

THE STATES assembled on Wednesday 2nd March 2011, at 09.30 a.m. under Mr. Michael Nelson de la Haye, Greffier of the States.

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

Senator Terence John Le Main – ill Senator Ben Edward Shenton – excused attendance (arrived in the Chamber at 9.50 a.m.) Deputy Judith Ann Martin of St. Helier – en défaut Deputy Collin Hedley Egré of St. Peter – ill Deputy Deborah Jane De Sousa of St. Helier – ill

Prayers read by the Dean Substitute

Notification of lodged propositions

States of Jersey Development Company Limited: appointment of Chairman and Non-Executive Directors.

P.32/2011.

Lodged: 2nd March 2011.

Minister for Treasury and Resources.

Withdrawal of lodged propositions

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the proposer of the following proposition lodged "au Greffe" had informed the Greffier of the States that it had been withdrawn –

Pomme d'Or Farm: refurbishment.

P.177/2010.

Lodged: 1st December 2010.

Deputy A.K.F. Green of St. Helier.

Historical Child Abuse: request to Council of Ministers P.19/2011

THE STATES resumed consideration of a proposition of Senator Francis Du Heaume Le Gresley regarding a request to the Council of Ministers to reconsider their decision not to hold a Committee of Inquiry to investigate Historical Child Abuse and rejected an amendment of the Deputy of St. Martin, as amended, that after the words "in the Island" there should be inserted the following question –

1. How have the Island's children's homes been run in recent decades?

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 24 CONTRE: 25 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator A. Breckon
Senator T.A. Le Sueur
Senator S.C. Ferguson
Senator P.F. Routier
Senator F. du H. Le Gresley
Connétable of St. Helier
Senator B.E. Shenton

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Senator F.E. Cohen Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Lawrence Senator J.L. Perchard Connétable of St. Mary Senator A.J.H. Maclean Deputy of St. Martin Senator B.I. Le Marquand Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Connétable of Trinity Connétable of Grouville Deputy of Grouville Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Connétable of St. Martin Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Connétable of St. John Deputy S. Pitman (H) Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Connétable of St. Clement Deputy of St. John Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy T.M. Pitman (H) Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)

Deputy T.A. Vallois (S) Deputy of Trinity Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy I.J. Gorst (C) Deputy A.K.F. Green (H) Deputy A.E. Jeune (B) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy A.T. Dupré (C) Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

THE STATES rejected an amendment of the Deputy of St. Martin, as amended, to the proposition of Senator Francis Du Heaume Le Gresley that after the words "in the Island" there should be inserted the following question –

> What procedures were in place to recruit staff and how was the performance of staff 2. monitored? Should other steps have been taken to monitor performance?

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 24 CONTRE: 25 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator J.L. Perchard Senator T.A. Le Sueur Senator P.F. Routier Senator A. Breckon Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Senator B.E. Shenton Connétable of St. Helier Senator F.E. Cohen Connétable of St. Lawrence Senator A.J.H. Maclean Connétable of St. Mary Senator B.I. Le Marquand Deputy of St. Martin Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Connétable of Trinity Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Connétable of Grouville Deputy of Grouville Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Connétable of St. Martin Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Connétable of St. John Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy S. Pitman (H) Connétable of St. Clement Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Connétable of St. Peter Deputy of St. John Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy T.M. Pitman (H) Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)

Deputy T.A. Vallois (S)
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)
Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
Deputy A.T. Dupré (C)
Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

THE STATES, adopting an amendment of the Deputy of St. Martin, as amended, to the proposition of Senator Francis Du Heaume Le Gresley, agreed that after the words "in the Island" there should be inserted the following question –

3. What measures were taken to address inappropriate behaviour from staff when it was discovered, and if those measures were insufficient, what other measures should have been taken?

