

# THE STATES assembled on Tuesday 3rd December 2013, at 09.30 a.m. under the Presidency of the Deputy Bailiff, William James Bailhache, Esquire.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, General Sir John McColl, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. was present.

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

Senator Paul Francis Routier – en défaut (défaut raised at 2.18 p.m.)

Connétable John Martin Refault of St. Peter - en défaut

Deputy Trevor Mark Pitman of St. Helier – en défaut (défaut raised at 10.32 a.m.)

Deputy Tracey Anne Vallois of St. Saviour – ill

Deputy James Patrick Gorton Baker of St. Helier – absent on States business

Long-Term Care legislation: P.136/2013, P.137/2013, P.138/2013, P.139/2013,

Deputy Kristina Louise Moore of St. Peter - ill

Prayers

### **Documents presented or laid**

P.140/2013, P.141/2013, P.142/2013 – comments. Presented: 3rd December 2013.  Health, Social Security and Housing Scrutiny Panel.	through to P.142/2013. Com.
Draft Long-Term Care (States Contribution) (Jersey) Regulations 201- (P.140/2013) – addendum.  Presented: 3rd December 2013.  Minister for Social Security.	P.140/2013. Add.
Land Transactions under Standing Order 168(3) – transfer of land at 7 Francis Street, St. Helier.  Presented: 3rd December 2013.  Minister for Treasury and Resources.	R.148/2013.
Fiscal Policy Panel Report: response of the Minister for Treasury and Resources. Presented: 3rd December 2013.	R.149/2013.

Draft 2014 Budget (S.R.13/2013): response of the Minister for Treasury and Resources.

S.R.13/2013.

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Presented: 3rd December 2013. *Minister for Treasury and Resources.* 

Minister for Treasury and Resources.

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P.136/2013.

### Draft Budget Statement 2014 P.122/2013

THE STATES commenced consideration of the draft Budget Statement 2014 (P.122/2013) and rejected an amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier (P.122/2013 (Amendment)) that in paragraph (a) after the words "as set out in the Budget Statement" there should be inserted the words –

"except that -

- (i) income tax exemptions for the year of assessment 2014 shall not be increased by 1.5% as proposed in the draft Budget Statement;
- (ii) the marginal rate for the year of assessment 2014 shall not be decreased from 27% to 26% as proposed in the draft Budget Statement;
- (iii) the estimate of income from taxation during 2014 shall be decreased by £5 million by zero-rating or exempting from Goods and Services Tax foodstuffs in line with United Kingdom Value Added Tax arrangements and domestic fuel and energy with effect from 1st July 2014."

Deputy of St. John

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 10 CONTRE: 33 ABSTAIN: 1

Senator A. Breckon
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
Deputy S. Pitman (H)
Deputy M. Tadier (B)
Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf
Senator S.C. Ferguson
Senator A.J.H. Maclean
Senator B.I. Le Marquand
Senator F. du H. Le Gresley
Senator I.J. Gorst
Senator L.J. Farnham
Connétable of St. Helier
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of St. Mary

Connétable of St. John
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Brelade
Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of St. Saviour
Connétable of Grouville
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S)

Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)

Deputy of Trinity

Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)

Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)

Deputy J.H. Young (B)

Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)

Deputy of St. Mary

Deputy of St. Martin

Deputy R.G. Bryans (H)

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THE STATES rejected an amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier (P.122/2013 (Amendment)) that in paragraph (a) of the Budget Statement 2014, after the words "as set out in the Budget Statement" there should be inserted the words –

"except that income tax exemptions for the year of assessment 2014 shall be increased by 2.2% and not by 1.5% as proposed in the draft Budget Statement."

