

THE STATES assembled on Wednesday 24th November 2021, at 9.30 a.m. under the Presidency of the Bailiff, Timothy John Le Cocq, Esquire.

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

Senator Sarah Craig Ferguson – excused attendance (joined at 10.41 a.m.) Senator John Alexander Nicholas Le Fondré – excused attendance (joined at 9.43 a.m.) Connétable John Michael Le Bailly of St. Mary – excused attendance Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier – excused attendance (joined at 9.37 a.m.) Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade – excused attendance Deputy Michael Roderick Higgins of St. Helier – excused attendance (joined at 10.41 a.m.) Deputy Jeremy Martin Maçon of St. Saviour – excused attendance (joined at 9.43 a.m.) Deputy Jessica Harriet Perchard of St. Saviour – ill

Prayers

Standing Order 55A – remote participation

THE STATES, with reference to their Act dated 14th September 2021, in which they had agreed that, notwithstanding Standing Order 55A(1), members who did not wish to attend in the States Chamber might continue to take part in States meetings using Microsoft Teams (until the States had considered and voted upon a proposition to re-apply Standing Order 55A(1) or to repeal or vary the terms of the Standing Order), assembled in accordance with Standing Order 55A with members able to participate remotely using Microsoft Teams.

Documents presented

Government support to businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic – Co-FundedR.177/2021.Payroll Scheme.Presented: 24th November 2021, Comptroller and Auditor General.

Government support to businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic – Other Schemes. R.178/2021. Presented: 24th November 2021, *Comptroller and Auditor General*.

Written Questions

(see Official Report/Hansard)

The Bailiff, in accordance with Standing Order 12(4)(b), ruled that the answer tabled on 23rd November 2021 by the Minister for Health and Social Services to the question asked by the Connétable of St. Lawrence (WQ.458/2021) had contravened Standing Order 12(2A) and directed the Minister to submit an answer that did not contravene the Standing Order.

Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Minister for External Relations and Financial Services, agreed to defer consideration of his proposition entitled 'Principles for Jersey's Participation in United

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Kingdom Free Trade Agreements' (P.94/2021) to follow consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Assisted Dying' (P.95/2021).

Proposal to suspend Standing Order 104A

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of Deputy Gregory Charles Umberto Guida of St. Lawrence, agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 80, to suspend Standing Order 104A for the duration of the consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Assisted Dying' (P.95/2021), and the accompanying amendment, in order that no time limit could be applied to speeches made during consideration of the proposition.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 32

CONTRE: 7

Senator T.A. Vallois

Senator K.L. Moore

Connétable of St. Saviour

Deputy J.A. Martin (H)

Deputy S.M. Ahier (H)

Deputy R. Labey (H) Deputy of St. John **ABSTAIN: 0**

Senator I.J. Gorst Senator L.J. Farnham Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator S.W. Pallett Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of Grouville Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Peter Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. Martin Connétable of St. John Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy J.M. Macon (S) Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S) Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy G.J. Truscott (B) Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C) Deputy K.F. Morel (L) Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L) Deputy of St. Peter Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H) Deputy R.J. Ward (H) Deputy C.S. Alves (H) Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S)

Draft Income Tax (Amendment of Law – Taxation of Cannabis Companies) (Jersey) Regulations 202- P.93/2021

THE STATES commenced consideration of the Draft Income Tax (Amendment of Law – Taxation of Cannabis Companies) (Jersey) Regulations 202- and adopted the principles.

ABSTAIN: 0

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 39

Senator L.J. Farnham Senator S.C Ferguson Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator T.A. Vallois Senator K.L. Moore Senator S.W. Pallett Senator S.Y. Mézec Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of Grouville Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S) Deputy R. Labey (H) Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy G.J. Truscott (B) Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C) Deputy K.F. Morel (L) Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L) Deputy of St. Peter Deputy of Trinity Deputy of St. John Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H) Deputy S.M. Ahier (H) Deputy R.J. Ward (H) Deputy C.S. Alves (H) Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S) Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

CONTRE: 5

Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. Martin Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

THE STATES, having been informed that the relevant scrutiny panel had indicated that it did not wish to scrutinise the draft legislation, adopted Regulations 1 to 4.