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 25 CONTRE: 24 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator B.E. Shenton Senator T.A. Le Sueur Senator J.L. Perchard Senator P.F. Routier Senator A. Breckon Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator F.E. Cohen Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Senator A.J.H. Maclean Connétable of St. Helier Senator B.I. Le Marquand Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of Trinity Connétable of Grouville Deputy of St. Martin Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Connétable of St. Martin Deputy of Grouville Connétable of St. John Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Connétable of St. Clement Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Connétable of St. Peter Deputy S. Pitman (H) Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy of St. John Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)

Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)
Deputy T.A. Vallois (S)
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
Deputy A.T. Dupré (C)
Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)
Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

THE STATES, adopting an amendment of the Deputy of St. Martin, as amended, to the proposition of Senator Francis Du Heaume Le Gresley, agreed that after the words "in the Island" there should be inserted the following question –

4. How did those in authority at political and officer level deal with problems that were brought to their attention?

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 27 CONTRE: 22 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator B.E. Shenton Senator J.L. Perchard Senator A. Breckon Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Mary Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L) Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy S. Pitman (H) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy of St. John Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy T.M. Pitman (H) Deputy A.T. Dupré (C) Deputy T.A. Vallois (S) Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Deputy A.K.F. Green (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

Senator T.A. Le Sueur Senator P.F. Routier Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator F.E. Cohen Senator A.J.H. Maclean Senator B.I. Le Marquand Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of Trinity Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Peter Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy of Trinity Deputy I.J. Gorst (C) Deputy A.E. Jeune (B) Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

THE STATES rejected an amendment of the Deputy of St. Martin, as amended, to the proposition of Senator Francis Du Heaume Le Gresley that after the words "in the Island" there should be inserted the following question –

5. What processes were in place to assess the performance of the homes and what action was taken as a result of any problems that were identified?

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 23 CONTRE: 26 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator A. Breckon Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Mary Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Senator T.A. Le Sueur Senator P.F. Routier Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator B.E. Shenton Senator F.E. Cohen Senator J.L. Perchard Senator A.J.H. Maclean Senator B.I. Le Marquand Connétable of St. Ouen

Deputy of Grouville Connétable of Trinity Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Connétable of Grouville Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Connétable of St. Martin Deputy S. Pitman (H) Connétable of St. John Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Deputy M. Tadier (B) Connétable of St. Peter Deputy of St. Mary Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy T.M. Pitman (H) Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy T.A. Vallois (S) Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)

Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)
Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)
Deputy A.E. Jeune (B)
Deputy A.T. Dupré (C)
Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

THE STATES, adopting an amendment of the Deputy of St. Martin, as amended, to the proposition of Senator Francis Du Heaume Le Gresley, agreed that after the words "in the Island" there should be inserted the following question –

6. Were there any mechanisms in operation to allow children to report their concerns in safety and what action was taken if and when concerns were voiced?

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 31 CONTRE: 18 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator T.A. Le Sueur

Senator B.E. Shenton Senator F.E. Cohen Senator J.L. Perchard Senator A. Breckon Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Mary Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy of Grouville Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L) Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy S. Pitman (H)

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy I.J. Gorst (C) Deputy of St. John

Senator P.F. Routier Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator A.J.H. Maclean Senator B.I. Le Marquand Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of Trinity Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Peter Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy of Trinity Deputy A.E. Jeune (B) Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

Deputy M. Tadier (B)

Deputy of St. Mary

Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)

Deputy A.T. Dupré (C)

Deputy T.A. Vallois (S)

Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)

Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

THE STATES, adopting an amendment of the Deputy of St. Martin, as amended, to the proposition of Senator Francis Du Heaume Le Gresley, agreed that for the word "that" there should be substituted the words "and lodge a proposition asking the States to establish"; for the word "any" there should be substituted the words "the following"; the words "would not be appropriate" should be deleted.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 27 CONTRE: 22 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator T.A. Le Sueur

Senator P.F. Routier Senator B.E. Shenton Senator J.L. Perchard Senator A. Breckon Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Mary Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy S. Pitman (H) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy of St. John Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)

Deputy T.A. Vallois (S) Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy A.K.F. Green (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Senator F.E. Cohen
Senator A.J.H. Maclean
Senator B.I. Le Marquand
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. John
Connétable of St. Saviour
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Peter
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)

Deputy of Trinity Deputy I.J. Gorst (C) Deputy A.E. Jeune (B) Deputy A.T. Dupré (C) Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

THE STATES resumed consideration of a proposition of Senator Francis Du Heaume Le Gresley, as amended and agreed to request the Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers to reconsider their decision and lodge a proposition asking the States to establish a Committee of Inquiry to investigate the following issues which remain unresolved in relation to historical abuse in the Island –

> (1) What measures were taken to address inappropriate behaviour from staff when it was discovered, and if those measures were insufficient, what other measures should have been taken?