Members present voted as follows -

Senator A. Breckon

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<b>POUR: 11</b>	CONTRE: 29	ABSTAIN: 1

Senator P.F. Routier

Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Senator A.J.H. Maclean Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Senator B.I. Le Marquand Deputy of St. Ouen Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L) Senator L.J. Gorst Deputy S. Pitman (H) Connétable of St. Helier Deputy M. Tadier (B) Connétable of Trinity Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Lawrence Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C) Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of Grouville Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy of Grouville Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Deputy of Trinity Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

Connétable of St. Mary

THE STATES rejected paragraph (a) of an amendment of Deputy John Hilary Young of St. Brelade (P.122/2013 Amendment (4)) that in paragraph (a) of the Budget Statement 2014, after the words "as set out in the Budget Statement" there should be inserted the words –

Deputy A.K.F. Green (H) Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R.G. Bryans (H) Deputy R.J. Rondel (H)

"except that -

(a) the higher child allowance (comprising the additional tax relief of £3,000 proposed in the draft Budget Statement and the existing £6,000 allowance making a total of £9,000) for the year of assessment 2014 due to taxpayers whose income for 2014 falls below the income tax exemption thresholds with children over the age of 17 in higher education, may, by agreement, be wholly or partly transferred to a relative (including grandparents) of the tax exempted taxpayer, who has provided financial support to a child relative under 25 years (including grandchildren) for higher education purposes and such relative shall then qualify for this income tax relief;

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 14 CONTRE: 29 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator A. Breckon
Connétable of St. John
Connétable of St. Saviour
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy of Grouville
Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)
Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy M. Tadier (B)
Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)

Deputy J.H. Young (B)

Senator P.F. Routier Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator A.J.H. Maclean Senator B.I. Le Marquand Senator F. du H. Le Gresley

Senator I.J. Gorst
Senator L.J. Farnham
Connétable of Trinity
Connétable of St. Clement
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of St. Mary
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Martin
Connétable of Grouville
Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)
Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S)

Deputy of St. Ouen
Deputy J.A. Hilton (H)
Deputy of Trinity
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy E.J. Noel (L)
Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)

Deputy of St. John
Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)
Deputy of St. Mary
Deputy of St. Martin
Deputy R.G. Bryans (H)
Deputy R.J. Rondel (H)

THE STATES, adopting paragraph (b) of an amendment of Deputy John Hilary Young of St. Brelade (P.122/2013 Amendment (4)), agreed that in paragraph (a) of the Budget Statement 2014, after the words "as set out in the Budget Statement" there should be inserted the words –

"except that -

(b) the estimate of income from taxation during 2014 shall be decreased by £20,000 by reducing the *de minimus* limit on charitable donations on which the charity may reclaim the tax applicable from £100 to £50;

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 41 CONTRE: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator P.F. Routier Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator A.J.H. Maclean Senator B.I. Le Marquand

Senator F. du H. Le Gresley

Senator I.J. Gorst

Senator L.J. Farnham

Connétable of Trinity

Connétable of St. Lawrence

Connétable of St. Mary

Connétable of St. John

Connétable of St. Ouen

Connétable of St. Martin

Connétable of St. Saviour

Connétable of Grouville

Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S)

Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S)

Deputy J.A. Martin (H)

Deputy G.P. Southern (H)

Deputy of St. Ouen

Deputy of Grouville

Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L)

Deputy of Trinity

Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)

Deputy S. Pitman (H)

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

Deputy M. Tadier (B)

Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)

Deputy E.J. Noel (L)

Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)

Deputy J.M. Macon (S)

Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)

Deputy of St. John

Deputy J.H. Young (B)

Deputy S.J. Pinel (C)

Deputy of St. Mary

Deputy of St. Martin

Deputy R.G. Bryans (H)

Deputy R.J. Rondel (H)

THE STATES rejected paragraph (c) of an amendment of Deputy John Hilary Young of St. Brelade (P.122/2013 Amendment (4)) that in paragraph (a) of the Budget Statement 2014, after the words "as set out in the Budget Statement" there should be inserted the words –

## "except that -

(c) mortgage interest relief shall be extended for the year of assessment 2014 on loans for purposes other than the acquisition and extension of the taxpayer's principal personal residence so that it is available for home improvement works and home energy efficiency measures carried out by local contractors subject to limits on loan interest eligible for these additional purposes, interest limits to be based on a loan of £30,000 for home improvements and a loan of £20,000 for energy efficiency measures;

