirement for the capital programme in 2015 will reduce by £1,238,000.

Amendment (2) – Increase the transfer from the Dwelling Houses Loans Fund (DHLF) to the Consolidated Fund from £2,000,000 to £6,500,000.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources proposes an amendment to part (h) of the Draft Budget Statement 2015, to request the States to approve the transfer of up to £6,500,000 from the Dwelling Houses Loan Fund to the Consolidated Fund in accordance with the provisions of Article 2(1) of the Building Loans (Jersey) Law 1950.

This is an increase of £4,500,000 from the sum originally stated.

This sum represents an available balance which has been identified following the forecast of the December 2014 position. The reserves remaining in the DHLF after this transfer are equivalent to the value of existing loans.

The Minister for Treasury and Resources also wishes to clarify that this transfer is completely separate to the £250 million Bond issuance, the proceeds of which sit within the Housing Development Fund.

Financial and manpower implications

The balance on the Dwelling Houses Loan Fund will reduce by £6,500,000 in 2015, and the Consolidated Fund balance will increase by the same amount.