- How did those in authority at political and officer level deal with problems that were (2) brought to their attention?
- (3) Were there any mechanisms in operation to allow children to report their concerns in safety and what action was taken if and when concerns were voiced?
- (4) Was a consistent and impartial approach taken when deciding on which cases to prosecute; and was the process free from political influence or interference at any level?

Deputy of St. Ouen

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 37 CONTRE: 11 ABSTAIN: 1

Senator P.F. Routier

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator A.J.H. Maclean Senator B.I. Le Marquand Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Peter Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy of Trinity

Senator T.A. Le Sueur

Deputy I.J. Gorst (C) Deputy A.E. Jeune (B) Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

Senator B.E. Shenton Senator F.E. Cohen Senator J.L. Perchard Senator A. Breckon Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Mary Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L) Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy S. Pitman (H) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy of St. John Deputy M. Tadier (B)

Deputy T.A. Vallois (S)

Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)

Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES rejected a proposition of Deputy Ian Joseph Gorst of St. Clement that the proposition of the Deputy of Grouville entitled 'Draft States of Jersey (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Jersey) Law 201-: request to Privy Council' (P.26/2011) should be taken as the next item of business.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 17	CONTRE: 29	ABSTAIN: 1

Senator T.A. Le Sueur Senator A. Breckon Connétable of St. Lawrence Senator P.F. Routier Senator B.I. Le Marquand Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Senator B.E. Shenton Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Helier Senator F.E. Cohen Senator J.L. Perchard Connétable of Trinity Senator S.C. Ferguson Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. Martin Senator A.J.H. Maclean Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy of St. Martin Connétable of St. Mary Deputy of Grouville Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy I.J. Gorst (C) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy E.J. Noel (L) Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L) Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy S. Pitman (H) Deputy of St. John Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy A.E. Jeune (B) Deputy T.M. Pitman (H) Deputy A.T. Dupré (C) Deputy T.A. Vallois (S) Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)

Housing issues in Jersey P.189/2010

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of Deputy Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire of St. Helier regarding Housing issues in Jersey and rejected paragraph (a) of the proposition to request the Minister for Housing to present to the States at least once every 2 years a report setting out information on the current housing situation in Jersey to enable the States to have a clear and ongoing understanding of the issues concerning all areas of housing in Jersey and so that members could be fully appraised of any plans or legislation that would, or could, impact upon the housing situation in the short, medium and long-term with the report to include, but not be limited to, the following areas —

Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

(i) a progress report on how the Minister's current Housing Strategy was delivering its aims and objectives;

- (ii) details of the States housing stock, its condition, by sites, its management in general and its occupancy levels;
- (iii) all the housing waiting lists that were maintained and the criteria for those lists;
- (iv) in co-operation with the Minister for Planning and Environment, details of progress in relation to housing development identified within the approved Island Plan and any approved planning Masterplans;
- (v) details of any proposed future legislation relating to housing matters;
- (vi) the work of the States of Jersey Development Company in relation to housing issues if applicable;
- (vii) the status of any housing loan schemes or assisted house purchase schemes involving the States of Jersey;

and to request the Minister, when the above report had been presented, to lodge for debate and approval at the same time a revised and updated Housing Strategy.

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 14 CONTRE: 31 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator T.A. Le Sueur

Senator A. Breckon
Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of St. Mary
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H)
Deputy M. Tadier (B)
Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Senator P.F. Routier Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator F.E. Cohen Senator J.L. Perchard Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator A.J.H. Maclean Senator B.I. Le Marquand Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of Trinity Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Peter Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy I.J. Gorst (C) Deputy of St. John Deputy A.E. Jeune (B) Deputy A.T. Dupré (C)

Deputy E.J. Noel (L) Deputy T.A. Vallois (S) Deputy A.K.F. Green (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