Members present voted as follows –

### POUR: 16 CONTRE: 29 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator A. Breckon Senator P.F. Routier Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator L.J. Farnham Senator A.J.H. Maclean Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Senator B.I. Le Marquand Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Senator I.J. Gorst Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L) Connétable of St. Helier Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Connétable of Trinity Deputy S. Pitman (H) Connétable of St. Clement Deputy M. Tadier (B) Connétable of St. Lawrence Deputy T.M. Pitman (H) Connétable of St. Mary Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Connétable of St. Ouen Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C) Connétable of St. Martin Deputy J.H. Young (B) Connétable of St. Saviour Deputy of St. Mary Connétable of Grouville Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy of Grouville Deputy of Trinity Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy E.J. Noel (L) Deputy A.K.F. Green (H) Deputy of St. John Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R.G. Bryans (H) Deputy R.J. Rondel (H)

THE STATES rejected paragraph (d) of an amendment of Deputy John Hilary Young of St. Brelade (P.122/2013 Amendment (4)) that in paragraph (a) of the Budget Statement 2014, after the words "as set out in the Budget Statement" there should be inserted the words –

(d) health insurance premiums paid shall qualify for relief from income tax for the year of assessment 2014;

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 21 CONTRE: 25 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator A. Breckon Senator P.F. Routier Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator P.F.C. Ozouf Senator L.J. Farnham Senator A.J.H. Maclean Connétable of St. Helier Senator B.I. Le Marquand Connétable of St. Clement Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Connétable of St. John Senator I.J. Gorst Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Lawrence Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy R.G. Le Hérissier (S) Connétable of St. Mary Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Connétable of St. Ouen

Deputy of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Brelade Deputy of Grouville Connétable of St. Martin Deputy J.A.N. Le Fondré (L) Connétable of Grouville Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy S. Pitman (H) Deputy J.A. Hilton (H) Deputy T.M. Pitman (H) Deputy of Trinity Deputy J.M. Macon (S) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C) Deputy M. Tadier (B) Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy E.J. Noel (L) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy R.J. Rondel (H) Deputy A.K.F. Green (H) Deputy of St. John Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R.G. Bryans (H)

THE STATES rejected an amendment of Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier (P.122/2013 Amendment (5)) that in paragraph (a) of the Budget Statement 2014, after the words "as set out in the Budget Statement" there should be inserted the words –

"except that the age of entitlement for single, married persons and civil partners to the higher income tax exemption threshold shall not be increased for the year of assessment 2014 from 63 years to 65 years as proposed in the draft Budget Statement".

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 14 CONTRE: 29 ABSTAIN: 0

Senator P.F. Routier

Senator P.F.C. Ozouf

Senator A. Breckon
Connétable of St. Lawrence
Connétable of St. John
Connétable of St. Ouen
Connétable of St. Saviour
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)
Deputy G.P. Southern (H)
Deputy S. Pitman (H)
Deputy M. Tadier (B)
Deputy T.M. Pitman (H)
Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)
Deputy G.C.L. Baudains (C)
Deputy J.H. Young (B)
Deputy of St. Mary

Senator S.C. Ferguson Senator A.J.H. Maclean Senator B.I. Le Marquand Senator F. du H. Le Gresley Senator L.J. Gorst Senator L.J. Farnham Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Clement Connétable of St. Mary Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of Grouville Deputy R.C. Duhamel (S) Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy of Grouville

Deputy of Trinity
Deputy S.S.P.A. Power (B)
Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Deputy E.J. Noel (L)
Deputy A.K.F. Green (H)
Deputy J.M. Maçon (S)
Deputy of St. John

Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy R.G. Bryans (H) Deputy R.J. Rondel (H)

THE STATES commenced consideration of paragraphs (e) and (f) of an amendment of Deputy John Hilary Young of St. Brelade (P.122/2013 (Amendment 4)) to paragraph (a) of the Budget Statement 2014.

### Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Wednesday 4th December 2013, to continue consideration of the Budget Statement 2014 (P.122/2013) and associated amendments and the outstanding items of public business.

THE STATES rose at 5.30 p.m.

A.H. HARRIS

Deputy Greffier of the States