Members present voted as follows -

POUR: 37

CONTRE: 4

ABSTAIN: 0

Senator L.J. Farnham	Connétable of St. Saviour
Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré	Connétable of St. Brelade
Senator T.A. Vallois	Connétable of St. Martin
Senator K.L. Moore	Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)
Senator S.W. Pallett	

Senator S.Y. Mézec Connétable of St. Helier Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of Grouville Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. John Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S) Deputy R. Labey (H) Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy G.J. Truscott (B) Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C) Deputy K.F. Morel (L) Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L) Deputy of St. Peter Deputy of Trinity Deputy of St. John Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H) Deputy S.M. Ahier (H) Deputy R.J. Ward (H) Deputy C.S. Alves (H) Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S) Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

THE STATES made Regulations entitled the Income Tax (Amendment of Law – Taxation of Cannabis Companies) (Jersey) Regulations 2021 under Article 143AA of the Income Tax (Jersey) Law 1961.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 37

Senator L.J. Farnham Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré Senator T.A. Vallois Senator K.L. Moore Senator S.W. Pallett Senator S.Y. Mézec Connétable of St. Lawrence Connétable of Grouville Connétable of Trinity Connétable of St. Ouen Connétable of St. John Connétable of St. Clement Deputy J.A. Martin (H) Deputy G.P. Southern (H) Deputy of Grouville Deputy M.R. Higgins (H)

CONTRE: 4

Connétable of St. Saviour Connétable of St. Brelade Connétable of St. Martin Deputy K.C. Lewis (S)

ABSTAIN: 0

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Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S) Deputy R. Labey (H) Deputy S.M. Wickenden (H) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy G.J. Truscott (B) Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C) Deputy K.F. Morel (L) Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L) Deputy of St. Peter Deputy of Trinity Deputy of St. John Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H) Deputy S.M. Ahier (H) Deputy R.J. Ward (H) Deputy C.S. Alves (H) Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S) Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

Assisted Dying P.95/2021

THE STATES commenced consideration of a proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Assisted Dying' (P.95/2021) and, adopting an amendment of Deputy Kirsten Francis Morel of St. Lawrence (P.95/2021 Amd.), agreed that, in Paragraph (d), after the words "Ministers to" the remainder of the should be substituted with the words "lodge final proposals (to include all processes and safeguards on assisted dying) for debate by the States Assembly, prior to the preparation of instructions for the Legislative Drafting Office, with the debate on such proposals to take place by October 2022, and with a view to draft legislation being available for debate by the States by the end of March 2023".

THE STATES resumed consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers, as amended.

Arrangement of public business for the present meeting

THE STATES rejected a proposition of Deputy Kevin Glyn Pamplin of St. Saviour that they continue to meet that day until 6.00 p.m.

Members present voted as follows –

POUR: 22	CONTRE: 23	ABSTAIN: 0
Senator J.A.N. Le Fondré	Senator I.J. Gorst	
Senator T.A. Vallois	Senator L.J. Farnham	
Senator S.W. Pallett	Senator S.C Ferguson	
Connétable of St. Helier	Senator K.L. Moore	
Connétable of St. Lawrence	Senator S.Y. Mézec	
Connétable of St. Saviour	Connétable of St. Brelade	
Connétable of St. Ouen	Connétable of Grouville	
Connétable of St. Martin	Connétable of Trinity	
Connétable of St. John	Connétable of St. Peter	
Connétable of St. Clement	Connétable of St. Mary	
Deputy J.A. Martin (H)	Deputy G.P. Southern (H)	

Deputy K.C. Lewis (S) Deputy M.R. Higgins (H) Deputy G.J. Truscott (B) Deputy K.F. Morel (L) Deputy G.C.U. Guida (L) Deputy of St. Peter Deputy of St. John Deputy S.M. Ahier (H) Deputy R.J. Ward (H) Deputy K.G. Pamplin (S) Deputy I. Gardiner (H)

Deputy of Grouville Deputy J.M. Maçon (S) Deputy S.J. Pinel (C) Deputy of St. Martin Deputy of St. Ouen Deputy L.M.C. Doublet (S) Deputy of St. Mary Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy J.H. Young (B) Deputy L.B.E. Ash (C) Deputy of Trinity Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat (H) Deputy C.S. Alves (H)

Adjournment

THE STATES adjourned, having agreed to reconvene on Thursday 25th November 2021 to continue consideration of the proposition of the Council of Ministers entitled 'Assisted Dying' (P.95/2021), as amended, and the other outstanding items of public business listed for the meeting.

THE STATES rose at 5.46 p.m.

DR. M. EGAN

Greffier of the States