THE STATES rejected paragraph (b) of a proposition of Deputy Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire of St. Helier to agree as an ongoing strategic objective for the States of Jersey that the provision of housing in Jersey should be made more affordable for residents and to request the Council of Ministers to bring forward appropriate policies and legislation to assist in achieving this aim wherever possible.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 21 CONTRE: 24 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator A. Breckon Senator T.A. Le Sueur Senator F. du H. Le Greslev Senator P.F. Routier Connétable of St. Helier Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Connétable of St. Lawrence Senator F.E. Cohen Connétable of St. Mary Senator J.L. Perchard Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Senator S.C. Ferguson Deputy of St. Martin Senator A.J.H. Maclean Senator B.I. Le Marquand Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy of Grouville Connétable of Trinity Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Connétable of Grouville Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Connétable of St. Martin Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Connétable of St. John Deputy of St. John Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy M. Tadier (B) Connétable of St. Clement Deputy of St. Mary Connétable of St. Peter Deputy T.M. Pitman (H) Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy T.A. Vallois (S) Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy I.J. Gorst (C) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy A.E. Jeune (B) Deputy A.T. Dupré (C) Deputy E.J. Noel (L) Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)

THE STATES, adopting paragraph (c) of a proposition of Deputy Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire of St. Helier, agreed to request the Minister for Housing to publish on the States website appropriate information to notify the public about housing in Jersey and how to access it together with details of the required criteria to access housing in all categories together with waiting lists, updated on a monthly basis, for all housing that the States had responsibility for and, if possible, similar details for the housing trusts.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 29 CONTRE: 16 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator P.F. Routier Senator F.E. Cohen Senator J.L. Perchard Senator A. Breckon Senator F. du H. Le Gresley

Senator F. du H. Le Gresle Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Peter

Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Mary

Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)

Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S)

Deputy G.P. Southern (H)

Deputy of Grouville

Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)

Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H)

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

Deputy of St. John

Deputy M. Tadier (B)

Deputy of St. Mary

Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)

Deputy T.A. Vallois (S)

Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)

Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

Senator T.A. Le Sueur Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator A.J.H. Maclean Senator B.I. Le Marquand Connétable of Trinity Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. John Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)

Deputy A.E. Jeune (B)

Deputy A.T. Dupré (C)

Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

THE STATES rejected paragraph (d) of a proposition of Deputy Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire of St. Helier to request the Ministers for Housing and Treasury and Resources to investigate and report back to the States within 6 months on –

- (i) whether it would be advantageous for the States to enact appropriate legislation to enable the States to condition property purchases in Jersey, for the future, so that, if a property became liable to repossession due to the failure of owners to meet loan repayments, the States would have the right to negotiate for those properties with the creditors and owners so that the States would become the creditors and thereby gain the rights over that property for both allocation and disposal, with any scheme to provide for the following matters
 - (A) retention of the property for the owners affected;
 - (B) debt restructuring to facilitate end purchase as in the Homebuy scheme;
 - (C) the purchase of debt from creditors by the States at the same or at a lesser value of the debt owed (for example 80% 90% of debt owed), to ensure that property at risk of repossession was not sold on for a greater price than the total outstanding debt and, at the same time, to dissuade irresponsible lending by financial institutions who might otherwise in these circumstances benefit financially;

(D) the management of the property, including re-allocation or onward disposal as deemed appropriate, protecting wherever possible the owners affected from homelessness:

(ii) whether or not it would be prudent to investigate the introduction of legislation to enable the freezing of all repossessions in the event that there was a large number of repossessions in the market until such time as the economy recovered.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 10 CONTRE: 34 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator T.A. Le Sueur

Connétable of St. Lawrence Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)

Deputy T.A. Vallois (S)

Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Senator P.F. Routier Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator F.E. Cohen Senator J.L. Perchard Senator A. Breckon Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator A.J.H. Maclean Senator B.I. Le Marquand Senator F. du H. Le Greslev Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of Trinity Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Mary Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy I.J. Gorst (C) Deputy of St. John Deputy A.E. Jeune (B) Deputy A.T. Dupré (C) Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

THE STATES rejected paragraph (e) of a proposition of Deputy Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire of St. Helier to request the Ministers for Housing and Treasury and Resources to investigate and report to the States within 6 months on the feasibility of introducing measures to curtail inappropriate property speculation for profit in Jersey.

Deputy A.K.F. Green (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 15 CONTRE: 30 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator A. Breckon Senator T.A. Le Sueur Connétable of St. Helier Senator P.F. Routier Connétable of St. Lawrence Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Connétable of St. Mary Senator F.E. Cohen Deputy of St. Martin Senator J.L. Perchard Senator S.C. Ferguson Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Senator A.J.H. Maclean Deputy of Grouville Senator B.I. Le Marquand Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy M. Tadier (B) Connétable of Trinity Connétable of Grouville Deputy of St. Mary Deputy T.M. Pitman (H) Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy T.A. Vallois (S) Connétable of St. Martin Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Peter Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy I.J. Gorst (C) Deputy of St. John Deputy A.E. Jeune (B) Deputy A.T. Dupré (C) Deputy E.J. Noel (L) Deputy A.K.F. Green (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

THE STATES rejected paragraph (f) of a proposition of Deputy Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire of St. Helier to request the Minister for Housing to bring forward for approval by the States legislation restricting the future sale of housing in Jersey to residents of Jersey wherever possible.

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 15 CONTRE: 29 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator A. Breckon Senator T.A. Le Sueur Connétable of St. Helier Senator P.F. Routier Connétable of St. Lawrence Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy of St. Martin Senator F.E. Cohen Senator J.L. Perchard Deputy of Grouville Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Senator S.C. Ferguson Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Senator A.J.H. Maclean Senator B.I. Le Marquand Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Senator F. du H. Le Gresley

Deputy M. Tadier (B)
Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)
Deputy T.A. Vallois (S)
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of Grouville Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Mary Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy J.B. Fox (H) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy I.J. Gorst (C) Deputy of St. John Deputy A.E. Jeune (B) Deputy A.T. Dupré (C) Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

THE STATES, adopting paragraph (g) of a proposition of Deputy Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire of St. Helier, agreed to request the Ministers for Housing and Planning and Environment to bring forward proposals to ensure that all property built and provided for first-time homebuyers in the future should be conditioned at the time of sale so that it should remain within that market, until and unless, the States approved the release of the properties in question from that condition.

Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 28 CONTRE: 16 ABSTAIN: 1

Senator T.A. Le Sueur

Senator P.F. Routier Senator F.E. Cohen Senator J.L. Perchard Senator A. Breckon Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator B.I. Le Marquand Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Mary Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S)

Deputy of Grouville Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Deputy P.V.F. Le Claire (H) Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Senator A.J.H. Maclean
Connétable of Grouville
Connétable of St. John
Connétable of St. Peter
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy J.B. Fox (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy I.J. Gorst (C)
Deputy A.E. Jeune (B)
Deputy E.J. Noel (L)
Deputy T.A. Vallois (S)
Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)

Deputy M. Tadier (B)

Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy of St. John
Deputy of St. Mary

Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)

Deputy A.T. Dupré (C) Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

Changes in Presidency

Mr. Michael Nelson de la Haye, Greffier of the States retired from the Chair during consideration of the proposition of Deputy Paul Vincent Francis Le Claire of St. Helier concerning Housing issues in Jersey (P.189/2010) and the meeting continued under the Presidency of the Bailiff.

Statements on a matter of official responsibility

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Minister for Treasury and Resources made a statement regarding the refurbishment of Pomme d'Or Farm Estate.

The Chairman of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel made a statement regarding the Panel's review of the fiscal strategy review.

$Draft\ Gambling\ (Remote\ Gambling\ Disaster\ Recovery)\ (Amendment)\ (Jersey)\ Regulations\ 201-P.199/2010$

THE STATES resumed consideration of the Draft Gambling (Remote Gambling Disaster Recovery) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 201-, the principles of which had been adopted on 16th February 2011.

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Thursday 3rd March 2011 to continue consideration of the Draft Gambling (Remote Gambling Disaster Recovery) (Amendment) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.199/2010) and the outstanding items of public business.

THE STATES rose at 5.25 p.m.

A.H. HARRIS

Deputy Greffier of the States